

# SURPRISE THE WORLD!

THE 5 HABITS  
OF  
HIGHLY  
MISSIONAL  
PEOPLE

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**August 19, 2018**

**10:30 a.m.**

Gathering Time

*Dyades No. 5 (Andres), Over the Rainbow (Arlen arr. Laucks)  
Marcy Turnquist & Andrea Stern, harp duet*

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Worship

*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 368

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Karl and Sue Peterson, Missionaries to Mexico  
*The Lord Bless You and Keep You (English/Spanish)*

\* The Blessing

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11, Chris Penwell

\*Songs

*Ancient Words  
Who You Say I Am*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

*Scarborough Fair Traditional, England (arr. Berger and Schermer)  
harp duet*

Message

LEARN  
The Gospels  
Pastor Anne Vining

\*Closing Hymn 405

*Jesus, Be My Guide and Teacher*

\*Sending Words

Postlude *Carolán's Draught (Turlough O'Carolan), Irish Traditional, Andrea Stern, Harp*

*Thank you to Marcy Turnquist for playing piano and harp today,  
and Andrea Stern for playing the harp.*

*If you temporarily leave the sanctuary during a Worship service, please return to your seats  
using the rear sanctuary doors. This will minimize disruptions. Thank you for understanding.*

## TODAY

**Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church!** *Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we are glad you are here.*

**10:30am, Worship**

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

**11:30am, Fellowship Time, Upper Fellowship Hall, All are invited!**

**11:40am, Youth Group Music Lessons, Graffiti Room**

**Today we have the privilege of blessing our missionaries, Karl and Sue Peterson,** as they return to Mexico City. They, along with their sons, Zachary and Jonathan, have been on a 2-year home assignment. Karl and Sue met here at FCC—Karl being the son of then-pastor Rev. Bill Peterson, and Sue being the daughter of Jim and Jan Chelgren. They felt God calling them to missions during youth mission trips to Ecuador, and were commissioned for long-term missionary service to Mexico in 1993 by the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). Sue has focused her work on relational evangelism, teaching, and discipling women. Karl has focused on establishing the Congregational Vitality Ministry in Mexico City churches, specifically at Tlalpan Covenant Church. Jonathan will be returning with his parents to Mexico City and Zachary will return as a sophomore to North Park University in Chicago. Please pray for the Petersons in this time of transition.

### **Take the “Surprise the World” Challenge!**

Join us as we Surprise the World! During August we are being challenged to put several habits into practice to surprise the world by our actions, based on the book *Surprise the World! The Five Habits of Highly Missional People*, by Michael Frost. As you practice the habit for the week, we want to hear about your journey! Here's how you can share the ways you have been building the habit in your own life:

1. Practice the habit. **This week: LEARN:** “I will spend at least one period of the week learning Christ”.
2. Take a picture of you practicing the habit. Email your photo to [kate@first-covenant.org](mailto:kate@first-covenant.org) or tag it on social media - use [#surprisetheworldfcc](https://www.instagram.com/surprisetheworldfcc).
3. Come ready to share in Worship the next Sunday. We will have an opportunity each week to hear from one another how these habits are being lived out. Whether you share a picture or not, come ready to let us know what you did and how it went! You can find postcards with more information, including all 5 challenges, at the Welcome Center.

### **NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 26**

**Annual Baptism Service at Lake Phalen, (following Worship at FCC)**

Bring your own bag/picnic lunch and join us at The Lake Phalen Pavilion for lunch together. Following lunch, we will have a time of prayer in the pavilion before celebrating new life in Christ through the sacrament of baptism in the lake. Join us in support and celebration with our friends Ben Stromberg and Anthony Cook! Others will have an opportunity to reaffirm their baptism vows.

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**Financial Update:** Our fiscal year ends August 31st. As of Aug. 14, we need \$26,156 to meet the August ministry plan, and more importantly, the need is \$44,018 to meet the goal for the fiscal year. By giving to First Covenant you are playing a key role in supporting our ministry staff and providing life-changing hope on the Eastside and around the world. Please consider helping finish this fiscal year financially strong.

**Stay connected:** Weekly worship bulletins 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. During the summer, please allow more than one week to receive your ordered CD.

