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A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

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August 6, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

*Please complete the Connect Card and place it in the offering plate if you are a visitor,
have a prayer request or have a change of contact information.*

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn 555

In Celebration, Clap Your Hands and Sing

*Opening Prayer

Ministry Update

Kate Makosky

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (arr. Greg Bottomley)

Scripture Reading

Hosea 3:1-4:2, Don Pelto

Message

Hosea: another unlikely prophet

Pastor Anne Vining

*Respond in Song

Hope Will Rise

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We invite all who follow Jesus as Lord to receive and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion with us.

*Affirmation of Faith

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn 366

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior, vs 1-3, 5-6

*Sending Words

Postlude

Fugue, by William Selby

Prayer Time for Health and Wholeness is offered in the Prayer Chapel following Worship.

TODAY

Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church! *Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we are glad you are here. The Connect Card in your bulletin provides a way to give or receive information, or to ask for prayer. Many are already part of our e-mail communication. If you would like to receive periodic church updates electronically, please indicate this on your Connect Card. Place your completed Connect Card in the offering plate.*

Our Prophet of the day is Hosea. The unhappy story of Hosea and his faithless wife Gomer illustrates the loyal love of God and the spiritual adultery of Israel. Hosea exposes the sins of Israel and contrasts them to God's holiness. The nation must be judged for it's sins but it will be restored in the future because of the love and faithfulness of God.

10:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

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

11:30am

Fellowship Time, Upper Fellowship Hall

We invite everyone to join us for a cup of coffee and treats following Worship.

11:45am

Missions Team Meeting, Room #201

Registration deadline is TODAY to sign up for the Whole Church Retreat, August 25-27!

Enjoy one of the last weekends of summer with church friends at Covenant Pines Bible Camp in McGregor, Minnesota. Please join us as we experience the great outdoors and all of the exciting opportunities that camp provides. There will be time to relax, play games, eat wonderful food and fellowship together in a different setting. Stop by the table in Upper Fellowship Hall today following Worship for more information or to register. Questions? Ask Jim Hinrichs (hinrichsjd@gmail.com), Christine Tharseo (ctharseo@gmail.com), or Benny Gilmore (brendengilmore86@gmail.com).

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 10:30AM

Join us next Sunday at 10:30am for our August Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck. (See insert for more information). Our guest speaker will be Dr. Dean Erickson, who will be speaking about the prophet Haggai.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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

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. Ministry Team members will be taking time off at various points throughout the summer, and we want to make sure that you receive the support that you need.

Sankofa is an intergenerational, immersive, and intentional road trip of reconciliation. Our First Covenant Church Summer 2017 Sankofa Team will be traveling through Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Chicago from Friday, August 11 through Tuesday, August 15. Please keep them in your prayers as they build relationships and grow in understanding of reconciliation. Participants: Addin Vang, Galen Carlson, Jim Hinrichs, Jon Fure, Kate Makosky, Marilyn Theesfeld, Michelle Fure, Rebecca Robinson, Susan Carlson, Tanya Garcia, Allianna Garcia-Barros, Elijah Lokensgard-Wallace, Jasmine Davison, Sam David, and Sylvester Garcia-Barros.

Every Kid To Camp Fund (EKTC) Update: We praise God that with your help, we have met our goal and were able to send 50 children and youth to Covenant Pines Bible Camp this summer! Thank you for your generosity!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Back to School Celebration Volunteers Needed, Wednesday, Aug 30, 3:30-7:30pm
Bruce Vento Elementary School, 409 Case Ave. E. St. Paul, MN

FCC is recruiting 18 to 20 registration volunteers for this free back-to-school supplies event hosted by Family Values For Life. The expectation is to give away 2500 backpacks – that's a lot of people to register! Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you are willing to help with registration. A brief training session will be held before the event. If you have information about interpreters for Karen or Somali languages indicate that, too. Questions? Contact Donovan DeGaetano (donovan@first-covenant.org) or Phil Erickson (philipaxel1662@gmail.com).

School supplies needed for the Back to School Celebration Event!

Lists of needed supplies and the donation bin to place them in are at the Welcome Center. We need your help to fill all of these backpacks! Financial donations are also welcome. Questions: familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com, 651-774-6663.

Karl and Sue Peterson, our Mexico missionaries on home assignment, are looking for a vehicle to borrow for one year. Do you or someone that you know, have a vehicle that the Petersons could use? They also are looking for a computer printer to borrow. Please contact them at karl-sue.peterson@covchurch.org, or 952-658-9402. The Petersons would like to express their gratitude to the moving team from FCC: Gordy, Gabriel, Roger, Doug, and Bryan (coordinator), and to Zach and Kari Newman for loaning them a car for the past year.

THIS WEEK

Training for All Children and Youth Volunteers!

Monday, August 7 from 6:00 - 8:00pm (dinner served at 5:45pm)

Upper Fellowship Hall

Our first TreeHouse Partnership training is tomorrow! Volunteers need to have completed the online training modules *Foundations and Grace-Based Ministry*. Join us as we meet our coach and prepare for the year to come. Childcare available.

RSVP with Donovan DeGaetano, donovan@first-covenant.org, Addin Vang, addin@first-covenant.org, or Kate Makosky, kate@first-covenant.org.

Confirmation Orientation Meeting, Tuesday, August 8, 5:30-6:30pm, Graffiti Room

Incoming 7th graders, and a parent or guardian, are invited to this important meeting to get all the information you need about The Confirmation Journey for your confirmation this coming year. Dinner provided. For more information, contact Addin Vang or Pastor Anne.

