

The Church of the Covenant

Sunday, June 10, 2018
4th Sunday of Pentecost

Service of Worship for the
Lord's Day



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The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

Prelude

Carillon de Westminster

Welcome

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Peal on the Doxology

* Call to Worship

One: Your church gathers, Lord,

All: in Virginia and Mozambique, in Brazil and to the ends of the earth.

Your church gathers, Lord, in city and country, in suburbs and slums,

in sanctuaries and buildings, under trees and by streams of water.

Your people praise you, Lord, with organ, guitar, bells and drum,

with voices of young and old, with song, silence, dance and prayer.

Your people praise you, Lord, for hope in the midst of despair,

for strength in times of weakness, for justice in the face of oppression,

for courage in the face of fear, for life in the midst of death.

We are the people who call you Lord.

Let everything that breathes, praise the Lord!

* Hymn 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

* Call to Confession

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who hears us as we continue to confess in silence.

* Private Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: Jesus said, "I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness. I do not judge

WELCOME

Convinced of God's grace, the Church of the Covenant seeks to be a welcoming spiritual home, live God's inclusive love, express Christ's compassion, and do justice in the world.

GATHER

From the beginning, Christians have met to worship on the first day of the week, the day Jesus rose from the dead. We gather to praise the triune God in word and song, confess our sin, and seek God's grace.

* *Please stand as you are able.*

MUSIC NOTE

Louis Vierne (1870-1937), the famous organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, based this work on the famous chimes of the clock tower of London's Westminster Palace.

LAY WORSHIP LEADER Denise (Deni) Horstman serves as president of the Friends of the McGaffin Carillon in University Circle, Inc., seeking to fully restore and expand the activities of this wonderful instrument; and also serves on the boards of Great Lakes Theater and Covenant University & Community Ministries. Deni's resume of church service includes Session and Deacons. She volunteers in the Covenant archives and serves on the Ministry of Faith Formation, and on the Organ and Building & Grounds Committees. Deni is married to Rod Keen and is stepmother to Stephen & wife Beth and Paul & wife Kathleen, and Grandeni to Caroline and Alison.

anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world but to save the world. (John 12:46-47) 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.

MUSIC NOTE

The *Gloria* is derived from the song of the angels in Luke 2, and it affirms our belief in a three-fold dimension of God as Creator, Savior, and Spirit.

**or Maker

Commissioning Youth

Mindy Stewart, *Director of Family Ministries*

Hymn (see insert)

Winchester New

Ye Joyful Bells, Ring Out Your Praise

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 150

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection on the Word

Denise Horstman

Sermon

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, Pastor

Hallelujah

ENCOUNTER

We receive the good news through the Word proclaimed in scripture, sermon, and the sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper).

During our summer series, "Word," members of the Covenant family will choose a scripture passage and share how it has been or become God's Word for them.

* Hymn 422

Beach Spring

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Joys and Concerns in Our Church Family

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Assoc. Pastor*

Prayers 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

McNeil Robinson



Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Festival Flourish

The Beckwith Handbell Choir

Thomas R. Pearce

* Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

RESPOND

Having heard God's word proclaimed, we respond with music, affirmations of faith, and by offering to God for the work of the church a portion of the financial resources we have received.

Scan the QR code to access online giving.



COMMISSIONING

Three middle schoolers, Trinity Barnes, Kaileigh Mitchell, and Sarah Starr Redwine, will be traveling to Memphis this week with Mindy Stewart and John Marsh to engage in ministry around the city. They will be joined by youth and adults from Fairmount Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Heights.

**or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

Rededication of the McGaffin Carillon

One: To our creator God, maker of heaven and earth, author and giver of life, who in the person of Jesus has made known to us the patience and power of God's love, and who by the Holy Spirit is ever seeking to reveal God's mercy;

All: We rededicate this instrument of praise.

On Sunday, June 9, 1968, Covenant dedicated its carillon with a nearly-identical litany in morning worship and an

For the worship of God and proclamation of faith through the beauty and the sound of bells,

We rededicate this instrument of praise.

For the training of young musicians and the building of character and craft, and for the teaching of morality and justice,

We rededicate this instrument of praise.

For the promotion of Christian unity which sees beneath all outward differences a bond of fellowship and endeavors to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace,

We rededicate this instrument of praise.

For the sacred remembrance of those dear to our hearts; for the reflection of their lives in our lives; for the joy of future generations,

We rededicate this instrument of praise.

For a reminder of the music of our faith that puts before us the strength of God's compassion, especially in times of confusion and sorrow,

We rededicate this instrument of praise.

In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve God; in loving remembrance of and gratitude for the lives and gifts of those who have gone before us; in the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord,

We rededicate this instrument of praise.

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for the legacy of our forebears, sensible of the sacrifice of the mothers and fathers of our faith, confessing that apart from us their work cannot be perfected, we rededicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of our loving God, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

afternoon concert by international artist Arie Abbenes. The instrument is a memorial to the Reverend Dr. Alexander McGaffin, pastor of our congregation from 1908 to 1927, under whose leadership our landmark church was built. The carillon's principal donor was his widow, Anna DeYoe McGaffin, who helped to finally bring to fruition her late husband's desire to fill the tower with bells.

