

# 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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# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**March 19, 2017**

**9:30 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 295

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Dave Cairns, Covenant Pines Ministries

Scripture Reading

Psalm 95:1-7, Elijah Lokensgard-Wallace

Matthew 13:24-43, Carolyn Oliver

Experiencing the Sacred in Every Day Living

Chris Penwell

\*Songs

*You Never Let Go*

*Above All*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

*Come, Let Us Sing (A. Pote) accompanied by the Brass Quartet*

*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

**GROW**

Pastor Anne Vining

\*Closing Hymn 224

*Beneath The Cross of Jesus*

\*Sending Words

Matthew 11:28

Postlude

*My Song of Love Unknown (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.*

**We are excited to have Dave Cairns** sharing and worshipping with us this morning. Dave is the Executor Director of Covenant Pines Ministries, which includes Covenant Pines Bible Camp and the Silver Beach Ministry in McGregor, MN, Adventurous Christians Ministry in Grand Marais, MN and the Day Camp Ministry. Dave has a long and rich connection with Covenant Pines Bible Camp, and was hired as Executive Director in the Spring of 2015.

**Thank you to the Brass Quartet** for accompanying the choir this morning: Bryan Norris, Trumpet 1; Valerie Quarles, Trumpet 2; Ted Ryden, Trombone 1; Erik Carlson, Baritone.

**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.

**10:30am**

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

**10:40am**

**Youth Group Music Lessons**, *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*

This is the final session of Joe's "Selah, a Study in Psalms". In the last few minutes, Paige will be highlighting the spiritual practices of walking the Stations of the Cross and the Labyrinth.

**Covenant World Relief: Kenya Women's Agricultural Development**

Think about: a group of strong, capable but marginalized women in Western Kenya, with the help of economic support, training and agricultural resources from Covenant World Relief, are building capacity to produce products through farming and create potential to survive poverty. They will in turn train others and build the capacity of other families and communities. For more information: [www.covchurch.org/cwr](http://www.covchurch.org/cwr)

**Remember to give to Covenant World Relief on Easter Sunday.**

**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26 IS TEAM WORLD VISION SUNDAY!** Bradley Hofbauer, of Team World Vision will be with us in Worship, inviting us to participate in providing clean water to children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Immediately following Worship, there will be a brief meeting in the sanctuary for all those interested in forming a First Covenant Church running team for Team World Vision this year.

## 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 has been up for two weeks and will be taken down this week. 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.

**Adopt-A-Cop:** Easter is coming soon, so for those who are praying for St. Paul Eastside police officers, please have an Easter card or greeting in the Adopt-A-Cop mailbox in the church office by March 26, so the greeting can be delivered on time. This is a great opportunity to encourage your officer with the message of hope. There are two police officers who are in need of a prayer partner to send a note of encouragement each quarter and commit to pray. Any questions, please contact Jan Mollet, Adopt-A-Cop Coordinator, 651-329-1221, [rjmollet@gmail.com](mailto:rjmollet@gmail.com).

## THIS WEEK

**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 questions 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. 7th-8th Graders and their parents or caregivers are welcome to attend, also. There will be Youth Group for those who do not attend the meeting. Questions? See Kate.

**Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, March 23, 6:00pm, Sanctuary**

**Invitation from Steve Pittman, Director:**

\*Do you love to sing or play an instrument?

\*Do you find yourself singing and praising God without even realizing it?

\*Does it bring you joy to share those expressions with others in the congregation?

All are welcome for Gospel Choir practice!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sankofa Trip Reminder: Registration deadline is next Sunday, March 26!**

Our intergenerational Sankofa trip is August 11-15, 2017. Make sure your registration forms are in for this intentional, immersive road trip of reconciliation this summer. Registration forms and brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Please return the forms, along with your \$75 deposit to the Sankofa Trip mailbox in the main office. Questions? Contact Susan Carlson, [susancarlson@northcountryautobody.com](mailto:susancarlson@northcountryautobody.com).

### **"Liturgy of the Ordinary Book Discussion, Tuesday, March 28, 6:30pm**

*Joel and Kate Peck's Home, 2706 Riviera Drive S, White Bear Lake, MN*

Led by: Kate Peck

Join us as we accept author Tish Harrison Warren's invitation to connect the sacred with the ordinary activities of our lives in her book, "Liturgy of the Ordinary". Please sign up at the Resource Table if you are planning to attend.

### **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.

### **Wednesday Evenings at First Covenant Church, April 5 and 12**

Due to Saint Paul Public School's Spring Break, and Holy Week, we will have no regular Wednesday night programs on April 5 or 12. There will be no After School Program, dinner, children or youth programs or Adult Bible Study on these two nights.

Exception: there WILL BE music rehearsals as usual: handbells, choir and Easter Choir.