

# The CHURCH of the COVENANT

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018, 10:00 AM

YOUTH SUNDAY

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



THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

VAN PARKER

PRELUDE

*Ode to Joy*

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN  
Asha James-Stewart, violin

*Springtime in the Forest*

SAMUEL MOYER  
Samuel Moyer, cello

WELCOME

JUSTIN MITCHELL

\* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

VERONICA BROMELMEIER

One: Praise the Lord.

**All: Praise the Lord from the heavens; Give praise in the heights above.**

Give praise, all God's angels. Give praise, all the heavenly host.

**Give praise, sun and moon. Give praise all you shining stars.**

Give praise, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at God's command, they were created.

**Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths.**

Lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do God's bidding.

**You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;**

Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds.

**Kings of the earth, and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted: God's splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Come let us worship God.

\* HYMN 469

*Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

IN THE BEGINNING: GENESIS EXCERPTS

Readers: VICTORIA HAGEN AND CAMRON MITCHELL

Dancers: KAILEIGH MITCHELL AND ASHA JAMES

RESPONSE

HYMN 267

*The congregation is invited to sing with the children and youth.*

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.** (two times)

THE FALL: EVE AND THE SERPENT

ASHA JAMES AND SAMUEL MOYER

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

ALEXA TOMASZEWSKI

\* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, we live our lives everyday thankful for the gifts you have given us and we live our lives trying to stay on the path you've written for us. However, many times we don't recall the good that you have provided for us, do the wrong things and move further from the path you set before us. We don't search out your blessings but wait for them to just appear. God, help strengthen our spirits to be able to discern what is right and wrong. Guide us down a righteous path without serious temptations. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

\* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*in silence*)

\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: From the beginning, God has been there with us, bringing us back time and again into right relationship with God and with one another. 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.**

A NEW BEGINNING: NOAH

KAILEIGH MITCHELL

ANTHEM

*Rise and Shine*

TRADITIONAL  
Psalter Choir

MAN'S BETRAYAL. GOD'S REDEMPTION: JOSEPH

CHRISTOPHER MOYER

HYMN 273 (*vs. 1 only*)

*Oh God the Creator*

KASTAAK

THE EXODUS: MOSES

KAILEIGH MITCHELL

ANTHEM

*Pharaoh, Pharaoh*

TONY SBRANO  
Psalter Choir

FAITH STATEMENTS:

CAMRON MITCHELL, VICTORIA HAGAN,  
JUSTIN MITCHELL, VERONICA BROMELMEIER

\* HYMN 275

*God of Our Lives*

SANDON

JOYS AND CONCERNS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

JUSTIN MITCHELL

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

*Books of the Old Testament*

GORDON HOOKER

\* 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!**

FACING WALLS AS THE OUTSIDER

...They keep out things you're not familiar with. This is bad because you are keeping out people who want to share new information with you.

\*LITANY(ALL)

**Let's tear down that wall!**

**Let's tear it down with Kindness.**

**Tear it down with empathy.**

**With listening.**

**With Sympathy.**

**Let's tear down that wall!**

**Engage with someone different.**

**Tear it down with Neighborliness.**

**Tear it down with hope**

**With Joy**

**With peace.**

**Let's tear down that wall!**

**Tear it down with Love.**

**Tear it down with God!**

\* HYMN (*See insert*)

*They Will Know We Are Christians*

SPIRITUAL

LOVE PREVAILS: RUTH & ESTHER

KEASIA JONES AND SARAH REDWINE

LITANY OF HOPE.

CONFIRMANDS

The World is Broken.

**Tear down that wall.**

The wall of poverty which divides those of us who barely have our needs met from those who have enough and just want more.

The World is Hurting.

**Tear down that wall.**

The wall of racism that separates us by how we appear even though we are all truly created in God's image.

The World is Lost.

**Tear down that wall.**

The wall of isolation, where people no longer listen to one another which segregates us by each group's self-perceived moral superiority.

