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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 5, 2017

First 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

Change Our Hearts, O God

Change our hearts, O God, make them ever true. Change our hearts, O God, may we be like you.

Chorus

You are the Potter, we are the clay. Mold us and make us, this is what we pray.

Change our hearts, O God, make them ever true. Change our hearts, O God, may we be like you.

Stir our minds, O God, move them to believe. Stir our minds, O God, help us to perceive.

In Moments Like These

In Moments like these I sing out a song, I sing out a love song to Jesus.

In moments like these I lift up my hands, I lift up my hands to the Lord.

Singing I love You, Lord. Singing I love You, Lord. Singing I love You, Lord. I Love You.

Lord Be Glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song, Lord...

In Your church, Lord...

In our homes, Lord...

***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*

In our lives **And in our song,**
In our homes, **And in our church – oops – your church!**
Actually, it's all yours, **As are we... so let your glory be evident and brilliant**
In everything – even us! **Yes! Amen!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

O God, How We Have Wandered

Kevin Nichols, 1980; alt.

Luke 15:11-32; 2 Cor. 5:16-20

1 O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

In fool - ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
By faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you.
Com - pas - sion-ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.

But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic-ing bring,
Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith-less-ness may cease.

As dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.
In glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

The tune for this contemporary text appears five times in J. S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion, and first appeared as a hymn setting in the early 1800s. It has an ecumenical history reaching back many centuries. Originally it was a German love song.

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
(HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN)
Melody by Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
Harm. J. S. Bach, 1729
For another harmonization, see 179

New Century Hymnal
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***OPENING PRAYER**

God of wanderers and refugees, exiles, immigrants and stationaries,

It is a season of turning and re-turning, of looking closely at ourselves and our lives,

And coming around once more, having traveled through some time, now arriving

In a different place, with a renewed awareness and desire to be at home.

So what is it then that makes us restless even in our comfort,

Hungry even when we have plenty,

Reaching, seeking, longing for more, even when we are provided for,

And are completely secure in you?

Could it be that very security and provision that stirs us?

Is it you that makes us desire more, Infinite One?! Amen.

THE WORD

SHARING A WORD OF PEACE AND GREETING

Following a word of peace and greeting, 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

In Times Like These

arr. De Cou

Nancy Pavlik, Donna Beyer, Kirs Kooiker

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 4:1-11

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Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

p. 2

For the word of God in scripture, within, among, and beyond us,

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“Reach!”

Pastor Jeff Hansen

KEY VERSE: The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. *Genesis 3:6*

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHOIR ANTHEM

Here, O My Lord

Gilbert Martin

***OFFERING THANKS AT THE TABLE**

The God of all be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God,

It is good to give our thanks and praise.

(Please remain standing for the prayer of thanksgiving)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Jesus invites and welcomes everyone to his table. So come! Receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. The offering plates are in place for any offerings you may have, including prayer cards – the yellow cards in the hymnal racks. Relax, enjoy this time around God's table, communing with each other in the spirit of Christ!

CLOSING PRAYER

From your table, God, where we are welcomed and fed, we go now to extend your reach, becoming the very gracious invitation you offer to those still wandering, still seeking their place and home in this world. May we offer to every sister and brother the very grace and peace we all long for, in the name and spirit of Christ. Amen.

THE SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

No. 150

*A BLEST SENDING

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,

People of creative purpose and longing, serving others, honoring you!

Let's go with that! Let it stir us to reach for more – God's true good for all! Amen! God send you, the Spirit fill you, Christ go with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere! **Amen!** God bless! Go in restless 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.
- **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.
- **Girl Scout Cookies** – Maura Brown will be selling Girl Scout cookies after the service today, be sure to stop by her table and make a purchase!
- **Bible Study** – **Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.** for coffee and fellowship and **bible study** begins at **10:00 a.m.** in the upper lobby.
- **Serving at Simpson Shelter** is on **Monday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m.** Sign up to help bring food and/or serve on the sign-up sheet on the upper lobby bulletin board.
- **Lent Wednesdays** - Each Wednesday during Lent we will have soup suppers starting at **5:30p.m.** **We have a time of worship and discussion from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** This week's focus is: Emptiness. 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.
- **Spirit A`Peal** – Rehearsals are on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.
- **Confirmation/Youth Group** – You are all invited to join us for soup and worship during lent.
- **Men's Breakfast** - All men are invited to come to breakfast and fellowship at the New Hope Country Kitchen on **Saturday, March 11, at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Daylight Savings Time** begins next **Sunday, March 12!** Spring forward your clocks one hour.
- **Women's Book Club** – meets on **Sunday, 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!
- **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!
- **Loaves and Fishes** Meets the third Thursdays of each month. Please consider volunteering at Brunswick United Methodist Church on **Thursday, March 16, 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, outside the sanctuary.
- **The Spirit of Hope Ministry Trust Fund** provides a source of special funds for worthy programs and projects within the church and our community. The funds in the account are separate from the church operating budget and not available to use for the operating budget. The Ministry Trust Fund is managed by a Board of Advisors. The current members are: Steve Gunn; John Turriffin; Lisa Schroeder; Pam Collins; Ann Rest; and Eric Forsberg. The Board makes grants based upon applications. Typically the grants have been between \$500 and \$1,000. Applications are available from the church office. **The Board will consider applications at its next meeting in March.** If you have questions about the fund or the application process, contact the church office or one of the Board members.
- **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.

Our Community

2017 Food Drive Challenge for PRISM (March 1-April 2)

10 tons of food collected for PRISM

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

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

See shopping list on next page.

PRISM is our local food shelf. During Lent, we are having a special collection for PRISM. You can help by bringing in some of the items which are most needed. You may also make a money donation to PRISM. Be sure to clearly mark "PRISM" on your offering envelope or the memo line of your check. Please make your "challenge" contributions by **Sunday, April 2**.

- **Cub Scouts** will be meeting in the fellowship hall for their Pine Wood Derby, on **Saturday March 11, from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**
- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** – will be held on **Thursday, March 9, from 4:30-6 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. This week's **guest speaker is Pastor Ken DeFor**, who will speak on **How to get Back to Familiar Places**. 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 February 26, 2017

8:30 a.m. First Service	6
10:00 a.m. Worship	108
Nursery	3
Faith Walk Sunday School	15
Total	132

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/Finance: *Veronica Jacobsen*

Nursery Attendant: *Colette Gorra*

Ushers: Eric Forsberg* and Gloria Peck, Harmony Bennett, Al Hanson *Head Usher

Greeters: Spider and Jan Friederichs

Liturgist: Mary Younggren

Hospitality: Barbara Kuenne

Communion: Donna Beyer, Gerry and Vicky Gries, Allan Hanson, Nancy Pavlik, Niel and Angie Willardson

Altar Flowers: Ann Rest



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