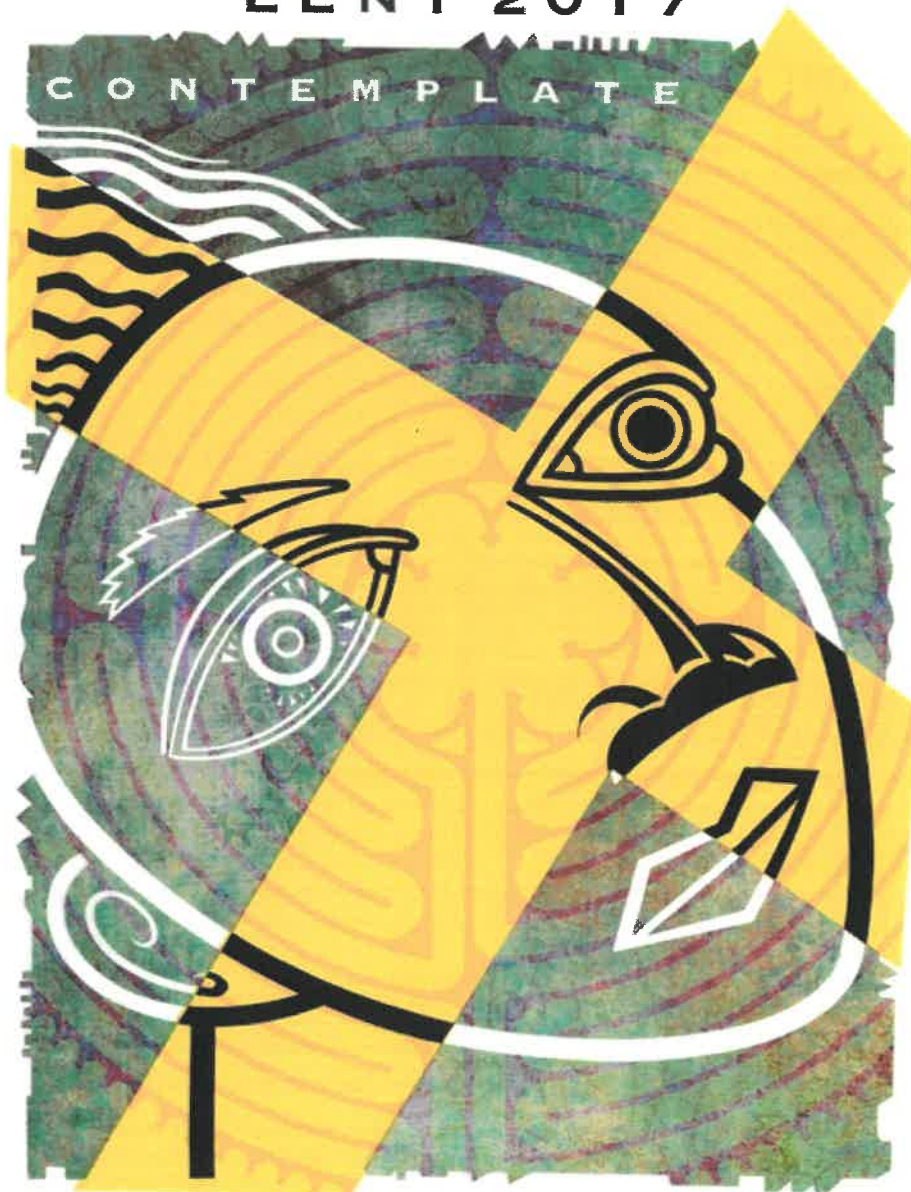


# LENT 2017

CONTEMPLATE



**“COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED,  
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.” MATTHEW 11:28**

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2017

9:30 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 113

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 121, Dale Pearson

Matthew 17: 1-9, Carolyn Oliver

Experiencing the Sacred in Every Day Living

Jim Hinrichs

\*Songs

*Trust in You*

*Change My Heart, O God*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

*Let It Rise* (William Murphy)

Gospel Choir

*Children in grades Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to continue worshipping in Children's Church after the Offertory. Please meet the teachers in the back of the Sanctuary.*

Message

TRANSFORM

Joe Mann, Guest Preacher

\*Closing Hymn 680

*Lift High the Cross*

\*Sending Words

Matthew 11:28

Postlude

*Lift High The Cross* (arr. Michael Burkhardt)

*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.*

**Today our guest preacher is Joe Mann.** Joe works at Augsburg College and is graduating in May from Luther Seminary. He attends First Covenant Church with his wife, Paige.

