

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, June 3, 2018
3rd 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 McGaffin Carillon

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Prelude

Jonathan Moyer, *Organist and Director of Music*

Choral in E major

César Franck

Welcome

Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

* Celebration of Community

* Call to Worship

Mindy Stewart, *Director of Family Ministries*

One: Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

All: for all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

for love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

for God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

* Hymn 487

Laudes Domini

When Morning Gilds the Skies

* Call to Confession

Jules Tryk, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we live our lives as though we are responsible for all successes, but blame others for any pain or failure. We fail to trust in your shining mercy; we fail to find comfort in your gracious protection. We busy ourselves in our lives, recognizing our own desires, but failing to respond to the needs of others. Forgive us when we fail to see in our neighbors that which we so keenly feel in our own lives, and help us to be instruments of your grace.

* Private Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful 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

* *Please stand as you are able.*

GATHER

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

MUSIC NOTE

The prelude is the first of three "chorales" Franck composed just months before his death in 1890. They stand as a testament to his faith and reverence for the great "Bach" tradition.

LAY WORSHIP LEADER Jules Tryk has been a member of the Covenant for over 30 years. Jules is, however, leaving at the end of this month to live in California with her daughter, Marse, and son-in-law, Hunter. There she will be closer to her daughter Allison and her grandsons, Colton and Evan, as well. She hopes that she will be able to find a church family in Long Beach as loving and caring (and downright interesting) as the one she found in the Church of the Covenant.

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.

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

Anthem The Covenant Choir

A Prayer for Clergy and Musicians

Howard Helvey

Give us the grace, O Prince of Peace, to grasp in mind and heart how grave are all divisions in your Church. When our mistrust and doubts enslave, free us to reconcile and heal, as you upon the

ENCOUNTER

We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed to us through the Hebrew Bible (what we have

cross forgave. Let those who lead the Lord's glad song be free from all disharmony, and those who preach the ways of peace impart without hostility. So may the servants of God's house embody true humility. Take from us all that separates, all prejudice, resentment, fear. Unite us in a common goal, with zeal not feigned or insincere, that in shared service we may find your purposes once more made clear. Still work through all we say or do to render glory to the Lord. May the Church in song be ever joined in true accord; and may our prayers, said, sung, and lived, proclaim God's reconciling word. Amen. – *Carl P. Daw, Jr.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Numbers 6:24-26

One: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Reflection on the Word

Jules Tryk

Sermon

The Places We Go

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, Pastor

* Affirmation of Faith

God's love frees me to be the person I am without having to become more attractive, intelligent, or popular. God's love frees me to live in confidence, not needing to be self-absorbed, but ready to listen and hear the stories of others. God's love frees me to take risks, to surprise even myself with courage, sometimes to fall flat on my face, but always to move onward with the knowledge that God is with me. God's love frees me to view the world not from the standpoint of wealth gained or ambition achieved, but from the perspective of relationships lived and human love shared. God's love frees me to put my sins behind me, knowing that no sin is too great or small to be left open and healed by God's gentle touch.

- Holly W. Whitcomb, *Touch Holiness*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

The Covenant Choir

In Meeting We Are Blessed

Troy Robertson

We are met together and in meeting we are blessed. Peace in coming and in going, peace in labor and in rest. Hold on, dear brother! Hold on, dear sister! Hold on to me. We are met together... You're not alone and you never more will be. I will be with you and I will carry you with me. Friendship endures and surely we will prove it's not ourselves, but our bodies that move. We are met together...

- *R. Gatsnahos after John Donne*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Amy Starr Redwine

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Kevin Lowry, *Campus Chaplain*

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give both thanks and praise....

Sanctus (*All are invited to sing.*)

Merbecke

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of Thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

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

historically called the Old Testament) and the New Testament. The Word is 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.

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.



MUSIC NOTE

Troy Robertson is director of choirs at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. This anthem was composed for the meeting of the Nairobi Chamber Chorus and the Festival Singers of Florida in 2014.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Church of the Covenant observes open communion. Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper by intinction. Ushers will release pews from back to front. All who are able are welcome to come forward. Servers will bring the elements to those who are unable to come forward. The communion wine is unfermented grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup.

