



Easter Sunday 2018

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EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Call to Worship

Joyance (Ron Mallory)

Greeting

If you are a visitor, have a prayer request or have a change of address, please note this on a Connect Card found in the pew pockets. Place it in the offering plate.

*Opening Hymn 258

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Entry of the Christ Candle

The return of the light from Good Friday to Easter Sunday symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus from the grave and the light of salvation and hope God brought into the world through His resurrection.

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 15:1-11, Nate Stromberg

Children's Message

*Song

We Believe

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

Credo - Misa Criolla (Ariel Ramirez)

Message

This We Believe
Pastor Anne Vining

Prayer of the People

*Closing Hymn 242

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

*You are invited to sing the Hallelujah Chorus with the choir. Please come forward during the closing hymn in preparation for the Sending Proclamation.
Music is available in the Choir Loft.*

*Sending Words

*Sending Proclamation

Hallelujah Chorus (G.F. Handel), Easter Choir and Orchestra

Postlude

Give To Our God Immortal Praise (arr. Wilbur Held)

Prayer time for health and wholeness is offered in the Prayer Chapel following Worship.

TODAY

Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church as we celebrate the Risen Christ this Easter Sunday! Whether you are a long-time member of our congregation or this is your first time worshipping with us, we are so glad you have included this worship service into your own personal Easter tradition this year. If you would like to know more about our life together beyond Easter Sunday, make sure you leave today with an "Overflow" Spring Guidebook. All are cordially invited to stay after Worship for coffee and treats.

10:30am

Worship

Nursery Care, (birth through age 3), Rooms 105 & 106

Children's Church, children are invited to stay in Worship today.

Resource Table for children and youth: Stop by this table as you enter Worship for bulletins, crayons & Bibles for children, and Confirmation worship notes.

11:30am

Fellowship Time, Upper Fellowship Hall

Covenant World Relief: Easter Offering

Give today to the work of Covenant World Relief in meeting the needs of the most vulnerable people in the world. Offerings will be received today as you leave Worship and will go to this work which helps the neediest people in today's world: those who suffer from extreme poverty, hunger, disease, disaster and injustice. This offering is in place of our monthly benevolent offering.

Give following the Worship Service to the Covenant World Relief offering.

FCC's Spring Guidebook, "Overflow" will be handed out as you leave Worship today.

Easter Memorial Flowers

Thank you to all who donated toward the beautiful Easter flowers in memory of loved ones. Following Worship, you are invited to take a flower home. However, please wait until the Visitation Team has taken the smaller flowers designated for the homebound. Note to the Visitation Team members: please meet in the Conference Room following Worship to pick up your assignments and visitation packages to be delivered to our homebound friends this week.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Join us as we return to our regular Spring schedule:

9:30am: Worship, including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

10:40am: Youth Group Music Lessons

11:00am: Spiritual Growth Hour for all ages and Confirmation

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Welcome Micah Robert Makosky! The single rose this morning celebrates Micah's arrival, who was born to Kate and Dan Makosky this past Wednesday, and joins his big brother Alex. Kate, our Minister of Youth and Families and Communications will be on maternity leave until July 10, 2018. Please direct any Youth and Family Ministry related questions to Addin Vang, Associate Minister of Youth and Families and Worship at addin@first-covenant.org. Questions related to communications can be sent to the church office at office@first-covenant.org.

We extend our sympathies to Don Madvig and family in the death of his wife LaVerne. LaVerne's memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 7 at First Covenant Church: 12:00pm Visitation, 1:00pm Memorial Service with a light lunch following. Peace to all who are on a journey of loss and grief.

Beauty and the Beast DVD's: sign up at the Welcome Center to order a DVD of our youth musical Beauty and the Beast. Each DVD costs \$10, which will help support future musicals. Please pay with cash or a check written out to First Covenant Church. Thanks for your support!

Financial Update: Giving out of our abundance and with gratitude - as of March 29, we were \$1450 below the needed giving to stay on our ministry budget plan for the fiscal year. As we celebrate our risen Lord, please remember your commitment and practice whole-life generosity.

Stay connected: Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts of each week's message can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab. Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any Worship Service.

New server schedules for April, May and June are at the Welcome Center.

Thank you to First Covenant from Pastor Lidovick Pierre and the Haitian Christian Fellowship: "Our hearts are overflowing with joy and gratitude to you for all your incredible help and support. The fundraiser brunch went very well last Sunday. We were blessed by so many encouragements and people are so excited for us to have that vision to transition some day to the morning worship. Many people said, 'now we know how to pray for you.' That is huge! We made \$1,600 cash. Many, many thanks! We love you FCC! May the Lord continue lavish his love on you our church partner, just as you showed sincere love to us at HCF."

SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH GOING TO CHIC

26 senior high students will be attending CHIC the week of July 14-20, 2018. CHIC is the Covenant Denomination's triennial youth conference in Knoxville, TN. Thank you for the ways you have been, and will continue to show your support!

CHIC Dessert and Auction - Saturday, April 21, 6:30pm, First Covenant Church
Tickets go on sale TODAY following Worship. Do you have something that is auction-worthy? We are on the lookout for events, services, and goods (new or very gently used) that can help support our auction. If you have something that you would like to donate, contact Bill or Janel Haider or fill out the online form here: <https://goo.gl/forms/IBvFW2tWCSFdaXdE2>. Stop by the CHIC table in Upper Fellowship Hall to buy tickets or ask questions.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 2 for Easter Monday.

Wednesday Night Program: There will be no regular Wednesday night programs on April 4. All the Wednesday night usual activities will resume on Wednesday, April 11.