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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 8, 2017

First Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Paul David Stanko

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

Breathe

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe, Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread, Your very word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for you.
And I, I'm lost without you.

Hear My Cry

Hear my cry, O Lord, attend unto my prayer; From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee.
And when my heart is overwhelmed, Please lead me to the Rock that is higher than I,
That is higher than I.

For Thou hast been a shelter unto me, And a strong Tower from the enemy.
And when my heart is overwhelmed, Please lead me to the Rock that is higher than I,

I Will Celebrate

I will celebrate, Sing unto the Lord; Sing to the Lord a new song.
I will celebrate, Sing unto the Lord; Sing to the Lord a new song!
With my heart rejoicing within, With my mind focused on Him;
With my hands raised to the heavens, All I am worshipping Him.

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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*

So, the celebrating that began with Thanksgiving **And went on through Advent,**
Into lots of Christmas, **Followed by the New Year,**
And last week offered up Epiphany **Keeps going into today?**
Okay! Great! So, what's the occasion?

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

No. 203

***OPENING PRAYER**

We celebrate the coming even now of the anointed one, and all that comes with!

The end of oppression, captives set free;

The beginning of a new and truly just order;

Uplift for the needy and poor,

Joyous songs filling the hearts of the weak and mournful,

Hope, love, peace springing to life even from a winter-bound earth,

And our wind-chilled bodies and spirits! Indeed, we have so much to celebrate,

So much to seek and hope and pray for, in Christ! This is going to be great! Hallelujah! Amen!

THE WORD

SHARING A WORD OF PEACE AND GREETING

Where Children Belong

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping 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

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.

GIFT OF MUSIC

Close to Thee

arr. Ovid Young

Tom Witry and Max Wojtanowicz

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 3:13-17

p. 3

Isaiah 42:1-9

p. 820

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

MESSAGE

“This is gonna be great!... this gift-*being*”

Pastor Jeff Hansen

Key Verse: I, the Lord, have called you for a good reason. I will grasp your hand and guard you, and give you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations, to open blind eyes, to lead prisoners from prison, and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon. *Isaiah 42:6-7*

THE RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND SELVES

***OFFERING OUR THANKS IN PRAYER TOGETHER**

God of all, what is it to be not just gifted but gift? To be light in a dark season, hope in hard times, to be a community and persons who open ways for sisters and brothers to find their way to

true freedom, joy, and peace? Whatever that is, whatever that takes, let that be us, in grateful prayer and giving and living, now and always in Jesus' name! Amen.

***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**

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

No. 608

A BLEST SENDING

This moment the Spirit comes,

And awakens us, and awakens in us,

The power and grace to become for others life-giving gift, light, hope! How great is that?! As that begins anew in you, God send you, the Spirit fill you, Christ go with you and you with Christ, always, everywhere. **Amen!** God bless. Go in peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING MUSIC

He Is Born
Orchestra

(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 – Please join us today after worship for an all church meal.

Spirit of Hope News

- **Guests** – Thank you for joining us in worship today. Please join us after worship for coffee and conversation!
- **First Service in the Chapel** – We have an **8:30 a.m.** service in the chapel (third floor, end of the hall), which consists of a hymn, prayer, scripture, sermon and communion, and is shorter than our worship service at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to come join any or every Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
- **FORUM** – Meets **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fireside Room.
- **All-Church Meal** – Everyone is invited including the visitors! It will be today after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We're serving pizza, carrots, chips, cookies and a drink.
- **Women's Book Club** – Meets **tonight at 6:30 p.m.** in the lower lobby. We will discuss *Freedom's Daughter: The Unsung Heroines of the Civil Rights Movement from 1830 to 1970* by Lynne Olson.
- **Book Study** – Meets **Monday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Lower Lobby. All are welcome to join us.
- **Bible Study** – Meets **Tuesday, January 10, at 9:30 a.m.** for coffee and fellowship and **10:00 a.m.** begins the bible study in the upper lobby.
- **Spirit A`Peal** – Meets **Wednesday, January 11, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.
- **Confirmation/Youth Group** – Meets **Wednesday, January 11, at 6:15 p.m.**
- **Spirit Singers** – Meets **Wednesday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel.
- **Staff Parish Relations** – Meets **Thursday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Footitt Conference Room.
- **Men's Breakfast** - All men are invited to come to breakfast and fellowship at the New Hope Country Kitchen on **Saturday, January 14, at 8:00 a.m.**

- **Loaves and Fishes** – Please consider volunteering at Brunswick United Methodist Church **Thursday, January 19, at 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** for setup and prep, or **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** for serving and clean up. Sign up is on the upper lobby bulletin board. We need your help!
- **All Church Family Movie Night** – Join us for a great evening **Friday, January 20, at 5:30 p.m.** More details to come.
- **Church Office Manager.** Spirit of Hope seeks a part-time office administrator to manage its church office and oversee daily operations of a vibrant, welcoming, and inclusive church. This position plays a vital part in extending our welcome into the community. The ideal candidate will have a positive attitude, excellent communication skills, and be able to plan and organize work independently. Primary responsibilities include managing general office administrative duties, church publications, coordinate church social media venues, provide computer database support, financial responsibilities, security, day-to-day operation of the building, and coordinating volunteers. If you have an interest please contact Ron Moore or email SPR@spiritofhopeumc.org. Job Description can be found at <http://spiritofhopeumc.org/about-us/classifieds/>
- **Liturgists Needed** – If you would like to volunteer to read scripture and couple of prayers on a Sunday in **January or February**, please sign-up on the bulletin board on the upper lobby, outside of the sanctuary.
- **Altar Flowers** – If you would like to sign up for altar flowers in **January**, there is a sign-up sheet in the upper lobby. The cost is \$25.00 and you are welcome to take the flowers home after the service.
- **Please limit your use of perfume/cologne usage in respect of those who have allergies around you.**
- **Camping! Baker Park Reserve, Maple Plain, MN–(Oak Knoll site).** **Save the date!** 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 21 about 3 p.m. to Sunday, July 23 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 items throughout the year for the food shelf. **January food items needed:** PRISM has indicated that they are in great need for **food, cleaning supplies, containers, clothes, scarves, mittens, etc.** **January:** **Household and Hygiene:** feminine hygiene supplies, household cleaning products, laundry detergent, lotion, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste. **Babies & Infants:** baby food, diapers, formula, wipes. **Breakfast Foods:** dried and canned fruit, granola, grits, oatmeal, peanut butter. **Pantry Staples:** baking soda, beans, flour, cooking oil, spice, sugar. **Special Diet:** high-fiber, low-sodium, low-sugar. 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

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.

Attendance Report for January 1, 2017	
10:00 a.m. Worship	73
Total	73

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*
Administrative Assistant: *Sharon Seiter*
Nursery Attendant: *Colette Gorra*

Volunteers

Ushers: Dave* and Toni Peters, Bonnie and Todd Cummings *Head Usher
Greeters: Doug and Leann Cozad
Liturgist: Allen Hanson
Hospitality: Barbara Kuenne

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

