

The CHURCH of the COVENANT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018, 10:00 AM

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

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



THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO, Carillonneur

PRELUDE

Tierce en taille from Suite du deuxième ton

JEAN-ADAM GUILAIN

ABRAHAM ROSS, Music Department Intern

WELCOME

THE REV. AMY STARR REDWINE, Pastor

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

How Blest Are You

TAIZÉ CHANT

The Covenant Choir

How blest are you who are poor; the kingdom of God is yours.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

KEVIN LOWRY, Campus Chaplain

ONE: Blessed are we

ALL: when our treasures cannot be quantified.

Blessed are we

when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

Blessed are we

when our pain is held in the balm of love.

Blessed are we

when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

* HYMN 158

The One Is Blest

DUNFERMLINE

* CALL TO CONFESSION

MATTHEW GARRETT, Lay Worship Leader

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have paved the path of righteousness for us. Help us to remember that the blessings promised to us by Jesus are expectations for our daily lives, as disciples of Christ. Strengthen our resolve to stay on the path that leads to life eternal. Instill in us the ability to share kindness through our thoughts, our words and our deeds, even when we are tempted to do otherwise. It is with humble hearts, Lord, that we share our shortcomings with you in silent prayers of confession.

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! As we seek to better understand how to come to God through prayer, the Holy Spirit answers our calls for the forgiveness of our sins and enables us to live each day as disciples of Christ's love. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All Voices: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE

APPALACHIAN FOLK MELODY



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

PSALMS 1

ANTHEM

The Children of God

NATHAN SMITH
The Children's Choir

Once upon a mountain-side people gathered to hear the Savior. They left their homes and friends behind, and rested from their labors. They won't forget the things they learned, for their hearts were changed that day. There upon the mountain-side they heard Jesus say:

Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy, Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. And blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God.

When I lend a helping hand to a sister or a brother, when I take time to listen well, and understand another, when I reflect the Savior's love to each one who crossed my way, when I forgive the debts I'm owed I hear Jesus say: Blessed are the merciful...

SECOND LESSON

MATTHEW 5:1-12

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The World Turned Upside-Down

AMY STARR REDWINE

* HYMN 407

When a Poor One

EL CAMINO

Stanzas 1 and 2

JOYS AND CONCERNS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

REV. MELANIE MARSH BAUM, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

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.



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Beatitudes

TAIZÉ CHANT
The Covenant Choir

Beati in domo Domini. Blessed are they who dwell in God's house.

Blest the poor in Spirit, the Kingdom of heaven is theirs. Blest are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blest are the lowly, for they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness, for they shall have their fill. Blest are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blest are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blest are those persecuted for holiness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

* RESPONSE

TAIZÉ CHANT

How blest are you who are poor; the Kingdom of God is yours.

How blest are you who are poor; the Kingdom of God is yours.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 418

God, Bless Your Church with Strength

ICH HALTE TREULICH STILL

Stanzas 1 and 3

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Wayfaring Stranger

SACRED HARP

I am a poor, wayfaring stranger, while journeying through this world of woe,
Yet there's no sickness, toil nor danger, in that bright land to which I go,
I'm going there to see my Father, I'm going there no more to roam;
I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.

CARILLON POSTLUDE

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

MUSIC REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 8:00

NURSERY, Education Wing, 9:30

WORSHIP, Sanctuary, 10:00

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP, Reception Room, 11:00

STUDENT GATHERING, Main Entrance 11:00

ADULT FORUM, Worship at North Church, 11:00

SCIENCE OF SPIRITUALITY, Sonia Golden Room, 12:30

QUEER SPIRIT, Connection Center, 3:00

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Church of the Covenant welcomes undergraduate, graduate and professional students as well as staff and faculty of our local colleges and universities. We invite you to join us in the main entrance for a time of fellowship after the service. To learn more about Covenant Student Ministries contact our Chaplain, Kevin Lowry: KLowry@CovenantWeb.org, 216.421.0482, ext. 236; CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Each month Covenant Student Ministries hosts a meal for students, faculty and staff of our local colleges and universities to get to know members of the Covenant community. **Our next Community Meal will be on Sunday, March 4th** following the service. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Kevin Lowry.