The restoration of the Cragin Memorial Peal of Three Bells has just been completed thanks to generous gifts from members of the Covenant community.

Join us at 2 pm today for an afternoon carillon concert to celebrate this anniversary, with a 1:15 pre-concert talk in the sanctuary.

* Hymn (see insert)

Raised Aloft Within the Steeple

Austria

* The Cragin Peal

Carillon Postlude

SEND

Having been nurtured and nourished through worship, we are sent from this place to glorify God in the service of our daily lives.

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

The Church of the Covenant is here to support your spiritual journey while you are at one of our local colleges or universities. We invite you to join us at our reception following the service so that we can get to know you better. For more information about ways to be involved in the student community, contact Kevin Lowry, Director of Student Ministries, at klowry@covenantweb.org or 330-988-0490 or visit CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

USHERS TODAY are John Bromelmeier, Suchi Nelson, Oleg Targoni and Nick Tomko. Greeting are Beth Holbein and Dan & Karin Garland.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN: are given by a friend of the McGaffin Carillon to the glory of God and in loving memory of The Reverend Dr. Alexander McGaffin, builder-pastor of this church, and his widow, Anna DeYoe McGaffin, principal donor of the carillon, and in honor of all those who are helping to secure the instrument's future and realize its potential. Today's flowers are also given in honor of Marvin Dress by his son, Henry Dress.

MCGAFFIN CARILLON 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Thank you to everyone who has participated in making our carillon anniversary an occasion celebrated throughout University Circle. Join us this afternoon for the final anniversary events, a concert at 2 pm and a pre-concert talk at 1:15.

TODAY

- 8: Music Rehearsals
- 930: Crèche Nursery, *Ed Wing*
- 945: Cragin Peal
- 10: Worship, *Sanctuary*
- 10:15 Sunday School, *Ed Wing*
- 11: Reception, *Lawn*
- 11: Dwellers, *Living Room*
- 1130: Security Task Force, *Library*
- 1230: Science of Spirituality, *Sonia Golden Room*
- 1: Bouncy House Youth Event, *Fairmount Presbyterian Church*
- 115: Pre-concert Talk, *Sanctuary*
- 2: Carillon Concert
- 3: Reception, *Lawn*

LEARN ABOUT OUR FLOWER MINISTRY: Each week we arrange the sanctuary flowers into bouquets for church members experiencing joys or challenges. To learn more, come to the bench at the bottom of the main entrance stairs after worship.

SPRINGTIME MUSIC CONCERTS: Join us for a carillon concert on **Friday, June 15th** at 12:15 pm, with Covenant Carillonneur, George Leggiero, and for a Tuesday Noon Organ Concert on **Tuesday, June 12th** at 12:05 pm with Jonathan Moyer, organist.

MEDITATION FOR WORLD PEACE: The Reiki community, led by William Rand, has begun a World Peace Meditation movement. People around the globe will be praying/meditating/sending Reiki for world peace in their own time zones, creating a wave of energy that will gain intensity as it circles the globe for 24 hours. The Healing Circle invites you to meet in the sanctuary this **Wednesday, June 13** at 7:30 pm. Or you can pray for peace at home for about 15 minutes sometime between 7:30-8:30 p.m., knowing that others are praying with you. Specific prayers for world peace will be available at the church that evening, and are available by searching the Internet, for those wishing for resources.

2018 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 5K WALK-RUN-MOSEY: Please consider joining us on **Saturday, June 16th** at Edgewater Park at 10am for the 17th Annual Walk/Run/Mosey. Go to <http://fundraise.clevelandhabitat.org/> and search team: Church of the Covenant. The walk is free; all funds raised will go to rehabbing a beautiful house in the Buckeye Neighborhood.

CAMP KESEM AND OUR DEACONS WOULD LIKE YOUR SUPPORT in securing summer camp supplies for young people whose parents have or have had cancer. The Deacons are working with the CWRU chapter of this national organization and we still have opportunities for you to help campers from throughout northeast Ohio, ages six through eighteen. Visit our display in the reception room during the week, or chat with a Deacon after worship on Sunday. You can drop off your purchased supplies on or before **Sunday, June 17th** in the church office. Contact Matthew Garrett for additional information (mgarrett@covenantweb.org).

BELIEVING GOD CALLS US TO BE PEACEMAKERS each month we pray for people affected by gun violence 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; one victim was under eighteen.

WE PRAY FOR: Jane Adams, Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Connie Brand, Paul Dirksen, Marlene & William Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's parents), Chick Holtkamp, Stephanie Johnson, Paul Jokinen, Craid Jones, Les Knowlton, Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, Elizabeth Mierke, Alex Peters, Ward Porch, Sue Salvator, Liam & Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), 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: Tuesday: Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Tuesday Noon Organ Concert, Sanctuary, 12 pm; Bereavement Group, Herrick Room, 6 pm; Ministry of Faith Formation, Office, 7:30 pm;

Wednesday: Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, Beckwith Hall, 12:00 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; **Friday:** Lunchtime Carillon Concert, 12:15

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