



**South Park Community Church**  
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*South Park Community Church is a congregation dedicated to proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel to all people, and witnessing by humble example, to our neighbor, both near and far, the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**— GATHERING —**

*\*Indicates: as able, the congregation stands*

### **Greetings, Announcements, and Introductions**

**Prelude** • Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God

**\*Call to Worship** • Adapted from Psalm 63 (The Message)

*One: God—you're our God! We can't get enough of you!*

*Here we are in the place of worship, eyes open,*

*Drinking in your strength and glory.*

*In your generous love we are really living at last!*

**All: Our lips brim praises like fountains.**

**We bless you every time we take a breath;**

**Our arms wave like banners of praise to you.**

**\*Hymn • 339** (Blue) Be Thou My Vision

**\* Prayer of Confession**

*One: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.*

**All: Lord, we confess that our hearts have been hardened toward you. We have resisted your call and have not always done your will. We have turned from your love and have not loved our neighbors. We have missed your presence among us and have not celebrated your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience ...**

**\*Silent Personal Confession**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness** • 1 John 1:5 & 7 (Common English Bible)

*One: This is the message that we have heard from God and announce to you:*

*"God is light and there is no darkness in God at all."*

**All: But if we live in the light in the same way as Christ is in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from every sin.**

**\*Gloria Patri • 579** (Blue)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without

**Anthem** • Our Choir

**— WORD —**

**Time for Young Disciples**

**Scripture Reading** • John 9.1-12

**Sermon** • "The Abundant Life: Hardened Hearts"

**\*Affirmation of Faith** • A Statement of Faith of the United Church of

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who creating, who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh, to reconcile who works in us and in others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. The

**\*Hymn • 3008** (Green) Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

**Gathering Prayers for World, Church, & Selves**

*One: ... Lord, in your mercy,*

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Congregational Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and Amen.

**Call to Offer Ourselves**

*One: The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*One: Lift up your hearts!*

**All: We lift them up to the Lord!**

*One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!*

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

**Tithes and Offering**

**\*Doxology • 592**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, you have given so much – so much grace, love, and kindness. Use the gifts and our lives for your good. Give us hearts that are open and responsive to the people and needs around us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

— SENDING —

**\*Hymn • 2173** (Black) Shine, Jesus, Shine

**\*Benediction • 2 Corinthians 13:13**

**\*Congregational Response • Go In Peace**

And He said: “Go in peace and love one another, as I first loved you. Proclaim to all who’ll hear the good news of my coming; Keep faith in all you do. *(Repeat)* Keep faith in all you do.

- You are invited for refreshments across the street in Fellowship Hall.
- A telephone and restrooms are also available in the educational wing of the Manse.
- On the coat rack just inside Fellowship Hall there are materials for making nametags. Please consider wearing one to help us know each other better.

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE PRAY THROUGH OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY:**

Don, Georgia, Katie & Russell Comstock; Donna & Michael Corcel; Reed & Riekje Cowan; Don & Carol Davis; Steve & Jane Davis; Adrienne DeForrest; Bob Einarsen; Doug & Bev Eller; Gene & Cindy Erickson; Brent, Sarah, Adelaide, Lachlan, & Oweksen Ford

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday Mornings 9 am:** Choir rehearsal for anyone who likes to sing to the Lord.

**Sunday Morning 10 am:** Worship in the sanctuary. Childcare (preschool and younger) and Sunday School (kindergarten and older) are provided across the street. On Communion Sunday, school-age children remain in the service rather than going to Sunday School.

**Sunday Morning 11 am:** (After worship) Refreshments in the Fellowship Room across the street.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:**

To serve on Sunday mornings as an usher/greeter, worship leader, piano accompanist, fellowship hosting, church and fellowship hall cleaning there is a sign-up clipboard by the main door in the manse or go to <https://tinyurl.com/2018worshipplanning> and sign up electronically.

To sign up to teach Sunday school, or to help in the nursery there is a sign-up clipboard by the main door in the manse or go to <https://tinyurl.com/2018SSplanning> to sign up electronically.

this will be your first time volunteering with SPCC children’s ministries. Please contact you regarding a background check and training.

**THOSE WHO ENABLE OUR CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY:**

Our pastor: Rev. Kenny Shaw, 836-2770, (office) or 719-644-9422 (cell)  
Our Session: Dicky Carpenter (Grounds), 970-485-0698; Pam Jurgemeyer 836-0734; Dale Kanack (Buildings), 836-3781; Jackie Pike (Clerk), 836-481-5811; Sykes (Worship), 574-315-3581; Pam Tucker (Stewardship), 836-4630; Susan 836-2398  
Our Deacons: Jacky Cacace, 720-924-1455; Stephanie Carpenter, 836-2905 5254

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:**

Our Pastor, Deacons, and Elders are available for hospital and pastoral visitation. If someone you know, would like a call or a visit, please contact Rev. Kenny or one of the Elders or Deacons. If you have an immediate need for prayer, such as hospitalization, accident, or death in the family, please contact Kenny to share your request.

**FURTHER REFLECTIONS • JOHN 9:1-41**

**Read John 9:1-41**

- What are your first impressions of this interaction? Who do you sympathize with? Who do you find frustrating? Why? What seems to be motivating people and Jesus, the man who was healed, the Pharisees)?
- How do people understand and react to Jesus in this passage?
- What does Jesus do or say in this passage that catches your attention?

*“Jesus sees a man who was born blind, and the disciples ask him about the cause of the blindness. The disciples assume that the blindness must be a form of divine punishment for sin. For them, whether the man himself had sinned—presumably in the womb before birth—or whether he sinned, with the result that their child was born blind. Their way of thinking is based on texts that assume a child could be punished for the sins of the parents (Exodus 20:5). Jesus, however, shifts the frame of reference. He insists that the paradigm of sin and punishment is not based on what caused the blindness. He also refuses to speculate further about what caused the blindness.”*

*“The NRSV translations paraphrase the passage and obscure the dramatic shift that Jesus makes. The words “he was born blind” were added by the translator. They do not appear in Greek. The translation is, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but in order that the works of him, we must do the works of him who sent me while it is day.” Jesus accepts the blind man’s question to speculate about what caused it. For him, the question is how to address the situation. He does not speculate about what caused it. (C. Koester, enterthebible.org)*

- How does Jesus respond to the disciples’ conversation about sin? Why does he respond like this?
- How does the man who was blind grow in belief as the story develops? Why do you think the Pharisees remain unbelieving?