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July 23, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

Please complete the Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn 19

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Como Family Report

Scripture Reading

Nahum 1:1-11, Jim Hinrichs

Romans 10:5-15, Janet Peterson

*Songs

Give Us Clean Hands

Mighty To Save

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

You Are Good (Israel Houghton)

Gospel Choir

Message

Nahum: The Beautiful Feet of Judgment

Rev. Steven P. Larson, guest speaker

Song of Response 386

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Respond in Prayer

*Closing Hymn 433

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Sending Words

Postlude

O Jesus, Grant Us Hope and Comfort (J.W. Franck)

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 guest speaker this morning is Rev. Steven P. Larson. Steve is the Director of Spiritual Care at the Cerenity Senior Care, Humboldt Campus here in St. Paul. Prior to this he served the diverse congregation at Redeemer Covenant Church in Brooklyn Park for over 10 years. Steve has served congregations in West Michigan, Southside of Chicago and Cottage Grove, Minnesota. Steve's passion is engaging the Body of Christ in direct ministry to the community where the LORD has called the people to serve. Steve is also the father of Emily Caro, our Nursery Coordinator.

Our Prophet of the day is Nahum. The book of Nahum is a prophecy concerning the city of Nineveh. About 125 years after Nineveh repented under the preaching of Jonah, Nahum predicted the imminent destruction of the same city. The people in the Assyrian capital have reverted to idolatry and brutality, and Assyria has overthrown the northern kingdom of Israel. Because of God's holiness and power, Nineveh will surely be destroyed in spite of its apparent invincibility.

10:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

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

11:30am - 12:00pm

Congregational Forum, Upper Fellowship Hall

Today following Worship, you are all invited to join us for this important time together. During this forum, a number of updates will be provided that build on what was shared during the June 25 forum. Among these updates will be a summary of the missional budget process as well as a snapshot of where we stand regarding this year's budget. We also will hear more from Jason & Lisa Como as they share about their global missions journey and opportunities for their family going forward. All are welcome!

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.

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Gladys Johnson, who joined the church triumphant on Wednesday, July 19. Gladys was our oldest church member, at 103 years old. On Thursday, July 27, a visitation will take place at 10:15am, with a memorial service at 11:00am, followed by a light lunch, all at First Covenant Church. God's peace to those on a journey through loss and grief.

New Sound System: We are very grateful for our new sound system which includes sound improvements in the Sanctuary, and new speakers in the nursery and at the Welcome Center. We are also thankful for our sound operators: Mike Hult, Dan Taylor and Rod Scofield, who faithfully run the sound board, and who have willingly taken on extra training for our new digital sound mixer. We appreciate your patience during this process as we continue to fine-tune our sound.

Kate Makosky, Minister to Youth and Families, is on a sabbatical leave, returning on August 1. Addin Vang, Summer Youth Ministry Intern, will be providing leadership to youth and families in Kate's absence: addin@first-covenant.org, 651-774-0344, #15.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Church Training, Wednesday, July 26, 6:00-8:00pm, *Upper Fellowship Hall*
Fall is coming and that means Children's Church returns! Would you consider spending an occasional 20 minutes with a super fun group of Pre-K through 2nd Grade kids? Come to a training at FCC to find out all the details about this exciting ministry! Questions? Contact Jennifer Herman at jennifer.herman7@gmail.com.

Supporting the Petersons in their upcoming move, Thursday, July 27, 6:00-7:00pm
As you may have heard, Karl and Sue Peterson, our missionaries to Mexico, have been able to extend their home assignment for another year. They have found a new home for the next year, and are in need of help for their move from Plymouth to Excelsior. First Covenant and Excelsior Covenant are partnering, with First Covenant loading the truck and Excelsior Covenant unloading the truck. All of the items to load will be in their current garage. Please let Bryan Norris know if you can help: norris.bryan@gmail.com.

Be The Tool, Mission Trip, August 6-12 and/of September 6-20, 2017

Construction/Building Project in Marquette, Michigan

"Be The Tool", a non-profit run by our own Rod Scofield, is sponsoring a "mission trip" to Marquette, MI to work on a home for a low income family affected by medical issues. The house has suffered water damage due to a roof leak and needs multiple repairs. Cost is \$300 for the week and includes everything. Contact Rod at 651-248-8495, or rod@bethetool.org.

EVENTS JUST FOR YOUTH

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

Thursdays, July 27, August 10,17,24, 10:00-11:30am

July 27: Home of Anja and Liam Swenson, 2800 Keller Parkway, Maplewood, MN 55109

All August dates: Phalen Park Pavilion, 1600 Phalen Drive

Bring your swimsuit and towel on July 27! Because we will be swimming and having lunch at the Swensons, the time will be extended. This event will be held, rain or shine!

Questions? Contact Addin Vang, Summer Youth Intern, addin@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 confirmand this coming year. Dinner provided. For more information, contact Addin Vang or Pastor Anne.

PARTNER EVENTS

In It Together Prayer Walk and Ice Cream Social, Thursday, July 27, 6:00-7:30pm

Contender for the Faith Church, 580 Case Avenue E., St. Paul, MN

Join us for a night to pray for our neighborhood and community. We will divide into groups and pray as we walk through the neighborhood. Groups will return to Contender for the Faith for an ice cream social as we continue building relationships between our two churches.

Questions? Contact Susan, susancarlson@northcountryautobody.com.

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

Golfers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the FVFL Golf Classic Scramble. Stay after the scramble for the banquet. All proceeds will be used to provide backpacks to school age children at the "Back to School" event on August 30th. Register online before August 11 at: familyvaluesforlife.org. For more information, contact Al Frost, 612-834-9867.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

The last book club of the summer is: Wednesday, August 2, 7:00pm, First Covenant Church

Sponsored by Adult Spiritual Growth, we will be discussing the book "What Is the Bible?", by Rob Bell. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the Welcome Center for \$5 each, where you can also sign up to attend the book club. Questions? Contact Joe Mann, jmann.us@gmail.com.

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

Is someone in your household interested in being baptized? 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 Donovan DeGaetano or Pastor Anne know by Sunday, August 6 if you plan on attending.

Sunday, August 13 is our next Outdoor Worship Service with a Potluck following.

Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities and types of food to bring.

First Covenant Church Whole Church Retreat, August 25-27

Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN

Stop by the Retreat Table in Upper Fellowship Hall today for more information or to register. Enjoy one of the last weekends of summer at Covenant Pines Bible Camp with church friends. Registration deadline: August 6. Questions? Ask Jim Hinrichs (hinrichsjd@gmail.com), Christine Tharseo (ctharseo@gmail.com), or Benny Gilmore (brendengilmore86@gmail.com).