

# The CHURCH of the COVENANT

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018, 10:00 AM

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

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



THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

VAN PARKER, Carillonneur

PRELUDE

*Communion, Op. 71, No. 6*

ARTHUR FOOTE

ABRAHAM ROSS, Music Department Intern

WELCOME

REV. AMY STARR REDWINE, Pastor

\* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

BALENHAFREN

The Covenant Choir

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need.

Who upon the cross forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,

We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,

Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Jesus taught us, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

ALL: **May God grant us the vision, strength, and courage to proclaim  
God's message of peace.**

Jesus taught us, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake."

**May God grant us the vision, strength, and courage to build God's Kingdom in this  
place and at this time.**

\* HYMN 427

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

BALENHAFREN

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

MARY ANNE BROMELMEIER, Lay Worship Leader

\* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess that we close the doors of our mind, shutting out your truth. We lock the gates of our hearts, pretending to be self-sufficient. Help us to sense your presence and to taste your grace, that we may fling wide the portals of our hearts, making them temples set apart from selfish use for your service.**

\* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: God does not deal with us according to our sins, for with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is plenteous redemption.:

**All Voices: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\* RESPONSE

APPALACHIAN FOLK MELODY



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

ROMANS 12: 9-21

ANTHEM

*Justorum animae*

WILLIAM BYRD  
The Covenant Choir

*Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.  
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace.*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them.  
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; but they are in peace.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINDY STEWART, Director of Family Ministries

*While all children are more than welcome to remain in the service, we have a nursery for infants through pre-kindergarten children. Ask an usher for directions.*

PARTING RESPONSE

HYMN 535 ~ TALLIS' CANON

*All are invited to sing as the children kindergarten through 7th grade depart for Sunday School.  
Families may pick up their children at 11:45 am in the education wing.*

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

SECOND LESSON

MATTHEW 10: 7-10 & 16-20

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Children of God*

KEVIN LOWRY, Campus Chaplain

\* HYMN 405

*What Does the Lord Require*

SHARPTHORNE

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

*In Meeting We Are Blessed*TROY ROBERTSON  
The Covenant Choir

We are met together and in meeting we are blessed. Peace in coming and in going, peace in labor and in rest. Hold on, dear brother, hold on dear sister, hold on! Hold on to me.

You're not alone and you never more will be. I will be with you and I will carry you with me.

Friendship endures and surely we will prove it's not ourselves, but our bodies that move.

~Text by R. Gatsnahos after John Donne

## \* RESPONSE

TAIZÉ

**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 295

*O God of Love, O God of Peace*

DU MEINER SEELEN

## \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## CHORAL POSTLUDE

*Wayfaring Stranger*

SACRED HARP

## CARILLON POSTLUDE

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

MUSIC REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 8:00

NURSERY, Education Wing, 9:30

WORSHIP, Sanctuary, 10:00

YOUTH CHOIR &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL, Yost, 10:15

COFFEE &amp; FELLOWSHIP, Reception Room, 11:00

ADULT FORUM, Beckwith Hall, 11:30

STUDENT GATHERING, Narthex, 11:00

SCIENCE OF SPIRITUALITY, Sonia Golden Room, 12:30

CLEVELAND GUITAR, Living Room, 1:15

**UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

We welcome students to join us in main entrance of the church for snacks and fellowship with the Covenant community. To learn more about Covenant Student Ministries contact our Chaplain Kevin:

KLowry@CovenantWeb.org, 216.421.0482, ext. 236; CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

☞ **USHERS TODAY ARE** Martha Goble, Suchi Nelson, Paul Williams, Keith Kallay and Ann Williams. Greeters are Beth Holbein and Helen Kunsman.

☞ **OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER** is Mary Anne Bromelmeier. Mary Anne is a lifelong Covenant participant as her parents met here as college students. She has served as a deacon and elder. Currently she is focused on the Saturday Tutoring Program, Student Ministries and other programs supported by our Ministry of Service. Mary Anne and her husband, Fritz Haiss, are parents to three young adult children: Max, Therese and Julia.

