

The CHURCH of the COVENANT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018, 10:00 AM

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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



THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO

PRELUDE

Impromptu in G-flat Major

FRANZ SCHUBERT
Jonathan Moyer, piano

WELCOME

THE REV. MELANIE MARSH BAUM, Associate Pastor

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Womb of Life and Source of Being

RAQUEL
The Covenant Choir

Womb of life and source of being, home of every restless heart, in your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start. We, your children, gather round you, at the table you prepare. Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

KEVIN LOWRY, Campus Chaplain

One: Oh God You are our Shepherd, and we shall never want,

All: **Restore our Souls, Lead us on the right path**

May your goodness and mercy go before us and behind us

May we dwell in your presence today and forever.

* HYMN (*see insert*)

Womb of Life and Source of Being

RAQUEL

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MATTHEW HABERBUSCH
Lay Worship Leader

Living God, in the beginning, you created life from chaos, you brought hope in many tongues, you spread good news to the ends of the earth. Transform us, your people, as we open our wholes selves to you. As we come together, this morning we know that we come with doubts and fears. We know we come in ignorance. We bring our Egos and false selves. We know we have failed you, your creation and your people, in many ways. Trusting in your unwavering love for each one of us, humbly, we turn again to you. We open our hearts to your mercy and forgiveness as we silently confess or sins..

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*in silence*)

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Here the Good News! No matter what we have done or how we have tried to separate ourselves from God, God forgives us. God shows us mercy. God loves 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

1 JOHN 3:16-24

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

VIRGIL THOMSON
The Covenant Choir

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk thru the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; a word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows; thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come. No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINDY STEWART, Director of Family Ministries

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 4:1-12

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Audacity of Love

MELANIE MARSH BAUM

* HYMN 171

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

JOYS AND CONCERNS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

MINDY STEWART

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

The 23rd Psalm

ALBERT HAY MALOTTE
Lynne Hoffman-Engel

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Text: King James Version of the Bible

* 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 200

To Bless The Earth

PSALM 65

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Impromptu, Suite No. 3, Op. 54

LOUIS VIERNE

*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	YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISER LUNCH, Reception Room; 11:00
CRÈCHE NURSERY, Education Wing, 9:30	YOUTH CHOIR, Ed Wing, 10:15
WORSHIP, Sanctuary, 10:00	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.

☞ **USHERS TODAY** are Bob Ault and Jim Greene, as well the confirmation students, who are serving as ushers and greeters: Veronica Bromelmeier, Victoria Hagen, Seth Lim, Camron Mitchell and Justin Mitchell.

☞ **APRIL AND MAY ADULT FORUMS:** Due to Youth Mission Fundraiser Lunch we will not be having an adult forum. Join us next Sunday, April 29, when Melanie Marsh Baum speaks on Faith and Movement.

✚ **OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER** is Matthew Haberbush, originally from Amherst, Ohio. Matthew is a third-year Electrical Engineering major at CWRU and is part of the Case Rocket Team.

✚ **MUSIC NOTES:** The fourth Sunday of Easter is commonly observed as “Good Shepherd” Sunday, emphasizing the 23rd Psalm. The choir presents a paraphrase of the text arranged to a Southern-American hymn tune by Virgil Thomson. Covenant soloist, Lynne Hoffman-Engel, presents a setting of the King James Version of the text by another 20th century American, Albert Hay Malotte (known most commonly for his setting of the Lord’s Prayer). The prelude and postlude reflect the more tranquil theme of the day with two “Impromptus” by Franz Schubert (piano) and Louis Vierne (organ) – a 19th century instrumental form that reflects an improvisational moment as if “prompted by the spirit.”

✚ **THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN** are given to the glory of God, in memory of Linda Peters and in honor of Janet Garrett, by their sons Michael Peters and Matthew Garrett.

✚ **SPRINGTIME MUSIC CONCERTS:** Join us for a carillon concert on Friday, April 27 at 12:15 pm, with Covenant Carillonner, George Leggiero. Tuesday Noon Organ Concerts resume on April 24 with guest French organist, Vincent Warnier.

✚ **TODAY THE CHILDREN WILL** collect food and financial donations for our Covenant Food Pantry, open the last Wednesday and Friday of each month, Thursday afternoons in the Connection Center for students, and for emergencies. Thank you for your support!

✚ **OUT OF THE OFFICE** Este Pozza will be on vacation from Tuesday, April 24, through Monday, April 30. Kevin Lowry will be out of the office Monday, April 23, through Thursday, April 26. Amy Starr Redwine is out today for a family weekend.

✚ **EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT** Covenant’s internal audit committee has reformatted the expense reimbursement form. Please use the new form for all reimbursements and attach the receipt(s) to the form. The head of each committee is to approve expenditures prior to reimbursements. Forms are available in the office by the mail boxes. Contact Este Pozza, epozza@covenantweb.org with questions.

✚ **NOTES FROM COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER** starting in May we will be moving our weekly e-votionals to a subscription service on our website. We are available to assist anyone who needs help subscribing. Also, we are looking for people to highlight on social media and in the e-news. Whether you’re celebrating a special event or have a faith-in-action story, please send to Aisha Newton (anewton@covenantweb.org)

✚ **WE PRAY FOR** Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Connie Brand, Rachel Clevenger, Marlene Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's mother), Brenda Hall, Chick Holtkamp, Kitty Jarjisian, Cindi Johnson, Les Knowlton, Greg Madison, Elizabeth Mierke, Grace Milligan, Alex Peters, Ward Porch, Asia Roebuck, Amy Savage, 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 pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or 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:** School of the Arts Senior Recital, Sanctuary, 7 pm; **Tuesday:** Organ Practice, Sanctuary, 9 am; Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Tuesday Noon Organ Concert, Sanctuary, 12 pm; Finance Ministry meeting, Library, 4:30 pm Hillel Anniversary, Parking Lot, 5 pm; **Wednesday:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am-12 pm; Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Session/Dinner, Reception Room, 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), Connection Center/Living Room, 5:30 pm; Handbells, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal, Choir/Yost Chapel, 7:30 pm; **Friday:** Food Pantry, Office Area, 10 am; Lower Level Meeting, Library, 10 am; Lunchtime Carillon Concert, Church Lawn, 12:15 pm, Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Restore Yoga, Crèche, 4 pm; **Saturday:** Cleveland Guitar Orchestra, Choir Room, 9:30 am.



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