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## Everyone at Spirit of Hope is a Minister of the Gospel

**In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your acts of kindness, and give glory to your God. *Matthew 5:16***

January 29, 2017      Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany      10:00 a.m.

### THE GATHERING

#### GATHERING MUSIC

Jerry Rubino

#### GREETING AND WELCOME

Pastor Jeff Hansen

*We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest, welcome! If you have been here before, welcome back! If this is your first time at Spirit of Hope or a return visit, would you provide us with some contact information using the attendance book as it comes by? We would like to get to know you. Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship. We look forward to getting acquainted with you. Once again, welcome!*

#### TIME OF SINGING

##### **Change My Heart Oh God**

Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true. Change my heart oh God, May I be like You.  
You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

##### **Hear Our Praises**

May our homes be filled with dancing; May our streets be filled with joy;  
May injustice bow to Jesus, as the people turn and pray.

##### **Chorus**

From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You.  
From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.

May our light shine in the darkness, as we walk before the cross.  
May Your glory fill the whole earth, as the water over the seas.

##### **(Bridge)**

Hallelujah hallelujah, Hallelujah hallelujah

##### **Sweet, Sweet Spirit**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the presence of the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

**Chorus**

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love.  
And for these blessings, We lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know, that we have been revived, when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive, till you know Him in His fullness and believe.  
You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*An asterisk \* is an invitation to stand, as you are able  
Light print for the leader and bold print for the congregation*

And with that sweet, sweet Spirit, **That fills this place, and us –**  
Is that fiery, feisty Spirit, **That wild, wondrous and windy Spirit,**  
That uncontainable, unpredictable, **Undefinable Spirit, that makes us**  
A truly lively and faithful and courageous people – **Is that Spirit in this place too?**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

No. 584

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious One, you call us, even us to a mission of healing and witness,

**Helping others to trust your promise, even in un-promising times;**  
You take what is common, mundane, routine, even monotonous **And fill it with your very self!**  
You give endlessly, **Even when we fearfully grasp and gather up and hold on!**  
And you promise your loving presence, always, in and through everything, regardless.

**We are blessed indeed! So, how does such blessedness come to life, in us, in Christ? Amen.**

**THE WORD**

**SHARING A WORD OF PEACE AND GREETING**

**Where Children Belong**

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

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**SHARING A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS**

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

Jim Strathdee

*Following the Children and Youth Choirs, we will "miss" our children as we dismiss them to go to Sunday school (preschool through grade 6). Nursery is available for children 3-years old and younger.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Micah 6:1-8*

p. 1060

*Matthew 5:1-12*

p. 4

For the word of God in scripture, within, among, and beyond us, **Thanks be to God!**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Total Praise*

Richard Smallwood

**MESSAGE**

"The Lone Ranger...wasn't alone" or "Hi-ho, Silver! Get over it!"

Pastor Jeff Hansen

**Key Verse:** When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying...Blessed (are) the pure of heart, for they will see God. *Matthew 5:1, 8*

## *THE RESPONSE*

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND SELVES

#### GIFT OF MUSIC

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Spirit A'Peal

arr. Sandra Eithun

#### \*OFFERING OUR THANKS IN PRAYER

God of all, who are we to think we have anything to offer, that we can somehow contribute to your mission of helping this world and all in it realize their blessedness?! Well, as Jesus has declared, we are your blessed and beloved people! So, we dare to offer what we have and who we are, in trust and gratitude, in the name and spirit of Christ, whose prayer we lift up together...

#### \*AS JESUS TEACHES

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## *THE SENDING*

#### \*CLOSING SONG

*Blest Are They*

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# Blest Are They



1. Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
2. Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
3. Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
5. Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -



king-dom of God. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they who  
 shall be theirs. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they, the  
 chil-dren of God. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they who  
 cause of me. \_\_\_\_\_ Re - joice and be glad,



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled. \_\_\_\_  
 hun-ger and thirst; they shall have their fill. \_\_\_\_  
 pure of heart; they shall see God! \_\_\_\_  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs. \_\_\_\_  
 yours is the king-dom. Shine for all to see. \_\_\_\_

### Refrain



Re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ and be glad! \_\_\_\_\_ Bless-ed are



you, ho - ly are you. Re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ and be glad! \_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_ Yours is the king-dom of God! \_\_\_\_\_

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BLEST ARE THEY  
 regular with Refrain

## A BLEST SENDING

Blest are you! Yours is the kingdom! **It's just the way it is! Thank God!**

Indeed! Rejoice and be glad...and go to live what is, for all your blessed lives are worth! God send you, the Spirit fill you, Christ go with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere! **Amen!** God bless. Go in peace. **Amen.**

## CLOSING MUSIC

Jerry Rubino

*(In respect for those who wish to remain and enjoy the closing music, please meet and greet your friends, new and old, over coffee in the lobby. Thank you!)*

*\*Please stand, as able, to the Glory of God*

*Any and all are welcome to join parents and their children in the Sunday school closing circle after worship.*

**All Parents**, who have children in Sunday school and nursery, please pick up them up right after the closing of the service. Thank you!

## TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

*We will meet in the sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. for Joyce Bergquist's memorial service. Afterwards, the Bergquist family invites you to meet in the lower lobby for a time of fellowship, coffee and bars.*

## *Spirit of Hope News*

- **Guests** – Thank you for joining us in worship today. Please join us after worship for coffee and conversation!
- **First Service** – We gather at **8:30 a.m.** in the chapel (third floor, end of the hall), to share scripture, a message, prayer and communion. And we're usually done in 45 minutes or less (but, who's watching the clock?!) You are welcome!
- **FORUM** – Meets **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fireside Room.
- **Memorial Service** for Joyce Bergquist at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Afterwards, please join the family in the lower lobby for a time of fellowship with bars and coffee.
- **End-of-Year Statements** – are available on the upper lobby table between the stairs. Please pick them up before or after the service today! This will have save cost on stamps. Thanks!
- **Bible Study** – Meets **Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.** for coffee and fellowship and bible study begins at **10:00 a.m.** in the upper lobby.
- **Book Study** – Meets **Monday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Lower Lobby. All are welcome to join us. **Please mark your calendars!** The book study group **will not** be meeting during **February or on the first Monday in March**. The group will resume meeting on **March 13 at 6:30 p.m.** in the lobby. On that date, we will begin discussing Thomas Friedman's latest book, "Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations."
- **Spirit A`Peal** – Meets **Wednesday, February 1, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.
- **Confirmation/Youth Group** – Meets **Wednesday, February 1, at 6:15 p.m.**
- **Spirit Singers** – Meets **Wednesday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel.
- **Save the date:** Come have a **Valentine's dinner** with your church family and support the youth choir. This will be help at church on **Friday, February 10, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** The will be appetizers and dinner by Chef Rob, music, childcare, and a photo booth. Tickets will be available at church.
- **Boy Scout Sunday** - "Spirit of Hope has sponsored BSA Troop 476 for over 50 years. Scout Master Steve Opheim, along with some of the scouts, will join the congregation on **February 12 at the 10:00 a.m.** service to present the troop's annual charter to Pastor Hansen. Ann Rest is the church's representative to the troop."
- **Women's Book Club** – meets on **February 12, at 6:30 p.m.** in the lower lobby. We will discuss the book, "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End," by Atul Gawande.
- **Weekly Envelopes** – It was decided by the administrative council to cut some office expenses last quarter. The envelopes were one of those items. So, those of you who were getting envelopes via mail will no longer get them. Here is what you can do! We do have envelopes that you can use. All you need to do is ask an usher on a Sunday to give you a few extra or take a couple from the pew racks and take them home. Make sure to write your name on them and where you want your money to go towards. There is a place on those envelopes to do so. If you come in during the week, you can ask Janine in the office. You can also pick a few up for someone else who may be homebound.
- **Liturgists Needed** – If you would like to help lead worship on a Sunday in **February**, please sign-up on the bulletin board on the upper lobby, outside of the sanctuary. (Liturgists lead the call to worship, opening prayer and read the first scripture of the day.)

- **Altar Flowers** – If you would like to sign up for altar flowers in **February**, there is a signup sheet in the upper lobby. The cost is \$25.00 and you are welcome to take the flowers home after the service.
- **Camping! Baker Park Reserve, Maple Plain, MN–(Oak Knoll site).** **Note: New Dates!** If you are into planning in advance for summer fun, put this on your calendar! This is for the whole family! Activities include biking, in-line skating, swimming, boating, campfires, volleyball, and much more! Join us for the weekend or for one our potluck dinners. This will be on **Friday, July 14 about 3 p.m. to Sunday, July 16 about 1 p.m.** We will have a sign-up sheet as it gets closer.

*Our Community*

**PRISM** – is our local food shelf and has asked the church partners to contribute food, supplies, pet food items throughout the year for the food shelf. In **February we are going to focus mostly on pet foods.** We are trying to help Stella Wright who is a Girl Scout with here silver award project, called, “*Don’t 4get the Pets.*” She is trying to raise awareness of the need for and to increase donations of pet food at PRISM and other local food shelves. We ask that you bring pet food for dogs, cats, fish, amphibians, mice, etc. We are also including, laundry soap, dish soaps, bar soap and cleaning supplies.

You may also make a money donation. Be sure to clearly mark PRISM on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check. If you would like a **PRISM envelope**, see an usher or get one from the Kiosk

- **Attend the 7th Annual Empty Bowls Event on Tuesday, March 7, 4:00-7pm,** at Robbinsdale Cooper High School, 8230 47th Avenue North, New Hope, MN 55428. Handcrafted bowls created and donated by community members, local schools and organizations will be available for a donation. A simple meal of soup and bread, all donated by local businesses, will be available, along with local entertainment for your enjoyment. Please join us!
- **FREE Community Bowl Making Events**-Take part in the FREE Community Bowl Making events sponsored by Seven Dreams Education Foundation: Robbinsdale Middle School - **Saturday, February 4, at 11 a.m. or noon.** Also at Plymouth Middle School - **Thursday, February 2, at 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Groups are welcome. Reservations encouraged, but not required. Call 763.504.6990 or [click here](#) to make your reservation.

**Statement of Call:** We are called by God to be radically inclusive, caring community of faith offering personal and social transformation through Jesus Christ.

**Reconciling Statement:** We are a reconciling congregation welcoming people of all sexual orientations.

<b>Attendance Report for January 22, 2017</b>	
8:30 a.m. First Service	<b>12</b>
10:00 a.m. Worship/SS	<b>131</b>
Nursery	<b>2</b>
Faith Walk Sunday School	<b>17</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>

**Ministers:** *Congregation*  
**Pastor:** *Jeff Hansen*  
**Director of Youth Ministry:** *David Hodd*  
**Director of Children & Family Ministry & Music:**  
*Penny Bonsell*  
**Minister of Music:** *Jerry Rubino*  
**Finance/Office Administrator:** *Janine Hall*  
**Nursery Attendant:** *Colette Gorra*

**Volunteers**

**Ushers:** Buzz\* and Jan Nelson, Roland and Polly Erickson \*Head Usher  
**Greeters:** Barney and Judy Barnaal  
**Liturgist:** Claire Alber  
**Hospitality:** Rob Alber  
**Altar Flowers:** In honor of my mother’s birthday.  
 (Stacie Saunders)



Ask an usher if you would like **large print bulletins** or **Williams sound system** for persons with hearing loss.