

grief and be supported on the way. It is a place where grieving people find healing and hope. We will begin the series on Thursday evening, September 12, at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm via a zoom link. Please contact Bob Shepard at shepardsprairie@gmail.com or the church office if you or someone you know would like to participate.

Prayer Ministry at Spirit of Life Please use the connect card and turn in at the offering time if you have a prayer request to share today. During the week, please email our deacon, Chris Sachs at sachs123@gmail.com to share a prayer request with our Spirit Care Prayer Team.

2024 Per Capita is \$38.50

WELCOME TO SPIRIT OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Thank you for joining us!

We hope you experience the joy of God's love in our diverse, inclusive, and compassionate community. Come as you are; all are welcome!

- ◇ Worship is at 10:00 am Sunday mornings, and can be live-streamed or watched later on YouTube or Facebook.
- ◇ Restrooms are in the first hallway to the left on exiting the sanctuary.

ORDER OF WORSHIP AUGUST 18, 2024

** All who are able are invited to stand.
Regular attenders, visitors, & members, please complete &
return Connect/Prayer cards in offering plate
or to the Welcome Table at the back of the sanctuary.
Today's worship leaders: Rev. Steve Braden
and Oghomwen Amadasun*

Prelude Growing Up by Joseph O'Brien (Oposa Amadasun, singer)

Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the Creator,
inviting us always to risk the unknown.
We gather in the name of the Christ,
fully human, fully divine, full of gift and mystery.
We gather in the name of the Spirit,
unveiling for us what feels long-hidden. Amen.

Prayer & Silent Reflection

***Opening Song** Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Silent Reflection

Usual Church Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 10-3. Call ahead to make sure as we work remotely some days.

Staff: Pastor: Rev. Robert (Rob) Smith (pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org)
Music Director: Martha Davis (davis.martha@live.com)
Office Administrator: Shari Shaw (spirit@spiritoflifeav.org)

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Assurance of Grace

*Passing of Peace

***Song** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (Hymnal #729), Vs. 1-3

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Luke 2:41-52

Children's sermon

Sermon "Growing Up & Growing Down"

Call To Offering

Ushers will circulate offering plates for those who wish to give in this way. Online giving is also available on our website.

Offertory Come Alive {Dry Bones} by Lauren Daigle and Michael Farren (Odos Amadasun, singer)

Doxology

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Announcements

***Closing Song** God, We Spend a Lifetime Growing (Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; tune: What a Friend We Have in Jesus)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and refreshments after worship.

[Liturgy in the bulletin today is adapted from © Church Anew and used with Permission.]

Announcements

Visitors: Welcome to Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church! Thank you for worshiping with us. Visitors, regular attenders and members, please complete the Connect/Prayer card and indicate if you wish to receive our weekly emails. If you don't have a card, please pick one up from our Information Table at the back of the sanctuary. Please return completed Connect/Prayer card in offering plate or in box labeled accordingly at the back. If you have any questions, please ask at the Information Table or Pastor Rob.

The lovely floral arrangement is in memory of Ruthi Shepard. Ruthi passed on August 10 four years ago and her birthday was August 17.

Merry Old SoLs: Our senior fellowship group will gather this Wednesday, August 21, 9:30-11:30 am, at the home of Jerry & Karen Johnson in Eagan. We hope you can join us. RSVP to Steve or Marge Braden. If you need a ride, please contact Chris Sachs.

Eat to **Support the South of the River CROP Hunger Walk!** **Thursday August 22, 2024, 12:00pm-8:00pm**, Dine in, take out or delivery, at Famous Dave's, 7593 147th Street, Apple Valley. They are donating back: 20%! Register online if attending, we need 20 participants to register for the event to occur. <https://grouprai.se/s284419> Pick up a flyer from the information table in the back of the sanctuary. ****When ordering your meal, mention South of the River CROP Hunger Walk to get 20% of your meal's price donated****

Plan to join us at the **Backyard Concert & BBQ** on Saturday, August 23rd, 6-9pm, at Pastor Rob & Lisa's home. The band Friendport will play and Holy Smokes BBQ will be available. Asking for a free will offering to support Spirit of Life's Justice Works DEI initiative to provide free music lessons.

Many of us have suffered the loss of a loved one, someone dear to our hearts who has been an important part in our lives. The grief that we encounter can be overwhelming at times and causes us to reach out for help. Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church in Apple Valley is initiating a 13 session Christ centered program produced by a network of thousands of grief recovery groups meeting around the world. With **GriefShare** you will learn how to walk the journey of