



**Sunday, June 4, 2017**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit to the waiting disciples, fifty days after Christ's resurrection. It represents the beginning of the church as a fellowship and force among the nations; the transformation of ordinary people into powerful agents of change by the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is about mission-driving people out beyond themselves, asking, "What do we do now, Lord?"

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# GRADUATION SUNDAY

**June 4, 2017**

**10:30 a.m.**

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

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

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn 272

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

\*Opening Prayer

Honoring Our Graduates

Prayer

\*The Blessing

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-13, Abby Luchsinger and Addin Vang

\*Song

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

*Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen (arr. Joel Raney)  
Handbell Choir

Message

Led by the Spirit

Kate Makosky

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

Prayer of Commitment

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

\*Closing Hymn 282

*O Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me*

\*Sending Words & Prayer

Postlude

*Praise To The Lord*, (arr. Johann G. Walther)

*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.*

**The single rose this morning** celebrates the arrival of Anna Teresa Mann. Anna was born May 27 to Paige and Joe Mann.

**10:30am**

**Worship**

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

**Children's Church**, will resume in the fall

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

**11:30am**

**Reception for Graduates**, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

**11:45am**

**Sankofa Meeting for 2017 Sankofa Participants**, *Graffiti Room*

Don't miss this mandatory meeting to kick off our Sankofa journey of looking back in order to move forward! Meet the people you will be up close and personal with on our 5 day road trip in August, learn more about where we will be going and what we will be doing, and be sure we have your contact information and deposit. Questions? Contact Susan Carlson.

**Financial Commitment Cards:** Thank you to all who have turned in their commitment cards. If you have not yet turned in your card, you are not too late. If you are in need of a card, they are available at the Welcome Center. Please return today, (in the offering plate or Rachel Hank's mailbox in the church office), to allow future budget planning.

## NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 10:30AM

Join us for our first of two outdoor Worship Services of the summer with a potluck following. We will kick off our summer worship series with our guest preacher, Dr. Dean Erickson, professor of Biblical Studies, and Chair of Biblical, Theological & Ministry Studies at Crown College. Dr. Erickson has been attending our church since this past fall along with his family, and he happens to be Richard Voth's cousin. We will also be recognizing new babies and their families during Worship, and with cake during the potluck. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please serve by choosing one or both Sundays to volunteer to set up, serve or clean up. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Please see insert for more information.

## EVERY KID TO CAMP (EKTC) UPDATE

**Total left to raise to reach our goal: \$1990.39**

At First Covenant, we believe that every kid, no matter the family's financial situation, should be able to have a camp experience at Covenant Pines Bible Camp each summer, and our EKTC fund helps to make that possible. You can help close the gap to meet that need. Give your tax-deductible gift, or pay your camper's balance, by using an EKTC envelope available at the camp table in Upper Fellowship Hall. Place it in the offering plate or in the Covenant Pines mailbox in the church office. Make the check out to First Covenant Church with EKTC in the memo line. Questions? See Donovan DeGaetano.

## 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.

**Kate Makosky will be taking an 8-week sabbatical in June and July,** returning on Tuesday, August 1. This is a time to unplug from the daily demands of ministry, and provide an opportunity for rest, reflection, and a refocusing of the inner life with God. Kate's sabbatical will find her, and her family, both in town and out of town - you will be hearing more about her time away on Sunday, August 6. Addin Vang, Summer Youth Ministry Intern, will be providing leadership to youth and families in her absence

**Pastor Anne Vining will be on a Covenant Kids Congo Vision Trip, June 6-16** with 6 other pastors and leadership from within the Evangelical Covenant Church. For more information, go to the church's website and join us on Sunday July 9 as Pastor Anne and Tom Verdoorn share about their recent experiences in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

**If you are in need of pastoral care** or a visit this summer, please contact the office and you will be connected with the on-call pastor.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Summer "Soup Groups" deadline to sign up is TODAY**

Today is your last chance to sign up for Soup Groups this summer. Sign up sheets are available at the Welcome Center. If you are interested, please fill one out and place it in Pastor Tom Cameron's office mailbox. Contact Barb Johnson with questions: [barbanddickjohnson@q.com](mailto:barbanddickjohnson@q.com).

**Youth Ministry Grill and Chill (incoming 7th-exiting 12th graders), Wed. June 21, 6-8pm**  
It's time to kick off summer! Youth are invited to join us at Phalen Park Picnic Shelter for a night of grilling, chilling and fun. Bring a friend and get ready to start your summer off right. Questions? Contact Addin Vang, Summer Youth Intern, [addin@first-covenant.org](mailto:addin@first-covenant.org).

## HERO TRAINING CAMP (HTC)

**Visit our Hero Training Camp Table TODAY!** *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Here you will be able to sign up to volunteer at the camp or dinner, register your children, and win free prizes. You can also register on the church website: [www.first-covenant.org](http://www.first-covenant.org).

**HTC Volunteer Meeting, Wednesday, June 7, 5:30-7:00pm,** *Upper Fellowship Hall*

**Hero Training Camp (HTC), Monday, June 12 - Thursday June 15, 2:00-5:00pm**  
**(Children entering grades K - 6th grade),** *Phalen Rec Center*

This year's theme is "Gadgets & Gizmos - Uniquely Wired and Wonderfully Made". Every kid is uniquely wired for one reason-they were wonderfully made in the image of God. They will have the opportunity to participate in different sports and art clinics, (Cooking is back for the WHOLE WEEK). You can also register on the church website: [www.first-covenant.org](http://www.first-covenant.org).

**HTC Celebration Dinner, Thursday, June 15, 5:15pm,** *Lower Fellowship Hall*

All are invited to join us as we showcase the activities of the week and enjoy a delicious dinner made by Loaves and Fishes. Sign up today at the HTC Table to help with the dinner.

**Summer Worship on the Lawn  
June 11, and August 13 at 10:30 am**

**Sunday, June 11**, is our first outdoor worship, starting at 10:30 am. 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 side dish of either a salad or fruit or veggie tray

**M-Z** bring a main dish

In celebration of our new babies, dessert will be provided and served by the Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study. 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 on either or both of these dates, let us know by signing up at the Welcome Center!

For questions please contact:

Richard Voth, [richard@first-covenant.org](mailto:richard@first-covenant.org) or

Judy Kline, [judy@first-covenant.org](mailto:judy@first-covenant.org) and

Jan Thoes, [jan@first-covenant.org](mailto:jan@first-covenant.org)., coordinators of the June 11 Potluck.