☞ **USHERS TODAY** are Martha Goble, Dan Carroll, John Bromelmeier and Jim Greene. Greeters are Beth Holbein & Helen Kunsman.

☞ **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:** **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Classrooms to Corporations, Sonia Golden Room, 6 pm; Trustees Meeting, Office, 6:30 pm; **Wednesday:** Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, Beckwith Hall, 12-2 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Classrooms to Corporations, Sonia Golden Room, 6 pm; Ministry of Service, Office, 6 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), Living Room, 5:30 pm; Handbells, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; Choir, Choir Room, 7:30 pm; **Friday:** Lower Level Meeting; Library: 10 am; Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Restore Yoga, Nursery, 4 pm; **Saturday:** Guitar Society Ensembles, Choir Room, 9:30 am; Saturday Tutoring, Lower Level, 10 am; Meditation Group, Herrick Room, 4 pm

☞ **OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER** is Dr. Matthew Garrett, who has been making music with the Covenant Choirs for over eight years and became a member of the church in 2011. Originally from South Carolina, he moved to Cleveland with his partner, Dr. Michael Peters, and joined the faculty at Case Western Reserve University in 2009. Matthew is director of choirs, teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in music education, coordinates the undergraduate degree programs in the Department of Music and is the newly-appointed director of the University Center for Innovation in Teaching and Education. He serves the church as a Deacon and as Associate Director of Music.

☞ **MUSIC NOTES:** We welcome the children's choir to our service for the first Sunday in Lent. Our music echoes the theme of the Beatitudes, presented in multiple settings throughout the service. Alternate liturgical responses for the season of Lent replace the customary *Gloria Patri* and *Doxology*. In the spirit of reflection, our service concludes with a choral postlude – an early American hymn, *Wayfaring Stranger*, reminding us of how the Lenten journey towards Holy Week reflects our own spiritual journey through life.

☞ **ADULT FORUM TODAY** We will join our neighbors at North Presbyterian Church for worship and a meal. The North congregation worships at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries building, located at 4515 Superior Avenue, Cleveland OH, 44113. Parking is directly across Superior Ave. in the parking lot marked Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries. Worship begins at 11am. Children are welcome to join. Please let Sunday School teachers know if you want your child to leave Sunday School early to accompany you to North Church.

☞ **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, Liam Stewart and Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), Connie Brand, and Louise Wolfscale. 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.

☞ **OUT OF THE OFFICE** Amy Starr Redwine will be out of the office on vacation from Monday, February 19 through Wednesday, February 21.

☞ **LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** are available in the church office: Richard Rohr's *Wondrous Encounters* and a family-friendly devotional, "Lenten Prayers for Hungry People," prepared by Bread for the World.

☞ **FOOD COLLECTION:** Next week during worship, we will collect food and financial donations for the Covenant Food Pantry which is in need of tuna fish, fruit cups, canned chili, beef stew, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, pudding snacks and canned vegetables.

☞ **SUNDAY ARTIST CONCERT SERIES:** Renowned concert organist Dr. Craig Cramer from the University of Notre Dame in Southbend, IN, will play a free concert on the Newberry organ on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 4pm.

☞ **NEW MEMBER CLASS SUNDAY, MARCH 4** If you are interested in learning more about making the Church of the Covenant your family of faith, join us on Sunday, March 4. We will get food at the community meal and then gather in the Sonia Golden Room at 11:30 am. Meet members of the staff; learn more about our mission, vision, programs, and governance; and get to know others who are considering joining the church. Questions? Ask Amy (asredwine@covenantweb.org) or Melanie (mbaum@covenantweb.org).

