

The CHURCH of the COVENANT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018, 10:00 AM

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT



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

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO, Carillonneur

PRELUDE

Rhapsody No. 1, Op. 17

HERBERT HOWELLS

JONATHAN MOYER, Organist & Director of Music

WELCOME

KEVIN LOWRY, Campus Chaplain

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

As Deer Long for the Streams

ROCKINGHAM

The Covenant Choir

As deer long for the streams, O Lord, so my soul also seeks your face;
When will my soul, athirst for God, appear before the God of grace?
I pour my soul out when I think how to God's house I led the throng,
All those who keep the holy days with voice of prayer and thankful song.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

KEVIN LOWRY

ONE: How shall we worship our God? We have heard what the Lord requires of us.

ALL: Leave empty talk and pride behind, and step out in faith, even into troubled waters.

Jesus will guide our steps along the way,

teaching us to walk humbly, to love boldly, to serve God with body, soul, mind, and strength.

May God grant us the humility and courage to persist on the journey of discipleship
and to follow where the Spirit leads.

* HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

* CALL TO CONFESSION

ORENE ANTHONY, Lay Worship Leader

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, We breathe the breath of life inhaled by Adam and Eve. Through our bodies flows the water that baptized Jesus, bathed Cleopatra, nourished Ishmael and lapped the shores of continents creating nations and empires. Yet, we are unable or unwilling to see the "tie that binds" us to each other, to Creation and to You. Our sins have dis-membered us, Lord. We are hurting...we who hurt and WE WHO HURT. May we again see and honor the Awe in All! Lord, re-member and forgive us as we silently confess our sins.

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just, forgiving and transforming our lives.
Friends, hear the good news:

All Voices: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE

APPALACHIAN FOLK MELODY



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

MICAH 6:1-8

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINDY STEWART, Director of Family Ministries

Children are welcome to remain in worship to join us in celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. They may sit with their families or come to a special seating area just for them adjacent to Christ Chapel. We have a nursery for infants through pre-kindergarten children. Ask an usher for directions.

SECOND LESSON

LUKE 18:1-8

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Don't Tell Your Story Too Soon

REV. AMY STARR REDWINE, Pastor

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place, into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully, and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Like as the Hart

HERBERT HOWELLS
The Covenant Choir

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is a thirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, "Where is now thy God?" ~*Psalms 42:1-3*

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 the communion elements will be passed to worshipers, who remain in their seats.

INVITATION

REV. MELANIE MARSH BAUM, Associate Pastor

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

JOHN WEAVER

The Covenant Choir

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and 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. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AMY STARR REDWINE

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD

Please eat the bread when you receive it. Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup on each plate.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

TAIZÉ

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Lord, hear my prayer" by Taizé. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O".

DISTRIBUTION OF THE CUP

Please hold the cup so that we may drink together as a sign of our unity in Christ. To fulfill our calling to minister to one another, as you pass the tray of cups to the person beside you, please say, "May the Spirit of God be with you." As you are served, please respond, "And with you also." The wine of communion is unfermented grape juice.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

JOHN L. BELL

All are invited to sing in canon at the asterisk.



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 434

Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Wayfaring Stranger

SACRED HARP

I want to wear a crown of glory, When I get home to that good land;
I want to shout Salvation's story, In concert with the blood-washed band.
I'm going there to meet my Savior, To sing His praise forevermore;
I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.

CARILLON POSTLUDE

Preludio No. 5

MATTHIAS VAN DEN GHEYN

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

MUSIC REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 8:00

NURSERY, Education Wing, 9:30

CSM COMMUNITY MEAL, Kitchen, 11:00

YOUTH CHOIR & SUNDAY SCHOOL, Yost, 11:15

HEALING CIRCLE, Sonia Golden Room, 12:30

CONFIRMATION CLASS, Living Room, 4:00

STEPHEN MINISTERS, Herrick Room 9:00

WORSHIP, Sanctuary, 10:00

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP, Reception Room, 11:00

NEW MEMBERS CLASS, Sonia Golden Room, 11:30

QUEER SPIRIT, Connection Center, 3:00

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL GROUP, Off Site, 7:00

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Join us in the Connection Center (lower level of the education wing) immediately following the service for a community meal sponsored by Covenant Student Ministries, which serves undergraduate, graduate and professional students as well as staff and faculty of our local colleges and universities. Meet in the main front entrance of the sanctuary if you need directions. To learn more about Covenant Student Ministries contact our Chaplain, Kevin Lowry: KLowry@CovenantWeb.org, 216.421.0482, ext. 236; CovenantStudentMinistries.org.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS, SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

☞ **USHERS TODAY ARE** John Bromelmeier, Tracy Blake, and Martha Goble. Greeter is Liz Shriver. Communion Servers are Nancy Acree, Stephanie Johnson, Jim & Nancy Smekal, Lou & Ann Stark, Minday Stewart, and Ann Williams.

