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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*

March 12, 2017

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Jerry Rubino

GREETING AND WELCOME

Pastor Jeff Hansen

We're glad you're here! If you're a first time guest, welcome! If you've 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. Once again, welcome!

TIME OF SINGING

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life! I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high.

God Is Good (all the time)

God is good (God is good) all the time (all the time).
God is good (God is good) all the time (all the time).
Well He's filled with compassion and His mercies are everlastin'
God is good, God is good all the time.

Eagles' Wings

Here I am waiting abide in me I pray. Here I am longing for You.
Hide me in Your love bring me to my knees. May I know Jesus more and more.

Chorus

Come live in me all my life, take over. Come breathe in me and I will rise on eagle's wings.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

*An asterisk * indicates to please stand, as able, to the Glory of God
Light print for the leader and bold print for the congregation*

Come, Gracious One, live in me **Abundantly!**
Come, breathe in me **Endlessly!**
Come, lift and carry me **Into the life you've given**
And the place I'm meant to be! **In Jesus' name and spirit. Amen!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling

*Benjamin Schmolck, 1732
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993*

1 Let me en - ter God's own dwell - ing, o - pen wide the love - ly door!
2 I have come to church to meet you: con - de - scend to come to me!
3 Make my mind and bod - y ho - ly, sanc - ti - fy my ears and lips.
4 In this hour of Gos - pel sow - ing, let my earth be fruit - ful ground.

Here, all earth - ly powers ex - cel - ling, God re - ceives the sick and poor.
Anx - ious, need - y, I en - treat you, come in - side, and wel - come be—
Lift my spir - it, poor and low - ly, all bright van - i - ties e - clipse.
In - tel - lec - tual light be - stow - ing, raise my green faith, sweet and sound.

Joy, my heart, in this dear place: here I see God face to face.
Here at home, with - in my breast— I, your tem - ple, rich - ly blessed.
Take my praise, how - ev - er flawed, as an of - fering, wor - thy God.
Let me prove a stalk of wheat, when your har - vest is com - plete.

- 5 Re-in-force me, weak and fail-ing,
mak-ing sure your pre-cious word—
(Thieves and e-vil un-a-vail-ing)—
lives with-in my heart se-cured.
Shin-ing word, my star-ry guide,
plant-ed for me, deep in-side.
- 6 Let me hear when you com-mand me,
let me leap to do your will.
When I wan-der, rep-ri-mand me,
com-fort me when I lie ill.
In the hour of si-lent dread,
feed me with your heav-en-ly bread.

A native of Silesia, Benjamin Schmolck was ordained a Lutheran pastor. Although he was one of only three clergy serving thirty-six villages, he wrote more than 1,000 hymns. Joachim Neander, an important Reformed musician, wrote the music.

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7.7.
Joachim Neander, 1680

New Century Hymnal
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***OPENING PRAYER**

Let us come into the place you reside, Hospitable One,

As we invite you to make your home deep within us;

Not so deeply however, that we lose track of you (as we tend to do),

But deeply enough that you cannot be shaken loose,

By fears that rattle us,

By anger that boils up inside of us,

Or by losses that lay us low.

Meet us here, God, in all your goodness and grace; we are ready to be your dwelling place –
Well, we're close.... And when we reach such a place ourselves,

With our attitudes and expectations all checked at the door –

Happily clueless as to what we're really getting into –

What will you do with us, God, and all the worlds to which we belong, 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 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

Following children's time, 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Tim Mayfield

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 3:1-17
Genesis 12:1-4

p. 114
p. 12

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

MESSAGE

“Come to Jesus... go with God”

Pastor Jeff Hansen

KEY VERSE: He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God....” *John 3:2.* The Lord said to Abram, “Leave your land, your family, and your father’s household for the land that I will show you. *Genesis 12:1*

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND SELVES

GIFT OF MUSIC

I've Never Been out of His Care
Tom Witry

Phil Johnson

***OFFERING THANKS TOGETHER IN PRAYER**

Good God, we don't really know what we're getting into, ever! We think and pretend and tell ourselves we do. But it really comes down to how deeply we trust you, and how deeply we allow you to live and work and be in us. We offer these gifts and ourselves as grateful expressions of that trust, hoping that as we do, that trust itself will deepen, and your goodness will indeed express itself in all that we give and do in all that we are and may yet become, even as we offer this prayer...

***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**

Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom

No. 508

***A BLEST SENDING**

Faith, while trees are still in blossom, **And even before they awaken from winter,** Anticipates, trusts, hopes, leans into God's promise. We never know what we're getting into, not really. But we can entrust ourselves to the One who calls and accompanies us. So, 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

(Out of respect for those who wish to remain and enjoy the closing music, please meet and greet each other over coffee in the lobby. Thank you!)