**9:30am**

**Worship**

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

**Children's Church**, children pre-k - 2nd grade are dismissed with leaders during Worship and will return with leaders during the final song of Worship, *Room 104*

**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, and worship notes for Confirmation students.

**10:30am**

**Fellowship Time**, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

**10:40am**

**Youth Group Music Lessons resume today**, *Graffiti Room*

**11:00am**

**Nursery Care** (birth through age 3), *Room 105*

**Children's Sunday School**, *(all start in Room 104 together)*

Please pick up your children at 12:00pm in the following rooms:

**Pre-K - K**, *Room 106*

**Grades 3-4**, *Room 104B*

**Grades 1-2**, *Room 104A*

**Grades 5-6**, *Room 201 (upstairs)*

**Confirmation**, *Game Room*

**Youth Sunday School**, *Graffiti Room*

**Adult Spiritual Growth Hour**, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Join us as Joe Mann continues presenting a Bible study titled, "Selah, a Study in Psalms". Joe will also be highlighting the spiritual practice of prayer beads.

**This weekend, 35 children, youth and adults from FCC** are on a weekend retreat at Adventurous Christians, our Covenant owned rustic camp in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. They will be returning today.

***Covenant World Relief Update: Microloans***

Covenant World Relief (CWR) provides microfinancing to assist people in poverty with start-up financing. A man in India was able to create a business making farm tools from wood with a small loan from CWR which helped him buy the tools and initial materials that he needed. A woman in Colombia purchased a street cart from which to sell food with a loan from CWR. This kind of giving provides the potential for lifelong sustenance for people who otherwise have little or none. ***Give to Covenant World Relief on Easter Sunday.***

For more information: [www.covchurch.org/cwr](http://www.covchurch.org/cwr)

## **WEATHER ADVISORY INFORMATION**

In case Wednesday activities or Sunday Worship needs to be cancelled due to weather, alerts will be posted on the FCC website, the office voicemail, FCC Facebook, TV Channel 4, and TV Channel 9. Cancellations will be made by 3:00pm for Wednesday activities and by 6:00am for Sunday Worship.

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**Stay connected:** Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any worship service. *Oliver!* DVD's can be ordered for \$10 each, with the proceeds going toward the musical. Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab.

**Missing something?** Stop by the Lost & Found table near the Welcome Center to see if anything belongs to you. The table will be set up today and next Sunday. Unclaimed items will be donated.

**Resource Table in Upper Fellowship Hall:** There you will find our Lent 2017 Guidebook, information about Covenant World Relief, as well as other resources for Lent.

**First Covenant and Welcoming the Stranger:** It seems every day our news sources are reporting on issues related to immigration and refugee concerns facing our nation and world. What is our response as Christ followers? as a church? Click on the "Welcoming the Stranger" slide on our website ([www.first-covenant.org](http://www.first-covenant.org)) to read responses from key leaders within our denomination and our partners.

## THIS WEEK

**Talking Circle: Following Christ in Our Sexually Diverse Community**

**Tuesday, March 14, 7:00-8:30pm**

*Upper Fellowship Hall*

The Gender and Sexuality Resource Team (GSRT) invites you to continue the conversation begun during the recent Spiritual Growth series. This is an opportunity for the GSRT to hear feedback about providing resources in going forward. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to let us know if you will be attending/if you need childcare. Questions? Contact D.D. Peterson, 651-776-7117 or [ddpeterson07@comcast.net](mailto:ddpeterson07@comcast.net).

**Summer Preview Night, Wednesday, March 15, 5:45-7:30pm**

Dinner: *Lower Fellowship Hall*, Program Begins: *Upper Fellowship Hall* at 6:15pm

Join us at 5:45pm for dinner, with summer 2017 program information for children and youth beginning at 6:15pm. Get registered for Covenant Pines Bible Camp and learn about other available opportunities this summer! Questions? See Chrissy, Kate or Donovan.

**Infant and Toddler Nursery Adult Leaders Meeting, Saturday, March 18, 2:00-3:30pm**

*Room 104*

If you are a nursery volunteer, plan to join us for a time to get to know Emily, our new nursery coordinator, and one another. We will also do some training and planning. Questions? See Donovan.

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

**College Readiness Wednesday, Wednesday, March 22, 6:15-7:30pm  
(9th-12th graders and parents or caregivers)**

*Graffiti Room*

Ever wondered how to start a college search? What about questions to ask on a college visit? How can you maximize your high school experience for your future education? What makes North Park University such a unique school? Join us for College Readiness Wednesday to learn more about all of these as we meet with a North Park University representative to help you or your high schooler dream about their future. Hosted by the College Readiness Team. Questions? See Kate.

**M.O.V.E. (9th-12th graders), Friday, March 31, 6:30pm - Saturday, April 1 at 5:30pm**

*Meet at and return to First Covenant Church*

*Event is held at Minnehaha Academy, Minneapolis, MN*

M.O.V.E. (Mission Outreach Venture Experience) is a 23 hour service/learning weekend where Senior Highers are inspired to fight injustice and have the opportunity to love their neighbor as themselves in tangible ways throughout the Twin Cities.

Cost: \$25. Sign up deadline: Thursday, March 16. Questions? See Kate.