

The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**

Sunday, July 8, 2018  
6<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*

Prelude

Jessica Lee, violin

*Sonata No. 3 in C major for Solo Violin*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Adagio; Allegro assai

Welcome

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

\* Celebration of Community

\* Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

One: God has promised to be with us in all things.

**All: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,**

Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

**In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,**

Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

**In a world filled with war and rumors of war,**

Come worship a God who desires peace for all.

**Come, let us worship the Lord,  
whose grace and love know no end!**

\* Hymn 306

Crusaders' Hymn

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

\* Call to Confession

Sandy Ammon, *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

## 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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### LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Sandy Ammon is the daughter of a Presbyterian minister and has been a Presbyterian all of her life. She is a second career Chemistry teacher at John Hay High School, right down the street (her first career was in clinical chemistry at St Vincent Charity Hospital). She is also a Reiki practitioner and enjoys practicing yoga. She and her husband Rick have two grown daughters, a Schnoodle, and a tank full of cichlids. In the summer, she likes to travel, and is a big Indians fan! She recently became a member and is eager to get involved in the mission of this beautiful church.

\* 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!**

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.

\* 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

Time for Young Disciples

Melanie Marsh Baum

Hymn 209

St. Petersburg

*My Song Forever Shall Record*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Micah 6:8

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Reflection on the Word

Sandy Ammon

Sermon

Amy Starr Redwine

*The Alternate Path*

## 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: Hymn 209 This paraphrase of Psalm 89 focuses on the sovereignty of God, made known through mercy and steadfast love.

\* Hymn 436

Whitfield

*We Are Your People*

Joys and Concerns

Mindy Stewart, *Director of Family Ministries*

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.**

## 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.

Congregational Amen

McNeil Robinson



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Invitation to the Offering

<p>Offertory  <i>Sonata No. 1 in G minor for Solo Violin</i>  <i>Adagio</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jessica Lee, violin  Johann Sebastian Bach</p> <p>* Doxology  <b>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.</b></p> <p>* Prayer of Dedication</p>	<p>MUSIC NOTE  We welcome Covenant member and violinist Jessica Lee to our service. A graduate of the Julliard School, Jessica is member of the Cleveland Orchestra and maintains an active concert career.</p> <hr/> <p>**or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost</p>
<p>* Hymn 432  <i>Canto de Esperanza - Song of Hope</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Argentina</p> <p>* Charge &amp; Benediction</p> <p>Postlude  <i>Voluntary IX, Op. 6, Moderato</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jonathan Moyer, organ  Samuel Wesley</p> <p>Carillon Postlude</p>	<p><b>SEND</b>  Having been nurtured and nourished through worship, we are sent from this place to glorify God in the service of our daily lives.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!</b></p> <p>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, contact Kevin Lowry, Director of Student Ministries, at <a href="mailto:klowry@covenantweb.org">klowry@covenantweb.org</a>, 330-988-0490, or visit <a href="http://CovenantStudentMinistries.org">CovenantStudentMinistries.org</a>.</p> <p><b>USHERS TODAY</b> are Dan Carroll, Russ Hack and Nick Tomko. <b>Greeting</b> is Beth Holbein.</p> <p><b>SUMMER EDUCATION SERIES:</b> Join us <b>today</b> for our second meeting of "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!</p> <p><b>HYMN REQUESTS:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>MUSIC CONCERTS:</b> Join us for a carillon concert <b>today</b> after worship, and on <b>Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup></b> at 12:15 pm, with Covenant Carillonist, 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 to children who are accompanied by an adult.</p>	<p>As you depart, please be mindful of those who stay to listen to the postlude.</p> <p><b>TODAY</b>  8: Music Rehearsals  930: Crèche Nursery, <i>Education Wing</i>  10: Worship, <i>Lawn</i>  10:15 Sunday School, <i>Education Wing</i>  11: Reception, <i>Lawn</i>  11: Carillon Concert and Tower Visits  1130: YPG, <i>Cleveland Indians Game</i>  1230: Science of Spirituality, <i>Sonia Golden Room</i></p> <p>A Stephen Minister will be in Christ Chapel after worship to talk or pray.</p>

**MEDITATION FOR WORLD PEACE:** The Reiki community, led by William Rand, has begun a World Peace Meditation movement on specific dates at specific times. 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 at the church in the sanctuary this Wednesday, July 11 at 7:30 pm to do that in community. If this is not convenient, please pray for peace at home for about 15 minutes sometime between 7:30 and 8:30 pm, knowing that others are praying with you. Specific prayers for world peace will be available at the church that evening, and other resources are available online.

**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.

**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; 983 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, 17 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Julius Orosz, Robert Irving, William Frederick Johnson, Michael A. Giera, Natasha K. Gunderman, Jonathan Hogan Legg, Gregory A. Hummel, Andrew J. Osowski, Aclee Dudley Jr., Harold Spurgeon Emery Jr., Luther E. Moore, Michael Anthony Unger, Isaac Darnell Carson Jr., Steven Ray Heading, and Radosav Lazovic. Seven of those who died were by suicide and two were under the age of eighteen, including a nine year-old girl.

**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, Lise Jenson (Loren Jenson's mother), Paul Jokinen, Craig Jones, Les Knowlton, Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, Liz Mierke, Kellen Newton-Hall, Alex Peters, Ward Porch, Sue Salvator, Liam & Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), Carolyn Teare-Rechardson and the Richardson family, 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.

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: Monday:** Personnel Committee, Office, 7 pm; **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am to 4 pm; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Bereavement Group, Herrick Room, 6 pm; Ministry of Faith Formation, Office, 6:30 pm; Ministry of Finance, Library, 7 pm; **Wednesday:** FMC Board Meeting, Herrick Room, 5 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Peace Service, Sanctuary, 7:30 pm; **Thursday:** Half-Truths, Dowd Commons, 5:30 pm; **Friday:** Carillion Concert, 12:15 pm.

**OUT OF THE OFFICE:** Kevin Lowry will be preaching in Columbus today. Willie Parker will be on vacation July 8-14. 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.

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