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A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

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June 25, 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 61

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

An introduction to the Prophet Jonah

Prayer of the People

*Songs

The Power of Your Love

Scandal of Grace

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

Prelude 4 in E Minor by Chopin

Ellen Jacobson, piano

Message

select Scripture passages from Jonah

Jason Huso, reader

Pastor Anne Vining, preacher

*Closing Hymn 71

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Sending Words

Postlude

Love Came Down (arr. Jan Bender)

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 Jonah. With a prophetic message of only one line, Jonah is the most biographical of all the prophets. The repentant response of the people of Nineveh to Jonah's terse oracle causes the God of mercy to spare the city. But the central teaching of the book is the lesson on compassion God has to teach His reluctant prophet. Jonah learns to look beyond his nation and trust the Creator of all people.

10:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

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

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

11:30am - 12:00pm

Congregational Forum, Upper Fellowship Hall

Following Worship, you are all invited to join us for this important time together. During this forum, an update will be provided on where we are in terms of our projected giving for the next fiscal year and the missional budgeting process. We will also share updates from the Leadership Team on projects and planned activities going on this summer and will look forward to the year ahead. Hope to see you there!

SUMMER STAFF UPDATES

Richard Voth, Minister of Worship and Creative Arts, is out of the office until Tuesday, June 27. Thank you to all those who are covering for Richard in his absence. If you have questions, please call the church office.

Donovan DeGaetano, Minister to Children and Families, is out of the office until Sunday, July 2. Donovan will be speaking at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp in Hordville, Nebraska.

Kate Makosky, Minister to Youth and Families, will be on a sabbatical leave during June and July, returning on August 1. Please refrain from contacting Kate during this time. 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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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

Volunteer Servers: the new July, August, September 2017 server schedules are available for you to pick up at the Welcome Center. Also please note that new nametags have been created and are in new storage bins behind the Welcome Center. Please pick up and return your nametag as you serve.

Summer 2017 Camp Table: Stop by this table in Upper Fellowship Hall to get information on summer camp opportunities for children and youth including Covenant Pines Bible Camp, Clyde Turner Basketball Camp, Junior Police Academy, and Sanneh Soccer Camp. For more information, contact Chrissy Thomas, christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Executive Pastor Tom Cameron in receiving the Lifetime Vocational Service Award, given by The Department of the Ordered Ministry of the Covenant Denomination. Tom received this award this past Friday afternoon at the Annual Meeting of The Evangelical Covenant Church in Detroit, Michigan. First Covenant's representatives to the Annual Meeting were Michelle and Jon Fure, and Janet and Tom Cameron.

First Covenant Church Scholarship Fund: Again this year, First Covenant Church is participating with North Park University, North Park Theological Seminary, and Bethel University in their church scholarship matching grant programs to help FCC students attending these institutions with their tuition costs. NPU will match FCC scholarships up to \$500 per year, NPTS will match up to \$500 per semester or \$1000 per year, and Bethel will match up to \$1000 per semester or \$2000 per year. Contributions are tax deductible, and must be received by June 30th in order to be used for the 2017-18 academic year. All checks should be written to "First Covenant Church", and designate in the memo line whether it is for the North Park scholarship fund or the Bethel scholarship fund. Contributions cannot be earmarked for a specific student. If you have any questions, ask Executive Pastor Tom Cameron.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

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

June 29, July 6,13,27, August 10,17,24, 10:00-11:30am

Hey there Youth! Are you looking for an awesome Bible Study? Look no further because we have Donuts and Jesus. This will be held at Lake Phalen Pavilion and we will engage our minds and hearts to what the Bible has to say...and we get to eat some delicious donuts. Questions? Contact Addin Vang, Summer Youth Intern, addin@first-covenant.org.

Messy Game Night (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders), Wednesday, July 12, 6-8pm

Messy Game Night is back! Join us for a night of fun games, squishy and gooey competitions and incredible mess. Make sure that you bring a towel (or 5!), wear a swim suit and clothes that can get messy. Dinner provided. Questions? Contact Addin Vang, Summer Youth Intern.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GO:Serve - Families with children in grades Pre-K - 6, Wednesday, June 28, 10am-2pm
Redeemer Covenant Church, Brooklyn Park, MN

Today is the last day to register! Join us for a day of serving the community with other families from the Northwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church (we are part of this), in the name of Jesus Christ.

You can register online at www.northwestconference.org/event/go-serve2017, or contact Kara Stromberg at kara@northwestconference.org

The Men's Prayer Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, July 1 will not take place.
Plan to attend the August Breakfast on Saturday, August 5, 8:00-9:30am.

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4.

Family Values For Life/ First Covenant Church Twins Game, Thursday, July 6, 7:10pm

It is first-come, first-served! Because only 50 tickets are available for First Covenant, please claim tickets for your immediate family only. Come join the fun, and watch the Twins play the Baltimore Orioles. Sign up today at the Welcome Center! Have any questions? Contact Addin Vang, Summer Youth Intern, addin@first-covenant.org.

Twin Cities World Refugee Day, Sunday, July 16

Tom Albinson, founder and President of International Association for Refugees (IAFR) will be our guest preacher during worship. IAFR is a Christian mission dedicated to helping people survive and recover from forced displacement. Sign up at the Welcome Center to join Tom and his wife, Donna, for a light lunch following worship to learn more about possible next steps for First Covenant as we prayerfully consider our response to the refugee crisis. Gather with others from First Covenant to attend the Twin Cities World Refugee Day at Loring Park (<http://tcworldrefugeeday.org>) from 1-5pm. For more information, please talk to Jeannine Nordlund, Tricia Sargent, Louise Wilson or Pastor Anne.

Summer book clubs are back! The first one is: Wednesday, July 19, 6:30pm

Jon and Michelle Fure's Home, 1752 Nebraska Ave. E., St. Paul

Our LOVE MERCY DO JUSTICE team is sponsoring the first book club of the Summer. This first book is "Disunity In Christ", by Christena Cleveland. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the Welcome Center for \$5, where you can also sign up so we know how many to plan for. If you have questions, contact Susan Carlson, susancarlson@northcountryauto.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

Save the date for our First Covenant Church Whole Church Retreat, August 25-27

Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN

More details to come! Questions? See Jim Hinrichs, hinrichsjd@gmail.com or Christine Tharseo, ctharseo@gmail.com.