

The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**

Sunday, August 12, 2018  
12<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*

Organ Prelude

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

Dr. Michael Peters, *Guest Organist*

Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate*

*Pastor*

\* Celebration of Community

\* Call to Worship

Kevin Lowry, *Campus Chaplain*

On: Come into this sacred space to worship God

**All: whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.**

Come into this holy place to worship God

**whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear.**

Come with holy reverence to be given life, and made wise, to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.

**Come let us worship God!**

\* Hymn (see insert)

*Come, Covenant*

ORA LABORA

\* Call to Confession

Susanne Carter, *Lay Worship Leader*

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we thank you for giving us choices. We know, and you know too, that sometimes we make bad choices that offend you and harm others and ourselves. We are sorry about that.**

**Please forgive us and help us with the choices we will be making in the days to come. Amen.**

\* Silent Confession of Sin

## GATHER

This Sunday we come together from scattered places to be in communion with one another.

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

### LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Susanne Carter is a retired Presbyterian pastor, currently serving a Lutheran congregation part time, primarily by conducting quarterly worship services in her native German tongue and providing pastoral care for German speaking parishioners. When not herself on duty, she and her husband, the Rev. Ken Jones, worship at the Church of the Covenant. Susanne particularly appreciates the diversity of the congregation and the thoughtful sermons. Her choice of today's text from the Book of Numbers and her selection of liturgical materials reflect her deep love for Hebrew Scripture.

\* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: The Psalmist describes God with these words: "God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is removed from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.". 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

Time for Young Disciples

Mindy Stewart, *Director of Family Ministries*

Anthem

Silas Ifeanyi, bass

*Deep River*

Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river, Lord,  
I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,  
That promis'd land where all is peace?

Oh deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Numbers 22:1-39

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Reflection on the Word

Susanne Carter

Sermon

Melanie Marsh Baum

*Choose Your Own Adventure*

\* Hymn 275

SANDON

*God of Our Life*

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.**

MUSIC NOTE

We welcome guest organist Dr. Michael Peters this week while Jonathan Moyer is traveling on concert leave. Dr. Peters is a soloist in the Covenant Choir and teaches at Case Western Reserve University.

Bass soloist Silas Ifeanyi sings in the Covenant and Case Concert choirs. He is an engineering major and will graduate in December from CWRU. He recently completed a co-op with Jargons.

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.

Congregational Amen

McNeil Robinson



Offertory

"God is My Shepherd" from the Biblical Songs

Silas Ifeanyi, bass

Antonín Dvorák

God is my shepherd, I want for nothing.  
 My rest is in the pleasant meadows, He leadeth me where quiet waters flow!  
 My fainting soul doth He restore, and guideth me in the ways of peace,  
 to glorify His name.  
 And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear,  
 for Thou art by me still;  
 Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

\* 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 538

ELLERS

Lord, Dimiss Us with Thy Blessing

\* Charge & Benediction

Organ Prelude

Dr. Michael Peters, Guest Organist

Postlude on an old Irish church melody

Charles Villiers Stanford

Carillon Concert

**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).

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

**USHERS TODAY** are Chris & Marilyn Langmack, and Suchi Nelson. **GREETERS** are The Garlands.

**MAKE MUSIC AT COVENANT:** The Covenant music ensembles (choir and handbells) are open to all volunteers seeking an opportunity for musical expression. Contact Dr. Jonathan Moyer or Dr. Matthew Garrett if you are interested. Rehearsals for the Covenant Choir and Beckwith Handbell Choir will resume on Thursday, September 6 (6:30pm, handbells; 7:30pm choir). All Are Welcome!

MUSIC NOTE

Burleigh, a native of Erie, attended the National Conservatory of Music in NYC where Dvorák was the director. Dvorák was inspired as heard Burleigh sing spirituals in his wonderful baritone voice.

RESPOND

Having heard God's word proclaimed, we respond offering to God a portion of the financial resources we have received.

Scan the QR code to access online giving.



\*\*or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

MUSIC NOTE

Dvorák's song cycle, *Biblical Songs*, consists of ten settings for voice and piano of selected Psalms. Dvorák's settings are both intimate and powerful and speak directly to the listener through their simplicity and devout character.

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

930 Nursery, Creche  
 10 Worship, Sanctuary  
 11 Reception, Front Lawn  
 11 Carillon Concert  
 1230: Science of Spirituality,  
 Sonia Golden Room

**MUSIC CONCERTS:** Join us for a carillon concert **today** after worship and on **Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** at 12:15 pm, with Covenant Carillonneur, George Leggiero.

**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE:** Please join people from all over the world, and pray for world peace on Weds. August 15 at 7:30 p.m. A group will be gathering in the sanctuary for this purpose, and you are welcome to join us, or you can pray where you are. Please see Sandy Ammon for more details ([sandyammon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sandyammon@sbcglobal.net)).

**THEOLOGY ON TAP GOES TO CHAUTAUQUA!** Join us on this **Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** for a day trip to the Chautauqua Institution in western New York (a 2-hour drive from Cleveland). We'll have lunch and attend Lecture at 2 pm, featuring theologian and activist Ruby Nell Sales. Stay for an optional evening concert, featuring bluegrass and roots musician Rhiannon Giddens. Contact Melanie Marsh Baum for details or to sign up.

**WE PRAY FOR:** Judy Bourne, Andrew Bullem, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Paul Dirksen, Rob Engle, Marlene & William Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's parents), Chick Holtkamp, Stephanie Howard (Willie Howard's niece), Leone Kelly (Kevin Lowry's Grandmother), Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, 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 Salvator family on the death of Sue Salvator, on August 2nd ; to the Knowlton family on the death of Les Knowlton on August 6th; and to Venerine Branham on the death of her sister. A memorial Service for Les Knowlton will be held in the church sanctuary on Saturday August 25th at 11am.

**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; 999 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, 16 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Daniel Kaplun, Annie Sims, Joseph Debow, Ronnell Hannah, Sidney Garth, Malachia P. Stewart III, Andre Demetrius Williams, Louis J. Hamor Jr, Darnez Marshall Canion, Marvin Holl, James Alphonso Stateloy II, Shilow M. Bowman, Ravon K. Edwards, Donald L. Schroeder Jr, David Hemphill, and Roger Craig Zurowski. Six of those who died were by suicide.

**OUT OF THE OFFICE:** Amy Starr Redwine will be on vacation August 2-15. Jonathan Moyer will be on vacation August 9-26..

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am-4 pm; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Bereavement Group, Herrick Room, 6 pm; Ministry of Faith Formation, Office, 6:30 pm;  
**Wednesday:** Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Ministry of Service, Library, 6 pm; **Friday:** Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm.

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