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Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Jubilation
Fred Garmann

Spirit A'Peal

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

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you, allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you, allelu, alleluia.

Rock of Ages

There is no rock. There is no god like our God. No other name worthy of all our praise,
The Rock of salvation that cannot be moved. He's proven Himself to be faithful and true.
There is no rock there is no god like ours

Chorus:

Rock of Ages Jesus is the Rock. Rock of Ages Jesus is the Rock
Rock of Ages Jesus is the Rock. There is no rock there is no god like ours

(Ending)

Rock of Ages, Rock of Ages

Search Me O God (Cleanse Me)

Search me O God and know my heart today. Try me O Savior know my thoughts I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me. Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

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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 in searching me, God, **Without digging too deeply,**
You'll unearth what's broken in me, **You'll discover where I'm frozen, locked up,**
You will see how I have lost my way. **If you search me, God, and uncover my need,**
Maybe you'll also find a place within - to stay?

Lift High the Cross

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George William Kitchin (1827-1912)
Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.

John 1:29-34; Rom. 5:6-11; 6:3-8; Rev. 7:9-17; 22:1-5

Refrain, in unison

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim; Let

Last time, end

all a-dore and praise that sa-cred name.

Stanzas, in harmony

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod, the
 2 Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied bears
 3 O Christ, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, your
 4 Set up your throne, that earth's de-spair may cease, be-
 5 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: praise

to Refrain

Lamb vic-tor-ious, Christ the Child of God.
 on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
 death has brought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
 neath the shad-ow of its heal-ing peace.
 to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry.

Since its first inclusion in a U.S. hymnal in the 1970s, this hymn has become enormously popular. G. W. Kitchin and M. R. Newbolt were Church of England ministers. Sydney Nicholson was organist of Westminster Abbey.

Tune: CRUCIFER 10.10. with refrain
Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916

New Century Hymnal
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***OPENING PRAYER**

It is the season of the cross, so help us, God, indeed to lift it up high,

But not so high that it's out of our field of vision;

Not so high that it simply becomes a nice suspended decoration;

Not so high that we're tempted to club someone over the head with it!

Let us take hold of the cross, whatever it is for us this day,

And lift it just high enough so that it's always before us,

Always in our way, always recalling us to the way we are called to go,

Always reminding us of the cost of truly being the people of Jesus.

Let us lift and take the cross with us, so we cannot forget

Whose company we are always in, and which way is home, 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

GIFT OF MUSIC

Who Built the Ark

Holy Spirits

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-26

p. 112

***SONG**

Gather Us In

(vs 1)

See Insert

SCRIPTURE READING

John 5:27-42

p. 112

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

MESSAGE

"Be with..."

Pastor Jeff Hansen

Key Verse: Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's word when she testified, "He told me everything I've ever done." So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days." *John 4:39-40*

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, **We lift this prayer to you.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND SELVES

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

***OFFERING THANKS TOGETHER IN PRAYER**

Good God, you are with us, always, in everything, offering your very best, your very self. When we accept your gift, we are drawn together, differences set aside, at least for a while. Thank you! In response, we offer ourselves, what we have, what we are, what we are yet to become, in the trust that you will use our giving to bless and gather our sisters and brothers along with us, into your own place and promise, in the name and spirit of Jesus, whose prayer we lift 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**

Gather Us In

(vss.2-4)

See Insert

A BLEST SENDING

And even as we leave this gathering,

It is to go and live the gathering-in spirit of Jesus,

Especially where the fractures are deepest and the barriers most intense. Go and *be with* your sisters and brothers, in Christ. 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, 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

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

Ministers: *Congregation*

Pastor: *Jeff Hansen*

Director of Youth Ministry: *David Hodd*

Director of Children & Family Ministry & Music: *Penny Bonsell*

Minister of Music: *Jerry Rubino*

Office Administrator: *Janine Hall*

Finance/ Office Manager: *Veronica Jacobsen*

Nursery Attendant: *Colette Gorra*

Attendance Report for March 12, 2017

8:30 a.m. First Service	11
10:00 a.m. Worship	101
Nursery	0
Faith Walk Sunday School	11
Total	123

Volunteers

Ushers: Buzz* and Jan Nelson, Al Hanson, John Turrittin
*Head Usher

Greeters: David and Toni Peters

Liturgist: Cynthia Hotvedt

Hospitality: Wilson and Carmen Garland

Altar Flowers: In memory of our parents. (Art and Carol)

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.

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 have an **8:30 a.m.** service in the chapel (third floor, end of the hall), with scripture, sermon, prayer and communion. The service lasts about 45 minutes (but who's watching the clock?) All 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.
- **Refugee Meeting** – After worship we will meet in the fireside room.
- **Book Study** – **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** in the lower lobby, except the first Monday of each month. We will continue 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** – **Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.** for coffee and fellowship and bible study at **10:00 a.m.** in the upper lobby.
- **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: ***The Gift of Getting Lost***. Come join us! Our discussions will come from the book, *Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (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.
- **Easter Flowers** – If you would like to order an Easter plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form in today's bulletin and turn it in with your check payable to Spirit of Hope UMC. **Order Deadline: Sunday, April 2.**
- **Driving for Dinner at Your Door** – **Monday, March 27, at 10:30 a.m.**
- **Liturgists Needed** – If you would like to help lead worship on a Sunday in **April and May**, please sign-up on the bulletin board in 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.
- **Please limit your use of perfume/cologne in respect of those who have allergies around you.**

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 23, from 4:30-6 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. This week's **guest speaker is Chris Dooley-Harrington**, who will speak on ***Grieving Mindfully-How Living in the Present***. And the **Home Care Hospice & Palliative Care Bereavement Supervisor** will speak on ***Can Ease the Pain of Grief***. Your 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.
- **The Minnetonka Choral Society** – with Jere Lantz, Music Director, Presents: ***Springtime is Love***. **Sunday April 2, at 3 p.m.** at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 301 County Road 9, Excelsior, MN 55331. From April showers through May flowers to June weddings, springtime is the season of love. MCS offers a bouquet of romantic blooms, including renaissance madrigals, English and American folksongs, traditional ballads, Broadway favorites, and modern classics by Eric Whitacre, Carole King, James Taylor and more. It's a concert for everyone who has ever been (or wanted to be) in love. **Tickets:** \$18 Adults, \$10 Students (17 and under). Available at the door (cash or check), from chorus members see Jeff Becker, or online at www.MinnetonkaChoralSociety.org. Like us Facebook: www.facebook.com/MinnetonkaChoralSociety.
- **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.