

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, June 24, 2018
5th Sunday of Pentecost

Service of Worship for the
Lord's Day



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.

The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Prelude

Sonata in E-flat, Fugue

Abraham Ross

Horatio Parker

Welcome

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Assoc. Pastor*

* Celebration of Community

* Call to Worship

Mindy Stewart, *Director of Family Ministries*

One: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor gather into barns and yet God provides for their needs.

All: May our hearts be open to trust you.

Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plot their course and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

May our eyes be open to see you.

Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

May our hands be open to serve you.

* Hymn 469

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

* Call to Confession

Nick Tomko, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and confess the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the anxiety that paralyzes us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely place, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us. We ask all of these things as together we silently confess our sins...

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.*

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Nick Tomko discovered Covenant in the summer of 2011 while he was exploring Cleveland before starting his PhD in Chemistry at CWRU. Thanks to Eileen Vizcaino, he started attending regularly. It wasn't long until Nick was recruited into the handbell choir. In the winter of 2011, Erin, his then-girlfriend, moved to Cleveland and both became bell ringers together. They joined Covenant in 2013 and got married here on December 27, 2014. Since then, Erin has sung in the choir and served as a member of session. Nick ushers and enjoys volunteering for Habitat for Humanity's Apostles Build every year.

<p>* Silent Confession of Sin</p> <p>* Declaration of Forgiveness One: Hear the good news: Beloved rejoice! For in Christ there is boundless love and plenteous redemption. Friends, believe the good news: All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!</p> <p>* 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.</p>	<p>SUMMER SERMON SERIES 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.</p> <p>**or Maker</p>
<p>Time for Young Disciples Kevin Lowry, Campus Chaplain</p> <p>Anthem Michael Peters, bass "Arm, arm, ye brave!" from <i>Judas Maccabaeus</i> G.F. Handel</p> <p>Recitative (Simon): I feel, I feel the Deity within, who, the bright Cherubim between, his radiant glory erst displayed; to Israel's distressful prayer he hath vouchsafed a gracious ear, and points out Maccabaeus to their aid: Judas shall set the captive free, and lead us on to victory. Aria (Simon): Arm, arm, ye brave! A noble cause, the cause of Heaven your zeal demands. In defense of your nation, religion and laws, the almighty Jehovah will strengthen your hands. <i>Words by The Rev. Thomas Morrell (1703-1784)</i></p> <p>Prayer for Illumination</p> <p>Scripture Lesson Matthew 6:25-26 One: This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.</p> <p>Reflection on the Word Nick Tomko</p> <p>Sermon Melanie Marsh Baum <i>Enough for Today</i></p>	<p>ENCOUNTER We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed through the Word proclaimed in scripture and sermon.</p> <hr/> <p>MUSIC NOTE Today's excerpt from Handel's oratorio <i>Judas Maccabaeus</i> is a call to action against injustice and oppression. Following the opening lament and funeral procession mourning the loss of the Jewish resistance leader Mattathias, his son Simon points out his brother Judas Maccabaeus as the next leader. Simon invites all to the "noble cause" in fighting the oppression of the Seleucid Empire.</p>
<p>* Hymn 286 St. Bride <i>Give to the Winds Thy Fears</i></p> <p>Joys and Concerns Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, Pastor</p> <p>Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>RESPOND Having heard God's word proclaimed, we respond with music, prayers, and through regularly practicing the spiritual discipline of generosity, offering to God a portion of the financial resources we have received.</p>

Congregational Amen

McNeil Robinson



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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Michael Peters, bass

Hymn of Thanks

Eduard Kremser

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing, most tender defender from dangers unknown. We stand here assembled, His great name confessing, O Lord, guide and leader, accept us thine own. His love as a lamp shineth ever before us, enlightening and brightening the path he has shown. In joyous thanksgiving our hearts sing the chorus, O Lord, guide and leader, accept us thine own. We thank Thee, O God for the harvest thou sendest, refreshing and blessing the seed we have sown. And gladly we render all strength that thou lendest, O Lord, guide and leader, accept us thine own.

