

The
Church of the
Covenant

Sunday, July 29, 2018
10th 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*

Organ Prelude

Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 652

Dr. Peter Bennett, *Guest Organist*

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Kevin Lowry, *Campus Chaplain*

* Celebration of Community

* Call to Worship

Kevin Lowry, *Campus Chaplain*

On: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

All: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

Gather us in, the young and the old.

Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

Gather us in, to know of God's love.

* Hymn 464

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

* Call to Confession

Jenny Conner, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we want to follow you with the joyful abandon of our childhood faith. Yet, in the inevitable times of wilderness wandering, we cease to hear your voice, to believe in your faithfulness, to trust in your love for us. Feeling isolated, we flail like a sinking ship, and lose our way hurting others and ourselves in the process. Teach us to wait upon you, Lord, secure in your love through all of life's circumstances. And now, listen as we silently confess our sins.

* Silent Confession of Sin

GATHER

From the beginning, Christians have gathered to worship on the first day of the week, the day Jesus rose from the dead. We 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

Dr. Jennifer Conner joined the church in 1985, while pursuing graduate studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music. The church has given her a home where she could explore and practice her faith in a supportive community. Over the years, she has led children's music programs, served as chair of Christian Education, directed pageants and Youth Sunday services, and led the youth program. She is now an elder moderating the Ministry of Faith Formation. Jenny teaches music theory at Baldwin Wallace and CIM and has composed numerous works for the Covenant music programs. She is a member of the both the chancel choir and hand bell choir.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth. Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

**or Maker

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.**

Time for Young Disciples

The Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

Anthem

Kiko Weinroth, soprano

MUSIC NOTE

We welcome guest organist Dr. Peter Bennett this week while Jonathan Moyer is traveling on vacation. Dr. Bennett is an associate professor of music at Case Western Reserve University. We also welcome Covenant Choir soprano soloist Kiko Weinroth.

ENCOUNTER

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

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 on HYMN 411 Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. A song of encouragement rather than praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

The Lord Is My Shepherd

David Schack

The Lord is My Shepherd; I'll not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I'll fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 40:31

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection on the Word

Jenny Conner

Sermon

Amy Starr Redwine

Wait for It

* Hymn 411

FESTAL SONG

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Joys and Concerns

Kevin Lowry

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



Offertory

Kiko Weinroth

Ich folge dir gleichfalls,
from the *Passion According to St. John, BWV 245*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ich folge dir gleichfalls mit freudigen Schritten,
I follow you likewise with joyful steps,
Und lasse dich nicht, mein Leben, mein Licht.
And do not leave you my life, my light.
Befördre den Lauf und höre nicht auf,
Bring me on my way and do not cease
Selbst an mir zu ziehen, zu schieben, zu bitten.
To pull, push and urge me on.

* 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.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 332

Live Into Hope

TRURO

* Charge & Benediction

Organ Prelude

Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 651

Dr. Peter Bennett

J.S. Bach

Carillon Concert

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.

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MUSIC NOTE on HYMN 332
This text on Luke 4:16-20 was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage.

**or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

SEND

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

TODAY

8 Music Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
930 Nursery, *Living Room*
10 Worship, *Sanctuary*
11 Reception, *Lawn*
11 Carillon Concert
1230: Science of Spirituality, *Sonia Golden Room*

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, 330-988-0490, or visit CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

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

USHERS & GREETERS TODAY are Martha Goble, Russell Hack, and Nick Tomko.

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. Sign up online or in the office.

MUSIC CONCERTS: Join us for a carillon concert **today** after worship with guest Carillonneur David Osburn, and on **Friday, August 3rd** 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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP GOES TO CHAUTAUQUA! Join us on **Wednesday, August 15th** for a day trip to the Chautauqua Institution in western New York (a 2-hour drive from Cleveland). We'll have lunch and attend the Interfaith Lecture at 2 pm, featuring theologian and activist Ruby Nell Sales. Stay for an optional evening concert, featuring bluegrass and roots musician Rhiannon Giddens. Even if you've never attended Theology on Tap, you are welcome to join us! We will leave from the church parking lot at 10 am. Gate passes for the afternoon lecture are \$17, for afternoon lecture and evening concert, \$45. Contact Melanie Marsh Baum for details or to sign up.

SATURDAY TUTORING PROGRAM "WISH LIST": The tutoring program needs "gently used" items, including the following: 2 tablets, 3 computers, calculators for all ages, as well as books and educational games.

WE PRAY FOR: Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Paul Dirksen, Rob Engle, Marlene & William Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's parents), Chick Holtkamp, Les Knowlton, Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, 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.

OUT OF THE OFFICE: Jonathan Moyer will be on vacation through August 3. Melanie Marsh Baum will be on vacation through August 3. Amy Starr Redwine will be on vacation August 2-15. If you have a pastoral care concern, please call the church office and staff will connect you with the pastor on call.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: **Monday:** Long Term Financial Strategy Meeting, Office, 5 pm; **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am-4 pm; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; **Wednesday:** Women's Bible Study, Library, 10 am; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; **Friday:** Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm.

SAVE THE DATES: Mark your fall calendars for Friday, September 7 and Sunday, September 9. On Friday we will host a Dowd Commons Preview Night Benefit to celebrate our beautifully renovated space for fellowship, study, and community programming. On Sunday we will dedicate the Dowd Commons as we kick off the program year. We hope you'll join us!

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