

The CHURCH of the COVENANT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018, 10:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**All who are able are invited to stand.*



THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO, Carillonneur

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

ZSOLT GÁRDONYI

ABRAHAM ROSS, Music Intern

WELCOME

KEVIN J. LOWRY, Chaplin to Students

STATEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY

40 DAYS OF GIVING

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God comes into a world filled with uncertainty and darkness.

ALL: God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

God embraces the wounded and broken.

God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

God is the one who makes all things new.

Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

* HYMN 507

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

* CALL TO CONFESSION

LYN TOMASZEWSKI, Lay Worship Leader

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess it is hard to be your people. We ask your forgiveness for promises not kept, good intentions not fulfilled, words not spoken, songs not sung, and good deeds left undone. We are truly sorry. Help us move from intention to action. Send us out into your world to be your people. Forgive us as we silently confess our sins.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*Please be seated.*)

KYRIE

Jazz Missa Brevis

WILL TODD

The Covenant Choir and Jazz Trio

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. *Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends hear the Good News! Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls. The demons of arrogance, indifference, and apathy are being cast out. New life is offered to you in Jesus Christ. Friends believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
or Maker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

PSALM 147:1-11

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINDY STEWART, Director of Family Ministries

Children in kindergarten-7th grade are invited to a worship space just for them. Child-friendly bulletins and creative worship materials are provided. While all children are more than welcome to remain in the service, we have a nursery for infants and preschoolers, as well as a quiet room off the main sanctuary entrance. Ask an usher for directions.

SECOND LESSON

MARK 1:29-39

ONE: This is the word of the Lord
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Interrupted

THE REV AMY STARR REDWINE, Pastor

* PROFESSION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and earth, praying “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Need Thee Every Hour

ROBERT LOWRY
Jonathan Moyer, piano

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Presbyterian Church (USA) observes open communion. All who confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Sovereign and Savior, as well as their children, are invited to partake. Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper by intinction.

INVITATION

AMY STARR REDWINE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE REV MELANIE MARSH BAUM, Associate Pastor

One: The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts,
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give both thanks and praise....

SANCTUS (spoken): Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and God of might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

MCNEIL ROBINSON

All are invited to sing.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

Ushers will release pews from back to front. All who are able are welcome to come forward to receive communion and return by way of the chapels on either side of the sanctuary. Servers will bring the elements to those who are unable to come forward. The wine of communion is unfermented grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup.

AGNUS DEI

Jazz Missa Brevis

WILL TODD

The Covenant Choir and Jazz Trio

*Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of world, have mercy upon us.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

MELANIE MARSH BAUM,

* HYMN 419

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Entrée from Petite Suite in Blue

JOHANNES MATTHIAS MICHEL

Abraham Ross, organ

*Please be mindful of those who remain seated to listen. Thank you!
A Stephen minister will be in Christ Chapel after worship to talk or pray.*

CARILLON POSTLUDE

Peter, Go Ring-a Them Bells

SPIRITUAL, ARR. C.G.B. GARRETT

George Leggiero, Carillonneur

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

MUSIC REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 8:00
STEPHEN MINISTERS, Herrick Room, 9:00
CRÈCHE NURSERY, Education Wing, 9:30
WORSHIP, Sanctuary, 10:00
YOUTH CHOIR/SUNDAY SCHOOL, Ed. Wing, 10:15

CSM COMMUNITY MEAL, Connection Cntr. 11:15
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP, Reception Room, 11:00
HEALING CIRCLE, Sonia Golden Room, 12:30
QUEER SPIRIT, Connection Center 3:00
CONFIRMATION CLASS, Off-site, 4:00

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

Join us for our monthly Community Meal in the Connection Center after worship for a time of food, fellowship and community. To learn more about Covenant Student Ministries contact our Chaplain Kevin: KLowry@CovenantWeb.org, 216.421.0482, ext. 236; CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