**Please stand, as able.*

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

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** [Adult Education Class] – **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fireside Room. We will have a special guest, Darin Hussein on April 9. She is a Fullbright Hubert H. Humphrey International Fellow student. She is a Palestinian who will talk about life in Palestine and the challenges they face. She is a brave young lady who has a lot to say and can answer some of our questions. Please come and hear this discussion! She is currently studying at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the U of M.
- **Youth Choir** – will meet on **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** in the chapel.
- **Spirit Singers** – will meet on **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** in the chapel, during lent.
- **Women's Book Club** – meets on **March 12, at 6:30 p.m.** in the lower lobby. We will discuss the book, "*The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse,*" by Louise Erdrich.
- **Book Study** – We will resume on **Monday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.** in the lower lobby. 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.*" Everyone is welcome!
- **Bible Study** – **Tuesday, March 14, at 9:30 a.m.** for coffee and treats and **10:00 a.m.** for the bible study.
- **KARE 11** invites members of Spirit of Hope to donate blood on **Tuesday, March 14.** Memorial Blood Centers' staff will be at KARE 11 from **2-8:00 p.m.** Appointments are not necessary, however, slots can be reserved by using this link: www.mbc.org/searchdrives. Enter sponsor code 0204. KARE 11 is located just west of the church at the intersection of Olson Memorial Highway and General Mills Boulevard. If you have questions, connect with Craig Hotvedt, blood drive coordinator chotvedt@kare11.com. The event on March 14 marks KARE 11's 20-year for hosting blood drives. Each person who shows up to donate blood will receive some special rewards including: Free food samples from Fork in the Road (<http://forkintheroadtruck.com/>) and Simply Steve's food trucks <https://www.facebook.com/SimplyStevesFoodTruck> BIG cookies from Eileen's Colossal Cookies <http://eileenscookies.com/store-location/minnesota/>. All people who show up to donate will be entered into a drawing for either a 30-quart or 60-quart Polaris cooler. Donate blood and save lives. Win prizes, sample food, celebrate!
- **Spirit A`Peal** – Rehearsals are on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.
- **Lent Wednesdays** - Each Wednesday during Lent we will have soup suppers starting at **5:30p.m.**, in the café area, and a have a time of worship and discussion from **6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the upper lobby.** This week's focus: **Thunderstruck.** Come join us! Our discussions will come from the book, *Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Sceptics (and Other Wanderers)* by Eric Elnes. Cost: \$13. If you would like to bring food or help with clean-up, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lower lobby.
- **Confirmation/Youth Group** – You are all invited to join us for soup/worship and discussion during lent.
- **Loaves and Fishes** – Join us on **Thursday, March 16** to help feed the poor. From **3-5 p.m.** help prep and setup and from **5-7 p.m.** help serve and cleanup. Sign up on the upper lobby bulletin board.
- **Creative Spirits** – **Saturday, March 18, at 9:30 a.m.** in the lower lobby.
- **Liturgists Needed** – If you would like to help lead worship on a Sunday in **April and May**, 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, 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. Upcoming Sundays available are **March 26, April 2 and 30.**
- **Help Needed!** Anyone interested in helping with the Easter flowers? You'd need to come in the day they are delivered, take the sleeves off the flowers, and make sure they are watered and place them in the sanctuary and make sure they stay watered. Volunteers later move all remaining flowers that had not yet been picked up to the Café area counter for one week. Call the church office at 763-545-0239 or email us at office@spiritofhopeumc.org if interested.
- **2.4 Ministry** - This daily breakfast for the homeless is all-volunteer, and consists of men, women and children from all walks of life and religious backgrounds. A hot meal consisting of oatmeal and grits, cold cereal, coffee and fresh fruit is served every morning to the homeless and needy of downtown Minneapolis. If you have an interest in helping with this ministry, contact: Steve Wasgatt at 763-516-4966.

Our Community

2017 Food Drive Challenge for PRISM (March 1-March 31)

*5000 lbs of food collected for PRISM

*2 new people to help **provide food** to serve at Simpson Shelter

*3 new people **committing to help** serve with Loaves and Fishes

The shopping list is inserted in the bulletin.

PRISM is our local food shelf. You can donate either food or money. Every dollar equals a pound of food. The more money PRISM receives in March, the greater the grant money amount for PRISM will be. Your dollars buy the perishables, etc. that are not donated to PRISM's food shelf. Checks can be made directly to PRISM or to SOH with a notation that it is for PRISM.

- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** – will be held on **Thursday, March 16, from 4:30-6 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. This week's **guest speaker is Jon and Amanda Markle**, who will speak on ***Journey Following Daughter's Death***. Also, help is needed to **set up at 3:30 p.m. and take down at 6:30 p.m.** of tables/chairs for the Grief Coalition on **Thursdays March-May**. If you are available to help, please let Jody Grande know at 763-546-6624.
- **Ball: A Musical Tribute to My Lost Testicle**. You want to see a charming, witty, moving and thoroughly enjoyable show? Come see our own Max Wojtanowicz's with Jerry Rubino at piano as he presents his story on **Sunday, April 23, at 4 p.m.** at Spirit of Hope! This performance contains adult subject matter and language.

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 March 5, 2017

8:30 a.m. First Service	11
10:00 a.m. Worship	112
Nursery	3
Faith Walk Sunday School	14
Total	140

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*

Office Manager: *Veronica Jacobsen*

Nursery Attendant: *Colette Gorra*

Ushers: David* and Toni Peters, Todd and Bonnie Cumming *Head Usher

Greeters: Niel and Angie Willardson, Ella and Cole

Liturgist: Allen Hanson

Hospitality: Jan Friederichs

Altar Flowers: In memory of our loved ones.
(Paul and Linda Henry)

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

