

The CHURCH of the COVENANT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018, 10:00 AM

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO

PRELUDE

Choral, Op. 37, No. 4

JOSEPH JONGEN
Jonathan Moyer, organ

WELCOME

THE REV. MELANIE MARSH BAUM, Associate Pastor

STATEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY

SUSAN DAHM

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

NATALIE SLEETH
The Covenant Choir

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

MINDY STEWART, Director of Family Ministries

One: We gather together in the presence of God,

All: **the Lord of heaven and earth:**

the Creator of our world and everything in it;

the One who gave us life and breath,

the One who is never far away from any of us,

the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

Let us worship God together!

* HYMN (*see insert*)

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CAROL ROE, Lay Worship Leader

Most Gracious God, we confess that we are not humble before others and before you. We do not love you with all our heart. We brag about our accomplishments without the proper recognition of your role in our daily lives. We do not consistently follow through with our plans made on Sunday. We are hesitant to identify ourselves as believers in the world outside. Please forgive us for our selfishness and conceit. Help us to act in our everyday lives as ministers of your word.

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*in silence*)

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the Good News! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun. 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 4

ANTHEM

My eyes for beauty pine

HERBERT HOWELLS
The Covenant Choir

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddës grace, no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above: 'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Text: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MELANIE MARSH BAUM

PARTING RESPONSE

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

All are invited to sing as the children and youth depart for Sunday School.

HYMN 535

**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

ACTS 6:1-15

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Out of Bounds

THE REV. AMY STARR REDWINE, Pastor

* HYMN NO. 421

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

JOYS AND CONCERNS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

KEVIN LOWRY, Campus Chaplain

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

Love Is Come Again

FRENCH NOEL ~ ARR. HENRY WHIPPLE

The Covenant Choir

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain, thinking that never he would rise again. Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain, quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)

* 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 (*see insert*)*Arise, Shine Out!*

DUNEDIN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sonata No. 1, Op. 65, IV Allegro assai vivace

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

*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

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

MUSIC REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 8:00

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP, Reception Room; 11:00

CRÈCHE NURSERY, Education Wing, 9:30

STUDENT GATHERING, Narthex; 11:00

WORSHIP, Sanctuary, 10:00

ADULT FORUM, Beckwith Hall, 11:30

YOUTH CHOIR/SUNDAY SCH., Ed Wing, 10:15

SCIENCE OF SPIRITUALITY, Sonia Golden Room, 12:30

QUEER SPIRIT, Connection Center, 3:00

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

Join us in the main entrance after worship for a time of fellowship or connect with us during the week:
KLowry@CovenantWeb.org, 216.421.0482, ext. 236; CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

∞ **APRIL AND MAY ADULT FORUMS:** The Ministry of Faith Formation presents a series of forums on Faith and the Arts. Members and staff will share how their spiritual journeys intersect with their creative endeavors. Today, member Hugh Burtner will lead a discussion on Faith and Poetry. Join us in Beckwith Hall at 11:30 am. Next forum is on Sunday, April 29 with Melanie Marsh Baum on Faith and Movement.

✠ **USHERS TODAY** are Chris & Marilyn Langmack, Clint & Patty Fowler and Oleg Targoni. Greeters are Susan Dahm and Martha Goble.

✠ **OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER** is Carol Roe, registered nurse and attorney, who lived in the neighborhood while attending graduate school at CWRU School of Nursing. She was invited to Covenant by the nursing school dean who was an elder in the church. The church's message of inclusion and social justice led to her join in 1980. She became the Mayor of Cleveland Heights on January 2, 2018.

✠ **MUSIC NOTES:** Our choral music today reflects the evolving natural landscape of winter to spring as a metaphor for the resurrection as penned by two British poets from the early 20th century, J.M.C. Crum (1872-1958) and Robert Bridges (1844-1930). For the introit, the choir introduces a new hymn by American composer Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992), *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*, inspired by T.S. Eliot's poem, "In my end is my beginning." Our closing hymn, *Arise, Shine Out* comes from the Methodist hymnal, penned by English hymn-writer Brian Wren (b.1936). The prelude, *Choral* by Belgian composer Joseph Jongen, is one long majestic crescendo that blossoms into a crowning cadence. The exuberant postlude is the final movement of Felix Mendelssohn's *Organ Sonata No. 1, Op. 65* published in 1845.

✠ **COVENANT CLASSICS:** On Wednesday, April 18th, at 11:15 am Laura DeMarco, *Plain Dealer* reporter, will talk about her new book *Lost Cleveland*. A box lunch will follow. Vegetarian and gluten free options are available. The suggested donation is \$10. Sign up in the church office by April 15th. Guests are welcome.

✠ **SPRINGTIME MUSIC CONCERTS:** Join us for a carillon concert on Friday, April 20 at 12:15 pm, with Covenant Carillonneur, George Leggiero. Tuesday Noon Organ Concerts resume on April 24 with guest French organist, Vincent Warnier.

✠ **CHORAL COLLABORATION CONCERT:** Friday, April 20, 8:00 pm. The Covenant Choir joins the CWRU Concert Choir, the Bach Children's Chorus of Toronto, the Beaumont School Women's Chorale, and the University Circle Symphony Orchestra in presenting John Rutter's Mass of the Children. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online.

✠ **FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY:** We collect food and financial donations for the Covenant Food Pantry which is in need of Spam/canned meat, Spaghettios, chili, canned stew, canned vegetables, corn muffin mix, fruit and pudding cups.

✠ **WE PRAY FOR** Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Connie Brand, Rachel Clevenger, Marlene Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's mother), Brenda Hall, Chick Holtkamp, Dee Hough, Cindi Johnson, Shaun Kuter, Elizabeth Mierke, Greg Madison, Alex Peters, Ward Porch, Sue Salvator, Liam & 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 also pray for Portia Miles Smith as she moves to Maine and Chris Chaves as he moves to Vermont, and wish them Godspeed in this next phase of their life's journeys. 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.

✠ **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:** **Monday:** Collaboration Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 6 pm; **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Collaboration Solo Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 6 pm; Investment Committee, Library, 6 pm; Trustees, Library, 6:30 pm; **Wednesday:** Covenant Classics, Beckwith Hall/Reception Room, 11:15 am; Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Collaboration Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 6 pm; Ministry of Service, Office, 6 pm; Personnel Committee, Library, 7 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; Collaboration Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 6 pm; Handbells, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; **Friday:** Lower Level Meeting, Library, 10 am; Choral Equipment Move, Sanctuary, 11:30 am, Lunchtime Carillon Concert, Church Lawn, 12:15 pm, Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Restore Yoga, Crèche, 4 pm; Collaboration Performance, Sanctuary, 8 pm **Saturday:** Cleveland Guitar Orchestra, Choir Room, 9:30 am, Collaboration Equipment Strike; Sanctuary, 9:30 am, Saturday Tutoring Program, Lower Level, 10 am.

