

The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**

Sunday, July 15, 2018  
8<sup>th</sup> 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*

Welcome

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

\* Celebration of Community

Gathering Song  
*Simple Gifts*

Moyer Family  
Shaker Song

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, To turn, turn will be our delight, Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

## 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.

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*\* Please stand as you are able.*

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\* Call to Worship

Melanie Marsh Baum

One: Sing, dance, and rejoice in the Lord,

**All: For the word of God is among us.**

Give thanks to the Holy One, our God,.

**For in Christ our salvation has come.**

. Let us worship God.

### LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Jennifer DoVale grew up in Pittsburgh and came to Cleveland to study Civil Engineering at CWRU. One Sunday in her first year, her best friend invited her to see her play in the handbell choir at a church service at Covenant, and she has been attending the church ever since. After graduating in May 2018, Jennifer began her career as a Transportation Engineer Associate with a private consulting firm in downtown Cleveland. She is most excited to begin her post-college journey in the city and church community she has grown to love.

\* Hymn 268

HOLY MANNA

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

\* Call to Confession

Jennifer DoVale, *Lay Worship Leader*

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.**

**We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

\* Silent Confession of Sin

\* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\* Gloria Patri

Taizé

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!  
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

MUSIC NOTE:  
 This setting of the Gloria from the Taizé tradition will be sung three times: twice in unison and once in canon at the asterisk.

Time for Young Disciples

Melanie Marsh Baum

Psalm 121

Jonathan Moyer and Kaori Hongo  
 NA-UI DO-UM

To the hills I lift my eyes longing to know where, O where will my help come from? Where, o where? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. God the Creator will keep my life. God is my help.

ENCOUNTER

We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed through the Word proclaimed in song, scripture, and sermon.

MUSIC NOTE:  
 This paraphrase of Psalm 121 speaks to a recurring human condition, represented here by the song of a pilgrim gazing up at the hills around Jerusalem. When we find ourselves surrounded by overwhelming problems, where do we turn for help? The Korean tune name means "my help."

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

II Peter 3:8-9

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Reflection on the Word

Jennifer DoVale

Sermon

Melanie Marsh Baum

*This Is Not the End*

\* Hymn 420

CWM RHONDDA

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Joys and Concerns

Melanie Marsh Baum

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition

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.

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.**

Scan the QR code to access online giving.



Congregational Amen

McNeil Robinson



Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

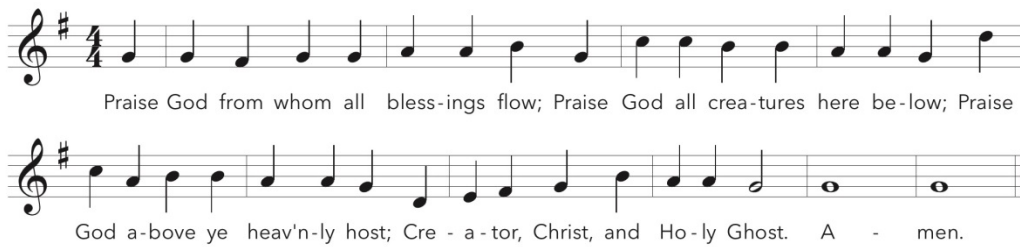
Samuel Moyer, cello  
Christopher Moyer, guitar

*Prelude in G*  
*Andante in A*

R. Taki  
Julio S. Sagreras

\* Doxology (sung in canon)

Tallis Canon



MUSIC NOTE

We welcome the Moyer family as musicians for our service today. Jonathan Moyer is organist and director of music, and Kaori Hongo is director of music for children and youth. Samuel Moyer (cello) is a rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Fernway Elementary School, and Christopher Moyer (guitar) is a rising 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Woodberry Elementary School.

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn 361

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

SEND

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

\* Charge & Benediction

Carillon Concert

TODAY

- 8:00 Music Rehearsals
- 9:30 Crèche Nursery, *Education Wing*
- 10:00 Worship, *Lawn*
- 10:15 Sunday School, *Education Wing*
- 11:00 Reception, *Lawn*
- 11:00 Carillon Concert
- 11:30 Half Truths, *Dowd Commons*
- 12:30 Science of Spirituality, *Sonia Golden Room*

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

## WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

The Church of the Covenant is here to support your spiritual journey. Join us at the reception following the service so that we can get to know you better.

For more information, contact Kevin at [klowry@covenantweb.org](mailto:klowry@covenantweb.org), 330-988-0490, or visit [CovenantStudentMinistries.org](http://CovenantStudentMinistries.org).

**USHERS & GREETERS TODAY** are Dan Carroll, Martha Goble and Ann Williams.

**SUMMER EDUCATION SERIES:** Join us **today** 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 until 6:30 pm on Thursdays. Come together for a time of learning and dialogue!

**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 remaining summer Sundays. You may submit up to two hymns (in order of priority) on the form online or in the office. Please submit titles from either our current pew hymnal or the new "Glory to God" hymnal.

**MUSIC CONCERTS:** Join us for a carillon concert **today** after worship, and on **Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** at 12:15 pm, with Covenant Carillonneur, George Leggiero. Friday concerts are repeated on Sundays at 11 am and there are tower tours on Friday after the concerts. On Sundays, the tower is open to visitors during the concert, including children accompanied by an adult.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On Friday, September 7, 2018 we will gather to celebrate University Circle's newest hidden gem at the Church of the Covenant: the Dowd Commons! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details.

**WE PRAY FOR:** Jane & Ted Adams, Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Paul Dirksen, Rob Engle, Marlene & William Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's parents), Chick Holtkamp, Craig Jones, Les Knowlton, Cathy Luck, Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, Ward Porch, Sue Salvator, Liam & Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), Anne Wombwell deConingh, June Tomko and Gabriel (Jenny Conner's grand-nephew). We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or homebound; patients, family, and staff in our surrounding hospitals; and those who have left prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

**OUR SYMPATHIES** are extended to Loren Genson and her family on the death of Loren's mother, Lise, on July 9 in Buffalo, NY; to the Mierke family on the death of Elizabeth on July 11 in Cleveland; and to Deni Horstman on the death of her brother Doug Horstman on July 11.

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT:** **Monday:** TheoEd Task Force, Office, 5:30 pm; **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am to 4 pm; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Trustees Meeting, Herrick Room, 6:30 pm; **Wednesday:** Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; **Thursday:** Half-Truths, Dowd Commons, 5:30 pm; **Friday:** Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm.

**OUT OF THE OFFICE:** Amy Starr Redwine will be on study leave July 14-20. Mindy Stewart will be at the Montreat Youth Conference with senior high youth July 14-21. Kevin Lowry will be on vacation July 15-23.

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