Words by Mary Sicard Jenkins

MUSIC NOTE

Dr. Michael Peters is a bass soloist in the Covenant Choir and a lecturer in music at Case Western Reserve University. He performs regularly with Apollo's Fire and other professional music ensembles around the country.

* 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.**

**or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 352

Song of the Hoe

Great Are Your Mercies, O My Maker

SEND

Having been nurtured and nourished through worship, we are sent to glorify God in the service of our daily lives. As you depart, please be mindful of those who stay to listen to the postlude.

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Jonathan Moyer

Voluntary in C

Maurice Greene

Carillon Postlude

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.

Contact Kevin Lowry, Campus Chaplain, at klowry@covenantweb.org, 330-988-0490, or visit CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

TODAY

8: Music Rehearsals
 930: Crèche Nursery, Education Wing
 10: Worship, Sanctuary
 1015 Sunday School, Education Wing
 11: Common Ground Conversation, Lawn

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN are given in memory of Gayle Russin by her daughter, Mildred Russin.

USHERS TODAY are Martha Goble, Bob Ault, and Nancy & Jim Smekal. Greeting is Helen Kunsman.

A Stephen Minister will be in Christ Chapel after worship to talk or pray.

COMMON GROUND CONVERSATION: Join us today as we participate in the Cleveland Foundation's Common Ground initiative, bringing community residents together for a time of food and conversation. This year's theme is "Why Does Place Matter?" We will join our University Circle neighbors to consider how we create community beyond the walls of the church and bring people together to support and nurture one another. All are welcome to join the conversation immediately after worship on the lawn.

SUMMER EDUCATION SERIES: Join us for "Half-Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say." This video and discussion course will take place on Sundays in July from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm in our newly renovated Dowd Commons on the lower level of the church. A repeat of Sunday's material will occur from 5:30-6:30 pm on Thursday Evenings. Come together for a time of learning and dialogue!

YOU ASKED FOR IT! Do you have a burning question about God, the Bible, or the Christian faith? We would love to discuss it during one of our Dowd Commons worship services, which will take place on the first Sundays of July, August, and September at 10 am. Submit your questions in advance to Amy or Melanie. Join us as we consecrate this new space through worship and wrestle with our questions together.

SUMMER HYMN REQUESTS: Haven't sung your favorite hymn in a while? Here's your chance. Let us know your hymn request(s) and a possible date for your request over the summer months. You may submit up to two hymns (in order of priority). Please submit hymn titles from either our current pew hymnal or the new "Glory to God" hymnal. You can submit them in the office.

MUSIC CONCERTS: Join us for a carillon concert on **Friday, June 29th** at 12:15 pm, with Covenant Carillonneur, George Leggiero.

WE PRAY FOR: Jane Adams, Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Paul Dirksen, Rob Engle, Marlene & William Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's parents), Chick Holtkamp, Stephanie Johnson, Paul Jokinen, Craig Jones, Les Knowlton, Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, Elizabeth Mierke, Kellen Newton-Hall, Alex Peters, Ward Porch, Sue Salvator, Liam & Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister) and Gabriel (Jenny Conner's grand-nephew). 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: Dowd Commons Meeting, Library, 11 am; **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; **Wednesday:** Food Pantry, Office Area, 10 am; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Session, Office, 7 pm; **Thursday:** Oberlin Organ Academy, Sanctuary, 1 pm; **Friday:** Food Pantry, Office Area, 10 am; Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm; **Saturday:** MAHO Tea, Reception Room, 1 pm.

OUT OF THE OFFICE: Este Pozza will be on vacation from June 26 -July 2. Kevin Lowry will be out of the office from June 26-July 3.

NEXT WEEK: Worship with us at 10 am in the Dowd Commons (lower level).

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