**We are all called to be God's prophets, listening to God, obeying God's commands, and telling others what we have come to know: Nobody can see into the future. But if you want to see what will happen in the future, you can make it happen. We can make it happen.**

THE STORY CONTINUES

HYMN 525

*Here I Am, Lord*

DANIEL L. SCHUTTE

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*The children and youth will remain for a brief time for pictures following the service.*

**WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!**  
Please join us in the reception room and connect with us during the week:  
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### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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| <b>MUSIC REHEARSAL</b> , Sanctuary, 8:00             | <b>COFFEE &amp; FELLOWSHIP</b> , Reception Room, 11:00 |
| <b>CRÈCHE NURSERY</b> , Education Wing, 9:30         | <b>STUDENT GATHERING</b> , Narthex, 11:00              |
| <b>WORSHIP</b> , Sanctuary, 10:00                    | <b>BREAD FOR THE WORLD LETTERS</b> , Library, 11:15    |
| <b>SCIENCE OF SPIRITUALITY</b> , Sonia Golden, 12:30 | <b>QUEER SPIRIT</b> , Connection Center, 3:00          |

☞ **USHERS TODAY** are Clint & Patty Fowler, Jim Greene and Nancy Smekal. The greeters are Arnie & Susan Dahm.

☞ **THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN** are given to the glory of God, in memory of Maxine Everhart, by the Everhart Family.

☞ **MUSIC NOTES:** Our music in this service is offered by our children and youth, who have prepared these anthems throughout the year as they studied in Sunday School the books of the Bible. We welcome instrumentalists Asha James-Stewart and Samuel Moyer. The children's choir is led under the direction of Kaori Hongo and Abraham Ross. We thank all of our young musicians for their contribution to our worship service.

☞ **SPRINGTIME MUSIC CONCERTS:** Join us for a carillon concert on Friday, May 18 at 12:15 pm, with Covenant Carillonneur, George Leggiero. **Tuesday Noon Organ Concert**, May 15, 12:05pm: Albert Bellefeuille, organist.

☞ **BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS :** Come to the Library after the worship service today May 13<sup>th</sup> to write letters expressing your opinion to Congress concerning the 2019 budget and spending bills to protect key programs that will reduce hunger and poverty. More than 800 million men, women, and children in our world, including nearly 50 million people in the United States, are living at risk of hunger. Overseas, as many as 20 million people are on the brink of starvation in Ethiopia, Kenya, and other parts of Africa that are suffering from the worst famine and drought in half a century. Sample letters will be available.

☞ **WE PRAY FOR** Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Connie Brand, Rachel Clevenger, Marlene & William Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's mother), Chick Holtkamp, Cindi Johnson, Stephanie Johnson, Les Knowlton, Aaron Lange, Greg Madison, Elizabeth Mierke, Alex Peters, Ward Porch, Asia Roebuck, Diane Romeo, 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.

☞ **BELIEVING GOD CALLS US TO BE PEACEMAKERS**, each month we pray for people affected by gun violence, marked by the tolling of the tower bell. Since a gunman opened fire at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012, killing 26 people, 20 of them children; 952 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, 14 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Jonathan Benitez Manchuca, Michael G. Shurn, William Patrick Nyhan, Ashtin Williams, Andrew P. Hudgins, Holly Marita Watkins, Robert J. Pierce, O'Shay Shackeyia Miller, Deante Levon Stevenson, David Joseph Churnega, Benny Cromity Jr., Joseph Edward Tittl Jr., Lorenzo Moore. Five of those who died were by suicide, and one victim was under eighteen.

☞ **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:** **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Tuesday Noon Organ Concert, Sanctuary, 12 pm; Trustees Meeting, Library, 6:30 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, Office, 6 pm; Personnel Committee, Library, 7 pm; **Thursday:** CEIRS Board Meeting, Library, 8:30 am; 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; Choir, Choir Room, 7:30 pm; **Friday:** 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.



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