

The CHURCH of the COVENANT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018, 10:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

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



THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO

PRELUDE

Toccata in C, BWV 564

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Abraham Ross, Music Department Intern

Festive Prelude

DAVID EVAN THOMAS

Brass Ensemble and Organ

PROCLAMATION AND WELCOME

REV. AMY STARR REDWINE, Pastor

One: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Hallelujah!

HENRY PURCELL

The Covenant Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP

KEVIN J. LOWRY, Campus Chaplin

One: God's new creation has begun.

All: **The sun has risen!**

We are called to leave behind, in the tomb of Jesus Christ,

all that belongs to the brokenness and incompleteness of the present world.

That, quite simply, is what it means to be Christian:

to follow Jesus Christ into the new world, God's new world,

which Christ has thrown open before us.

* HYMN (*See insert*)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Text: 14th cent. Bohemian, modified by Charles Wesley

* CALL TO CONFESSION

WILL KLEIN

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, We confess to being doubters hiding in the shadow of that cruel cross. Forgive us for not trusting in you. Forgive us because, like the disciples, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe. We cling to our selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive us and call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and joy, reconciliation and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray.

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*in silence*)

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the Good News! God shows divine love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died and rose from the dead for us. Friends, believe the good news!

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

* GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 579

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 118:1-2, 14-24

ANTHEM

Gloria from Mass of the Children

JOHN RUTTER

The Children's and Covenant Choirs

Gloria in excelsis Deo: et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Quoniam Tu solus sanctus, Dominus, Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, Cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. We thank you for your great glory. For you only are holy, only you are Lord Jesus Christ, To the glory of God the Father. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINDY STEWART, Director of Family Ministries

SECOND LESSON

JOHN 20:1-18

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Life Begins in the Dark

AMY STARR REDWINE

* HYMN (*See insert*)

Be Still My Soul

FINLANDIA

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.

CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

THOMAS PAVLECHKO



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Joy Is Come!

ANDREW CARTER
The Covenant Choir

Joy is come! Eastertide! Sing we all far and wide, see the stone rolled aside, Christ our Lord is risen, bursting from his prison. Let the sound, sound, sound, ring around, round, round, and the song now rebound: Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter day! Join the dance, homage pay, Christ the Lord lights our way, from the tomb now breaking, Satan's power shaking. Let the song, song, song, echo long, long, long, shout it loud, sing it strong: Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter morn! With your Lord greet the dawn, He endured crown of thorn and the bitter nailing, faithful and unfailing. Tidings tell, tell, tell, chant it well, well, well, risen Christ in us dwell, o'er the cross prevailing.

Easter joy may we bring, welcome, Lord, heaven's king, winter turns into spring, darkness overtaking, and our spirits waking. Praises flow, flow, flow, voices grow, grow, grow, sounding far "Gloria in excelsis Deo!" (Glory to God in the Highest!)

* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness. O sing ye!
Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 111

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

GELOBT SEI GOTT

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Symphony No. 5, Opus 42
V. Toccata*

CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR

CARILLON POSTLUDE

Easter Sequence

H. DAVID HERMAN
George Leggiero

For some worshipers, the postlude serves as music to accompany their going out into the world; others prefer to remain seated to listen. Please be mindful of these different needs as you depart. Thank you!



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

SUNRISE SERVICE, Front Lawn, 7:45

MUSIC REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 8:00

BREAKFAST, Living Room, 8:30

CRÈCHE NURSERY, Education Wing, 9:30

WORSHIP, Sanctuary, 10:00

EASTER EGG HUNT, Reception Room, 11:00

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP, Reception Room; 11:00

HEALING CIRCLE, Sonia Golden Room, 12:30

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

Join us in the reception room after worship for a time of fellowship.

To learn more: KLowry@CovenantWeb.org, 216.421.0482, ext. 236; CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 2, 2018.

☞ USHERS TODAY are Chris and Marilyn Langmack, Paul Williams, Nick Tomko and John Bromelmeier. Greeting are Dan and Karin Garland.

☞ **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: Monday:** Case Concert Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7:00 pm; **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Deacons Meeting, Library, 6 pm; **Wednesday:** Women's Bible Study, Library, 10:00 am; Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, Beckwith Hall, 12:00 pm; CWRU Recital Class, Sanctuary, 2:30 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30-6:30 pm; Case Concert Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7:00 pm; Personnel Meeting, Library, 7:00 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:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am; Lower Level Meeting, Library, 10 am; Lunchtime Carillon Concert, Tower, 12:15; Tower Tour, 12:45; Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Restore Yoga, Crèche, 4 pm; **Saturday:** Cleveland Guitar Orchestra, Choir Room, 9:30 am, Saturday Tutoring Program, Lower Level, 10 am; Cornell Glee Club, University Chorale & Case Men's Glee Club Concert, Sanctuary, 8 pm.

☞ **OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER** is Will Klein, He has been a member of the Church of the Covenant since 1980 and have served in many leadership roles such as Deacon, Elder and currently as Clerk of Session. Will currently works for Black Box Network Services as a manager and network architect. He and his wife, Susan, enjoy visiting their children, Elliott, who lives and works in Greater Cleveland; Savanna, who lives and works in Virginia, and Matthew, who is a sophomore at the University of Dayton.

☞ **MUSIC NOTES:** We welcome guest musicians: Roy Poper (trumpet), Andrew Dame (trumpet), Lee Allen (trombone), Justin Sims (trombone), and Kelsey Bannon (Timpani). Our heart-felt thanks are extended to all of the Covenant musicians who make our Holy Week services so meaningful.

☞ **SPRINGTIME NOON CONCERTS:** Lunchtime Carillon Concerts resume this coming Friday, April 6 at 12:15pm, with Covenant Carillonneur, George Leggiero. Tuesday Noon Organ Concerts resume on April 24 with guest French organist, Vincent Warnier.

☞ **WE PRAY FOR** Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Connie Brand, Chris Chaves, Rachel Clevenger, Marlene Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's mother), Joe Garrett, Brenda Hall, Chick Holtkamp, Dee Hough, Cindi Johnson, Shaun Kuter, Elizabeth Mierke, Greg Madison, Ward Porch, Sue Salvator, Liam Stewart & Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), Louise Wolfcale, Gabriel (Jenny Conner's grand-nephew) and Ray Tomko & Helen Kaweck (Nick Tomko's grandparents). 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.

☞ **APOSTLES BUILD, THURSDAY, APRIL 5 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 9:00AM-3:00PM** Join us again this year (our fourth!) to help rehab houses through the Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build. Our first two workdays of the year are fast approaching on April 5 and 7. This year we will be working to rehab a house in the West Park neighborhood on the west side of Cleveland. As the first group to work on the house, we plan to get it off to a great start. Please sign up in the church office if you are interested in working on the house or providing a group lunch, for either or both of these days. Talk with Jim Prince for more information.

☞ **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 8 immediately following worship for the for the purpose of electing elders, deacons, trustees, and officers of the society (church).

☞ **APRIL AND MAY ADULT FORUMS:** Beginning on Sunday, April 8, the Ministry of Faith Formation will present a series of adult forums on Faith and the Arts. Members and staff will share how their spiritual journey intersects with their creative endeavors. On Sunday, April 8, member Jenny Conner will share how faith has impacted her work in musical performance and composition. Join us in Beckwith Hall at 11:30 am.



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