☞ **OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER** is Orene Anthony. Orene has enjoyed serving as a deacon, lay worship leader and on the Adult Education committee. She cherishes the fellowship of the church ladies marketeers, aka tryksters, and trunk or treaters among other aliases. She also loves being a member of the grand pages, a FaceTime book club co-founded by her younger G-Kids, Sophie & Isaac, and has had a blast cheering at her oldest G-Kid, Mikaela's, swim meets, including the 2018 OHHS division II state championships.

☞ **MUSIC NOTES:** Continuing the theme of longing as reflected in the Beatitudes, the choir presents two settings of Psalm 42. The first is a simple hymn setting of the text for the introit, and the second is the iconic setting by the twentieth century English composer Herbert Howells, *Like as the Hart* ("hart" being an early English form of the word "deer"). James Gerber describes Howell's compositions as "music that engages our human emotions, our questions, our doubts and allows us to experience the feelings of ambiguity, longing distress, and anguish that convey the meaning of the text." Our service begins with the first of Howell's three Rhapsodies, dedicated to his friend and colleague Harold Darke.

☞ **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:** **Monday:** Nominating Committee, off-site, 6 pm; **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Deacons Meeting, Library, 6 pm; **Wednesday:** Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; CRWU Recital Class, Sanctuary, 2:30 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; **Thursday:** Connection Center and Student Food Pantry open, 12-5 pm; Theology on Tap, The Bottle House on Lee Rd, 5pm; 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.

☞ **NEW MEMBER CLASS TODAY** If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of the Church of the Covenant family of faith, join us today. We will get food at the community meal in the Connection Center 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. Ask an usher or staff member for more information or directions to the Connection Center.

☞ **TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE** At the Ministry of Service meeting on February 21st, the members felt that in the wake of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida that thoughts and prayers were insufficient and that we should be called to action. Please come to the Library after worship and write letters to Senators Rob Portman and Sherrod Brown expressing your thoughts concerning actions that you feel Congress should take to reduce gun violence in this country. Sample letters will be available.

☞ **ADULT EDUCATION DURING LENT** There is no adult forum today, but join us next Sunday, March 11, when we welcome our mission partners from Transplant House who will share with us the experiences of families and community members who spend time at their residence while awaiting operations at local hospitals. On Sunday, March 18th, we will 'Go Out' to Transplant House to spend time in fellowship with our neighbors there.

✞ **WE PRAY FOR** Judy Bourne, Andrew Bullen (Melanie Marsh Baum's cousin), Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Marlene Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's mother), Greg Madison, Mollie Hoar (family friend of Gene and Diane Papp), Chick Holtkamp, Elizabeth Mierke, Ward Porch, Sue Salvator, Norman Smith and family (family member of Portia Miles Smith), Liam Stewart and Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), Louise Wolfcale, and Gabriel (Jenny Conner's grand-nephew). 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.

✞ **NOTE FROM AISHA NEWTON, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER:** Please stay tuned for the new website which will be coming soon. If you have any pictures, articles, etc., please send them to my email: anewton@covenantweb.org. I would love to highlight them in the enewsletter or on social media. If you're not already, follow us on our social media platforms: Facebook – CovCLE, Twitter – CovenantCLE, Instagram – churchofthecovenant, and Youtube – ChurchOfTheCovenant. Thank you.

✞ **OUT OF THE OFFICE:** Melanie Marsh Baum will be on study leave Friday, March 9th through Wednesday, March 14th attending the Kittye Susan Trent Symposium for Newly Ordained Ministers at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, VA. Aisha Newton will be out of the office Friday, March 9th, and Mindy Stewart will be on vacation March 9th through 17th.

✞ **DOWD COMMONS RENOVATION UPDATE** Our project is proceeding nicely and members of the Dowd Commons Task Force are meeting weekly with the project managers. Rooms have been emptied, some painting has been done, old appliances have been removed from the kitchen, and planning is taking place to enable the installation of new technology in the space to enhance programming. We have been able to hold Saturday Tutoring for the last few weeks, maintaining safety for students and tutors. Our final date for completion is still uncertain, since in any project of this scale there may be delays. In the meantime, we are working to raise the final \$88,000 to cover the cost of this renovation. Our hope is that as many Covenant members as possible can support this project. The possibilities of outreach to the community that will benefit from improved space for the many activities that transpire here are endless. Our architectural and building team continually tells us how beautiful and functional the space is going to be. Thank you for your prayers, your concerns, and, of course, your financial support of this project. The Dowd Commons Task Force members are: Martha Goble, Keith Kallay, Tom Keys, and Chris and Marilyn Langmack.

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