

SURPRISE THE WORLD!

THE 5 HABITS OF HIGHLY MISSIONAL PEOPLE

First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

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 433

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:1-6, Louise Wilson

Ministry Highlight

Mission Trip to China, Greta Norris

*Song

Scandal of Grace

Future Faith Challenge

Perceiving the World As Sacred, Kate Peck

Preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Ben Stromberg and Anthony Cook

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

Como Dijiste
Sylvia Zupfer, vocals and Addin Vang, guitar

Message

SENT
Pastor Anne Vining

*Closing Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

*Sending Words

Postlude

Build Your Kingdom Here (Instrumental)

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

Resource Table for children, please check out this table as you enter Worship, where you will find worship bulletins, crayons and Bibles for children.

Thank you to Sylvia Zupfer and Addin Vang for our special music, and to Janet McClellan for playing piano today during Pat Kohnen's (our pianist/organist) absence.

"Future Faith" Challenge: Each summer we try to add different pieces to our worship experience that offer week-to-week reflection and hopefully inspiration from laypeople in our congregation. This summer we are looking at a different weekly challenge for the church, from the book, "Future Faith: Ten Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century", by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson (and Foreword by North Park Theological Seminary professor, Soong-Chan Rah).

11:30am

Instead of the Fellowship Hour today, please grab your lunch and join us at Lake Phalen!

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

Phalen Picnic Pavilion, 1600 Phalen Drive, St. Paul, 55106

Bring your own bag/picnic lunch and beverages, and join us at The Lake Phalen Pavilion. 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 in the baptisms of Ben Stromberg and Anthony Cook, and the re-affirmation of the baptism of Savior Angel Johnson. Following the baptism, you are invited to stay for beach volleyball, hosted by our Youth and Family Ministries. Maps with directions to the Phalen Picnic Pavillion are at the Welcome Center.

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: SENT: "Journal throughout the week all the ways you alerted others to the universal reign of God through Christ."
2. Take a picture of you practicing the habit. Email your photo to kate@first-covenant.org or tag it on social media - use #surprisetheworldfcc
3. Come ready to share in Worship next Sunday of all the ways you have been surprising the world this summer!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Carol Pelto (Don Pelto's wife), who passed away on Monday, August 20. Carol's Memorial Service will be held at First Covenant Church on Saturday, September 1 at 2:00pm. God's peace to those on a journey of loss.

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 almost complete on the remodel of the Upper Fellowship Hall kitchen. Resurfacing of the parking lot began on Monday, and depending on the 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 book shelves in Upper Fellowship Hall to see if anything belongs to you. Please only take items that are yours. This is the last day that the table will be set up.

Wake Up! Fall Guidebooks will be handed out by the ushers as you leave Worship today. Make sure you bring one home so you can stay updated on and participate in the exciting things that are happening at FCC this fall!

Financial Update: Our fiscal year ends August 31st. As of August 23, we need \$10,056 to meet the August ministry plan, and more importantly, the need is \$27,017 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.

FCC Giving Options: 2019 offering envelopes will be ordered soon. This past year, you may or may not have consistently used your numbered envelopes. With our new database, all donations are still recorded for tax purposes regardless of whether you use a numbered giving envelope. You may always give your check donation with or without a numbered envelope. Questions to consider:

- Do you still want to have giving envelopes ordered for you for next year?
- Do you want to continue with the weekly or monthly envelopes you currently have? Please indicate your preferences on the Giving Envelope Form found at the Welcome Center today.
- **Instructions for setting up automatic contributions** via your checking account or your credit card are also available today. One is managed by the church's Premier Bank and requires a voided check or deposit slip. The other donation process is through our church's website where you manage your profile and online contribution.

More information is available at the Welcome Center, or contact Rachel Hanks at rachelhanks11@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf will be closed on Saturday, September 1 in observance of the Labor Day weekend.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, September 8, 8:00-9:30am, Upper Fellowship Hall
Note this change from the usual first Saturday of the month.

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 items. Deadline to donate is tomorrow. Thanks to all who have already donated.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

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

First Covenant Annual Meeting following Worship, 11:30am-12:30pm, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

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

Welcome Sunday Block Party Community BBQ, 12:00am-2:00pm

Following Worship, 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! (See flyer in your bulletin).

Please stop by the white board in Upper Fellowship Hall to volunteer!

Contact Donovan DeGaetano or Addin Vang for more information. Thank you for helping to engage the community, and build momentum for the upcoming year!

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