**If you are in need of pastoral care this summer,** please contact the church office and you will be connected with the on-call pastor. If you call after hours, please leave a message on the office voice mail. Ministry Team members will be taking time off throughout the summer, and we want to make sure that you receive the support that you need.

**Building and Grounds Update:** Work is in process on the remodel of the Upper Fellowship Hall kitchen and will be done soon. Resurfacing of the parking lot is scheduled to begin tomorrow, and depending on weather, should be done by the week of September 3. During the next few weeks, vehicles will be able to continue to park in the lot on the weekends, including Sundays. On weekdays, street parking may be necessary. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and financial support as these are much needed projects for the church building that will enhance hospitality and ministry for many years to come!

**Missing something?** Stop by the Lost & Found table near the Bookshare shelves to see if anything belongs to you. Please only take items that are yours. The table will be set up today and next Sunday.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO WELCOME SUNDAY!

**This year, our September 9 Welcome Sunday** includes a Community Block Party BBQ! Following Worship that morning, everyone is invited to the playground at Farnsworth (across the street) for a BBQ lunch with our church family, partners in ministry, and our community. Games, food, and fellowship – it's a great way to begin fall programs! We need your help—

- Invite our neighbors: Postcard invitations will be distributed door to door throughout our neighborhood on Thursday, August 23. Pizza will be served at 5:30pm at FCC. After eating dinner, teams will leave to pass out invitations.
- Consider volunteering at the event: Help is needed for set-up, clean-up, serving, games, etc.

**Please stop by the table in Upper Fellowship Hall to volunteer.** Sign-up sheets for postcard distribution and for the BBQ are available there. Contact Donovan DeGaetano or Addin Vang for more information. Thank you for helping to engage the community, and build momentum for the upcoming year!

## AUGUST EVENTS

**Book Club: "Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays-vs-Christians Debate", by Justin Lee**  
**Tuesday, August 21, 6:30-8:00pm**

**Note location change:** *First Covenant Church, Upper Fellowship Hall*

In this book, Lee makes a thoughtful yet impassioned plea and challenge for the evangelical church. The author uses both episodes from his personal testimony and an intelligent and balanced interpretation of scripture to make a strong case for peace and unity. This is an important book for our times. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and provide your own book. *Facilitated by Dick and Barb Johnson*

**Youth Bible Study, Thursday, August 23, 7:00-8:00pm**

*incoming 7th-exiting 12th graders), Graffiti Room*

Hopefully you can join us for pizza and the Welcome Sunday Block Party neighborhood distribution blast at 5:30pm. Then, stay for our last Bible Study of the summer. If you have questions, please contact Addin Vang.

**Toddler Monday, August 27, 9:00-11:00am, Nursery**

Can you believe that the end of summer is almost here? Join us for our last Toddler Monday of the summer on August 27. Parents and guardians and their little ones ages 0-4 years are encouraged to join us, even if this is your first time. Questions? Please see Lora Murtha or Donovan DeGaetano.

## BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

**Family Values for Life Back to School Event, Wednesday, August 29, 4:30-7:30pm**

*Bruce Vento Elementary School (409 Case Avenue, St. Paul)*

FVFL's 8th Annual Back to School event is just around the corner. Last year, close to 3,000 filled backpacks were distributed! If your children need school supplies, no need to pre-register, however, an adult needs to be present with the children.

**Can you help?** Please visit the Welcome Center where you will find lists of needed supplies and a barrel where you can place your donated items. There is also a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for those who are able to help FCC oversee the registration table at the event.

**Volunteer Training Meeting, Wednesday, August 22, 4:00-6:00pm**

*First Covenant Church (Upper Fellowship Hall)*

If you are volunteering at the Back To School Event, join us for this training where you will get your training packet, map of the event and your FVFL Back To School t-Shirt. There will be no childcare provided. Dinner will be served at 4:00pm. Questions? Contact Chrissy Thomas (BackToSchool.fvfl@gmail.com) or Donovan DeGaetano.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

**Sunday, September 2:** Worship Service, 10:30am

First Covenant Annual Meeting following Worship, 11:30am-12:30pm

**Sunday, September 9:** Last 10:30am Worship Service of the summer

Welcome Sunday Block Party Community BBQ, 11:30am-2:00pm

**Sunday, September 16:** Worship returns to 9:30am, with Spiritual Growth Hour for all ages at 11:00am.