Baptism Informational Meeting, Tuesday, August 8, 6:30-7:30pm

Upper Fellowship Hall

Is someone in your household interested in being baptized? Are you at a new place on your faith journey and would like to re-affirm your baptism? Then please join us for a brief time as we explore the meaning and significance of baptism in preparation for our Lake Phalen baptism service on Sunday, August 20. Please let Pastor Anne, Donovan DeGaetano, or Addin Vang know TODAY, or sign-up at the Welcome Center if you plan on attending.

Gospel Choir Rehearsals, Thursdays, August 10 and 24, 6:00-7:00pm, Choir Room

All are invited to join us as we prepare to sing in Worship on August 27. Schedules and CDs are available at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Steve Pittman, Gospel Choir Director, steve@first-covenant.org.

Family Nuke-'Em Ball, Thursdays, August 10 and 24, 7:00-7:45pm

(for families with children in K-6th grade), First Covenant Church, Outside

Join us to play a favorite camp game! Nuke-'em Ball is played on a volleyball court, but is not volleyball, and is a game the whole family can play. We will meet at the FCC playground immediately following Gospel Choir rehearsal. Questions? Contact Donovan DeGaetano.

OPPORTUNITIES JUST FOR YOUTH

Youth Ministry "Donuts and Jesus" (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Thursdays, August 10,17,24, 10:00-11:30am, Phalen Park Pavilion, 1600 Phalen Drive

Bring your Bible and join us as we learn what Jesus has to say about the big questions of our faith and how that impacts our life. Donuts included. This event will be held, rain or shine! Questions? Contact Addin Vang.

Tacky Prom (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders), Wednesday, August 16, 5:30-8:00pm

Voth's Home, 3264 Lexington Avenue N., Shoreview, MN

It's time to bust a move! Head on over to the Voth's household for our annual night of fun, festivities and suspenders - it's Tacky Prom! We will have wacky tournaments, funny games and a great night to close out the summer with friends and mentors. Dinner provided. Questions? Contact Addin Vang, Summer Youth Intern.

PARTNER EVENTS

OVC (Overcomer's Victory Church) Praise & Worship Team Concert Thursday, August 17, 7:00pm

Overcomer's Victory Church, 663 Como Ave. St. Paul, MN, 55103

You are invited to come share in this awesome musical worship experience of promoting the anticipated release of this new album project! Admission is free, so come ready, with an open heart and mind to praise and worship the Lord with us! Steve Pittman, our FCC Gospel Choir Director, is the producer and director of this project, and Chrissy Thomas, our After-School Program Director and accompanist with the FCC Gospel Choir, is a producer. Both of these friends will be performing live with the team.

Haitian Christian Fellowship Revival, Sunday, August 20-Sunday, August 27, 6-9pm Lower Fellowship Hall

From Pastor Lidovik, Pastor of our partner church, Haitian Christian Fellowship: "Several years ago to this present date, each year Haitian Christian Fellowship has had an event to reach out the people in the community of Eastside Saint Paul. This year, we are planning to do it again as it pleases the Lord. HCF cordially invites you to join us! The theme of the Revival is: Man, where are you? Genesis 3:7-9. We strongly believe the Lord is desperately seeking for the hearts of the ones that He loves unconditionally. We will have a Speaker from Haiti. Every night we will have snacks and the last day will end with a big and delicious meal which will be at 4:30 pm. Please help us extend the invitation. Many thanks! We look forward to seeing you there. Enjoy the Summer. "

Family Values for Life Back-to-School Golf Classic & Banquet, Monday, August 21 Registration: 11:00am, Shotgun Start: 12:00pm, Banquet: 6:00pm

Keller Golf Course, 2166 Maplewood Drive, Maplewood, MN

All proceeds will be used to provide backpacks to school age children at the Back to School Celebration Event on August 30th. Register online before August 11 at: familyvaluesforlife.org. For more information, contact Al Frost, 612-834-9867.

Back to School Celebration Event, Wednesday, August 30, 4:30-7:00pm

Bruce Vento Elementary School, 409 Case Ave. E. St. Paul, MN

Do you need school supplies for your children? Every student (pre-K through 12th grade), is guaranteed a backpack and school supplies. No pre-registration is required, but you need to have each child present with you when you register and pick up your backpack (s). This annual event also includes community resources/East Side businesses, family fun-filled activities, games and free food. For more information: contact Family Values for Life, familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com, 651-774-6663.

Summer Worship on the Lawn

August 13 at 10:30 am

Sunday, August 13 at 10:30am is our last outdoor worship service of the summer.

We will meet on the south lawn, under the trees. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs (some chairs will be provided) and a dish to share for the potluck that follows. Sharing in a meal provides us with a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones as we celebrate our life in Christ together.

Please bring a dish ready to serve, to share for the potluck:

Last names starting with...

A-L bring a main dish

M-Z bring a side dish of either a salad or fruit or veggie tray

Dessert will be provided and served. Beverages will be provided as well as plates, cups, napkins and silverware.

In case of rain we will be meeting in Upper Fellowship Hall for worship and the potluck.

Volunteers are needed to help in the following ways:

- set-up chairs and sound equipment
- set-up/food prep
- preparing beverages
- servers
- set-up/take-down of tables and chairs
- clean-up.

This is the perfect opportunity to offer hospitality and lend a hand in a practical way. If you are available to help, let us know by signing up at the Welcome Center! For questions please contact the coordinators of the potluck:

Barb Johnson, 952-842-9433

Deb Carlson, 651-260- 4053