☞ **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:** **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Deacons Meeting, Office, 6 pm; **Wednesday:** Women's Bible Study, Library, 10 am; Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Classrooms to Corporations, Sonia Golden Room, 6 pm; Enneagram Group 2.0, Off-site, 6:30 pm; **Thursday:** Connection Center and Student Food Pantry open, 12-5 pm; Theology on Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30 pm; Connect (college student meal and fellowship), Connection Center/Living Room, 5:30 pm; Handbells, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; Choir, Choir Room, 7:30 pm; **Friday:** CEIRS Board Meeting, Library, 8:30 am; Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Restore Yoga, Creche, 4 pm; **Saturday:** Saturday Tutoring Orientation, Lower Level, 10 am.

☞ **OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER** is Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski, who found Covenant while studying nursing at CWRU. She so appreciates the Covenant community and all of the people she's met here. Lyn lives with her husband, Jim Tomaszewski, in Cleveland's North Collinwood neighborhood, and has recently retired as Covenant's Communications Manager.

☞ **USHERS TODAY** are John Bromelmeier, Tracy Blake, Russ Hack, Martha Goble and Suchi Nelson. Greeting are Dan & Karin Garland. Serving communion are Mike and Marjie Heines, and Ann Williams.

☞ **MUSIC NOTES:** As part of our jazz service this week, we welcome Kathleen Horvath, bass, and Matthew Hadaway, drums, who, along with the Covenant choir, present the *Kyrie* and *Agnus Dei* movements from Will Todd's *Jazz Missa Brevis*. Will Todd (b.1970) is a British composer and pianist. Two jazz settings for organ round out our service: *Be Thou My Vision* by the Hungarian/German composer Zsolt Gárdonyi (b.1946) and *Entrée* from *Peite Suite in Blue* by the German conductor and organist Johannes Matthias Michel (b.1962).

☞ **WE PRAY FOR** Judy Bourne, Andrew Bullen (Melanie Marsh Baum's cousin), Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Anne Wombwell deConingh, Marlene Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's mother), Eliseo Hairston (Shirley Thompson's grandson deployed to the Pacific), Greg Madison, Mollie Hoar (family friend of Gene and Diane Papp), Elizabeth Mierke, Ward Porch, Sue Salvator, Tom Skroust (Stephanie Pennza's father), Liam Stewart and Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), Connie Brand, and Louise Wolfcale. We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or are homebound; the patients, family, and staff in our surrounding hospitals; and those who have placed prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

☞ **40 DAYS OF GIVING YOUTH FUNDRAISER** Support the Summer Youth Mission Opportunities by choosing an envelope, donating money, engaging in the Lent activity, and receiving our thanks. Find out more in the reception room.

☞ **ENNEAGRAM GROUP 2.0** The enneagram is an ancient tool for personal and spiritual growth that has developed into an accessible personality typing system. Learning about the system and the different types offers a pathway to greater self-awareness and deeper compassion for others. A new enneagram group has recently formed and is still open to any interested parties. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm at a member's home. Please contact Amy Starr Redwine to learn more.

☞ **SESSION UPDATE** At the January 22 meeting of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, Ruling Elder commissioner and active session member Jim Tomaszewski helped present a motion from the Church of the Covenant, Fairmount, and Old Stone for the Presbytery to pass a resolution objecting to Ohio House Bill 233 that would allow licensed gun owners to carry concealed weapons into prohibited spaces, including schools and churches, without criminal penalty if they leave upon discovery and do not return, weakening protections previously offered by law. In part thanks to Jim's testimony, the Presbytery passed the resolution.

☞ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY TUTORING PROGRAM**

Our Saturday Tutoring Program will begin February 10th with a new tutor orientation. Join as a volunteer tutor, or as a Covenant Ambassador to greet, answer questions, and offer general assistance. Tutoring takes place Saturday mornings from 10 am-12 pm in the Education Wing of the church. For more information contact Mary Anne Bromelmeier.



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