☞ **THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN** are given to the glory of God, in memory of Ruth Slade Horstman, for her 100th birthday, March 21st by her daughter Deni Horstman.

✠ **MUSIC NOTES:** Sunday's service will include music by two American composers. The prelude offering will comprise a short piece titled *Communion* by American romantic Arthur Foote. An influential figure for American organists, Foote served in First Church, Boston for 32 years during which time he helped to found the New England AGO chapter. The music at the offertory reflects the lively, collaborative spirit of American music today. Troy Robertson wrote *In Meeting We Are Blessed* for the meeting of the Nairobi Chamber Chorus and the Festival Singers of Florida and was first premiered in Nairobi with Robertson singing in the chorus. He provides a lively and jubilant setting of an adaptation of a text by English poet John Donne, which celebrates the blessing represented by God's children joining together in worship. As the anthem, the choir will sing *Iustorum animae* of William Byrd, a contemporary of Donne.

✠ **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:** **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; ; Trustee Meeting, Library, 6:30 pm; Ministry of Faith Formation, Office, 8 pm; **Wednesday:** Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, Beckwith Hall, 12 pm; ; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Ministry of Service, Library, 6 pm; Session, Office, 7 pm; **Thursday:** Connection Center and Student Food Pantry open, 12-5 pm; Theology on Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30pm; Connect, Living Room, 5:30 am; 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:** March for Our Lives, 9:30 am, parking lot (to go downtown for the 11:00 rally); Guitar Society Ensembles, Choir Room, 9:30 am; Saturday Tutoring, Lower Level, 10 am; Sigma Iota String Composition, Choir Room, 12:45 pm.

✠ **ADULT EDUCATION TODAY** We welcome our mission partners from Transplant House of Cleveland. They will tell us about their work, and share stories of experiences of Transplant House residents and their families. Join the conversation in Beckwith Hall at 11:30. Next week, join us for brunch at Transplant House!

✠ **WE PRAY FOR** Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Connie Brand, Rachel Clevenger, Marlene Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's mother), Mollie Hoar (family friend of Gene and Diane Papp), Chick Holtkamp, Dee Hough, Shaun Kuter, Elizabeth Mierke, Ward Porch, Sue Salvator, Liam Stewart and Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), Louise Wolfcale, and Gabriel (Jenny Conner's grand-nephew). Greg Madison continues to recover from a traumatic brain injury. His family covets your prayers and welcomes your visits at St. Augustine Manor 7801 Detroit Road, Cleveland, OH 44102. Please call the facility's front desk ahead of your visit to receive the room number and notify the family of your arrival. 216.939.7600. We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, who or are homebound; the patients, family, and staff in our surrounding hospitals; and those who have placed prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

✠ **CONGRATULATIONS** to proud grandparents Mike and Marjie Heines and parents Kristin (Heines) and Dan Jennings, as they celebrate the birth of a new baby girl, Jade Marjorie Jennings, who was born Tuesday March 13th around 8:00 pm at Hillcrest Hospital – same place her mother was born.

✠ **FOOD COLLECTION:** Next week during worship, we will collect food and financial donations for the Covenant Food Pantry which is in need of canned vegetables(corn, beans, peas, carrots, etc.), pudding cups, fruit cups, canned chili, canned beef stew, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cereal(individual size), spaghettios, spam or canned meat, soup and tuna fish.

✠ **EASTER BREAKFAST** Our Annual Easter Breakfast will take place in the Living Room on Easter Sunday, April 1st from 8:30-9:30am. Ministry of Service is working in partnership with Covenant Student Ministries to serve a pot-luck style community meal. Community members are invited to bring cooked breakfast items to share for the meal. Continental breakfast items including pastries, fruit, and hard-boiled eggs will be provided. Contact Kevin Lowry or Melanie Marsh Baum for details.

✠ **MAUNDY THURSDAY** The Church of the Covenant will hold a special Maundy Thursday communion service in remembrance of the Last Supper on March 29th at 7:30 PM. The service is a solemn presentation of the events leading up to the crucifixion on Good Friday. Please plan on attending with family and friends as we reflect on the love, service, and sacrifice of Christ in preparation for receiving the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.



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