MUSIC NOTE

The *Sanctus* ("Thrice-Holy"), one of the oldest songs of the Church, is rooted in the "Kadosh" from Jewish temple liturgy and is based on the words of the arch-angels in Isaiah 6.

evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

The Words of Institution

Melanie Marsh Baum

Music during Communion (*All are invited to sing.*)

Let Us Break Bread Together

Spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees. (repeat)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. (repeat)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees. (repeat)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Prayer after Communion

Today, we rejoice in and give thanks for the ministry of the Covenant Choir, whose season comes to a close. Summer services will feature solo musicians from throughout our community.

* Hymn 264

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Engelberg

* Charge

* Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Covenant Choir

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

SEND

Having been nurtured and nourished through worship, we are sent from this place to glorify God in the service of our daily lives – at home, at work, and in our relationships with all of God's children.

Postlude

La Béatitude

Abraham Ross, *Music Department Intern*

Charles Piroye

As you depart, please be mindful of those who stay to listen to the postlude. Thank you.

Carillon Postlude

UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME HERE!

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 Tracey Blake, John Bromelmeier, and Chris & Marilyn Langmack. Greeting is Emily Blake. Communion servers are Barb Clint, Jill and Omar Siddiq, and Jules Tryk.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN: are given to the glory of God and in honor of Kay Prettyman from her niece, Marilyn Prettyman-Demeter.

SPRINGTIME MUSIC CONCERTS: Join us for a carillon concert on Friday, June 8th at 12:15 pm, with Covenant Carillonneur, George Leggiero, and for a Tuesday Noon Organ Concert on June 5th at 12:05 pm with Eunjae Park, organist.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND GRATITUDE go out to members Martha Goble and Kathy Farkas. At last Wednesday's meeting of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, Martha was installed as the Presbytery Moderator and Kathy was commissioned to attend this year's General Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri from June 16-23. Please keep Martha and Kathy in your prayers as they do this work. We are grateful for their faithful service to our denomination!

MCGAFFIN CARILLON 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: On the weekend of June 8-10, we will celebrate the ways in which this marvelous instrument has proclaimed the gospel for 50 years. Don't miss the concerts on Friday and Sunday and Covenant's "Bats in the Belfry" Parade the Circle float and Circle Village presence (see Deni Horstman or Barb Clint to volunteer!). About 140 feet closer to *terra firma* than the bells, you can see the symbols in the ceramic tiles of the Williamson Chancel landing. Like us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/McGaffinTower/> to see a daily countdown of historic and current photos.

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. There is a 5k route and 1 mile fun route. If you would like to join our group please go to

TODAY

8: Music Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

9: Stephen Ministers, *Herrick Room*

930: Crèche Nursery, *Education Wing*

10: Worship, *Sanctuary*

11: Coffee & Fellowship, *Lawn*

1230: Healing Circle, *Sonia Golden Room*

Ask an usher for directions to any location.

LEADERSHIP

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All the members of the church

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<http://fundraise.clevelandhabitat.org/> and search team: Church of the Covenant. This is a family-friendly, dog-friendly, and donut-friendly run/walk/mosey (or join for fellowship and donuts!). The walk is free; all funds raised will go to rehabbing a beautiful house in the Buckeye Neighborhood.

THE DEACONS INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT CAMP KESEM: Camp Kesem, a nationwide organization with student chapters on college campuses, provides free week-long summer camps for kids whose parents have or have had cancer. This year, the CWRU chapter will host campers from throughout northeast Ohio, ages six through eighteen. Visit the reception table after worship to learn about how you can help provide supplies, or contact Matthew Garrett (mgarrett@covenantweb.org) for details. Donations are accepted through June 17.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are seeking office volunteers to help answer the phones and assist with simple tasks. Do you have one to three hours a week to help out? If so, please contact Willie Howard: whoward@covenantweb.org or 216-421-0482 ext. 229. Thank you.

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, Les Knowlton, Donald Lowry, Greg Madison, 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: **Monday:** Long Range Financial Strategy TF, Library, 12pm; **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Tuesday Noon Organ Concert, Sanctuary, 12 pm; Deacons Meeting, Office, 6 pm; **Wednesday:** Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; **Thursday:** Theology on Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30 pm; **Friday:** Luncheon Carillon Concert, Tower, 12:15; FMC Tea Party, Herrick Room, 3 pm; **Saturday:** Parade the Circle, Wade Oval, 9 am; 88 Keys To Success, Sanctuary/Reception Room, 1 pm.

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