

The CHURCH of the COVENANT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018, 10:00 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO

PRELUDE

Psalm 116

ANTHONI VAN NOORDT
Jonathan Moyer, organ

Our God is gracious, merciful, and just. God watches over all the simple-hearted.
Rest, O my soul, and trust God for salvation. Remember all God's goodness shown to you.

WELCOME

THE REV. AMY STARR REDWINE, Pastor

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Holy Spirit, Lord of Love

SALZBURG
The Covenant Choir

Holy Spirit, Lord of love, who descended from above, Gifts of blessing to bestow on your waiting church below. Once again in love draw near to the your servants gathered here; From their bright baptismal day you have led them on their way.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

MINDY STEWART, Director of Family Ministries

One: O God, you called us by name to come, and we respond with delight and gladness.

All: In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.

Whether we come in despair or celebration, we gratefully gather for worship.

In joyful hope, we come to worship our God.

God has given us new life and a new song of praise.

In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen.

* HYMN 488

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

BILL BRAUN, Lay Worship Leader

Lord, what is it that we confess? Principles forsaken? Beliefs ignored? Actions regretted? Habits unchecked? Mindsets unchallenged? Are confessions remembered even an hour later? Why do we bother? Forgive us for turning confessions into an amusement. Forgive us for imploring the Holy Spirit to pour out gifts upon us only to respond, I know better. Forgive us for ignoring when the Holy Spirit falls upon us and for brushing Her off as an annoyance. Forgive us, forgive us, forgive us, and we may find lasting contrition as we silently confess our sins.

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*in silence*)

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our lack, for with the Lord there is abundance and steadfast love, and with God, plenteous redemption.
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 98

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE REV. MELANIE MARSH BAUM, Associate Pastor

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 10:44-48

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Even on Them?

AMY STARR REDWINE

* HYMN 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Elders to be ordained and installed: Reaver Nelson, Omar Siddiq

Deacons to be ordained and installed: Stacey Booker, Dan Carroll, Ken Rock, Ryan Szafraniec

Elders previously ordained to be installed: Barb Clint, Elizabeth Hagen, Jim Tomaszewski

Deacons previously ordained to be installed: Cathy Luck

LITANY FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way to accomplish God's purpose.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

BILL BRAUN

Do we, the members of the church, accept these brothers and sisters in the faith as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond, **"We do."**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church? If so, please respond, **"We do."**

RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

Officers: *President, Martha Goble; Secretary, Jim Mate; Treasurer, Keith Kallay*

Trustees: *Patty Fowler and Nancy Smekal*

PRAYER AND CHARGE

HYMN 316 (*verse 1 only*)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

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.

CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

THOMAS PAVLECHKO



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MARTHA GOBLE, Dowd Commons Task Force

OFFERTORY

Psalm 100

RENÉ CLAUSEN

The Covenant Choir

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing, Alleluia. Jesus the Lord is born, and he died to save us, Alleluia, to set us free, Alleluia. We are but sheep needing God as our shepherd, Alleluia, and we are free. Alleluia. Enter heaven's gates with thanksgiving, singing songs of praise, give thanks to God and praise God's holy name, Alleluia. For the Lord is good, God's mercy endures forever, and God's faithfulness endures from generation to generation, from age to age. Alleluia. Amen.

* 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 522

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

LAND OF REST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Courante

PEETER CORNET

CARILLON POSTLUDE

*Please join us immediately following the service for our annual meeting.
We will gather in the Reception Room for food, fellowship, Bible study, and updates
on the Dowd Commons construction and the state of the church. All are welcome!*

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

Please join us in the reception room for the annual meeting and connect with us during the week:

KLowry@CovenantWeb.org, 216.421.0482, ext. 236; CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

MUSIC REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 8:00
STEPHEN MINISTERS, Herrick Room, 9:00
CRÈCHE NURSERY, Education Wing, 9:30
WORSHIP, Sanctuary, 10:00
SUNDAY SCHOOL, Education Wing, 10:15

YOUTH SUNDAY PREP, Sanctuary, 11:00
ANNUAL MEETING, Reception Room; 11:00
HEALING CIRCLE, Sonia Golden Room, 12:30
QUEER SPIRIT, Connection Center, 3:00
OBERLIN BRASS CONCERT, Sanctuary; 4:

✚ **OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER** is Bill Braun, who joined Covenant in 1997 and soon fell in love with Cathy Luck through the haze of drywall dust in a Habitat house. They married in '99 and have found fun every day since. They live in Cleveland Heights with Luta, the dog. Bill is an elder and has served on the Nominating Committee. He enjoys Old Time Appalachian Stringband music, playing the guitar and banjo in jams and attending fiddler conventions as often as possible. He volunteers for arts, healthcare, and civil institutions.

✚ **USHERS TODAY** are Marilyn & Chris Langmack, Jim & Nancy Smekal, and Paul Williams. The greeters are Dan and Karin Garland and Liz Shriver.

✚ **THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN** are given to the glory of God, in honor of Edna Stewart, by her son Brain Stewart and family.

✚ **MUSIC NOTES:** The offertory is a jubilant setting of *Psalm 100* by the American composer Rene Clausen (b.1953), conductor and composer at Concordia College. In acknowledgement of Dutch Liberation Day (observing the end of Nazi occupation in WWII), the organ prelude is a setting of *Psalm 116* from the Genevan Psalter (adopted by the Dutch Reformed Church) by Amsterdam organist Anthoni van Noordt (1619-1675). Our services concludes with a "courante" (baroque dance) by another Dutch composer, Peeter Cornet (ca.1570-1633).

✚ **BRASS FOR AFRICA CONCERT:** Today at 4:30 PM, the Oberlin brass ensemble will give a concert in the sanctuary as a fundraising effort for Brass for Africa, a nonprofit dedicated to music education in Uganda. See www.brassforafrica.org for more information about the organization.

✚ **SPRINGTIME MUSIC CONCERTS:** Join us for a carillon concert on Friday, May 4 at 12:15 pm, with Covenant Carillonneur, George Leggiero. This week's Tuesday Noon Organ Concert is a special program geared for children of all ages (including pre-school) presenting an arrangement of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*.

✚ **SEEKING VOLUNTEER HELP WITH THE SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM** We are seeking additional volunteers to help run the system during worship and other occasional events in the sanctuary. Although some experience with audio equipment would be helpful, we will also offer training. Please contact Amy Starr Redwine if you are willing to assist with this vital ministry that makes our worship accessible to all.

✚ **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, Les Knowlton, 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 Kawecki (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.

✚ **OUT OF THE OFFICE:** Amy Starr Redwine will be on study leave and vacation from Monday, May 7, through Saturday, May 12.

✚ **THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:** **Tuesday:** Shaker Heights Preschool, Sanctuary, 9 am; Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Tuesday Noon Organ Concert, Sanctuary, 12 pm; Bereavement Group, Herrick Room, 6 pm; **Wednesday:** Connection Center open, 12-5 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; **Thursday:** Connection Center and Student Food Pantry open, 12-5 pm; 4:30 pm; Theology on Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30 pm; Connect (college student meal and fellowship), Connection Center/Living Room, 5:30 pm; **No Choir Rehearsal, 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.

