

The
Church of the
Covenant

Sunday, August 19, 2018
13th 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

The Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

* Celebration of Community

* Call to Worship Mindy Stewart, *Director of Family Ministries*

One: With deep gratitude we come to worship God.

All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

All good gifts come from God: love, peace, joy,
compassion, and generosity.

We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

* Hymn 288

ELLACOMBE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

* Call to Confession

Ken Jones, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we are not the people we want others to think we are. Sometimes we don't know who we are.

We try to hide our real selves from you, but we cannot, for you know us too well. We confess to you the sin of the world, to which we contribute and in which we share. It frightens us, Lord. Forgive our reliance on weapons of terror, our prejudice against people of different color or custom, and our obsession with worldly standards of success. Forgive us that we are so often unmoved by the desperate situations of those around us. Raise us out of our bondage to sin and death and into the freedom and energy of forgiven people, for that is who we are in Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: Whenever a people is in Christ, behold, there is a new creation altogether; the past is finished and gone; everything becomes fresh and new!
Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

Ken Jones is a retired Presbyterian minister, who, with his spouse the Rev. Susanne Carter, have come to regard the Covenant as their church home. Ken's career began as a short-term missionary in Kyoto, Japan, and concluded in a three-year term with Susanne as mission coworkers in South Africa. In the intervening 50 years, Ken held pastoral positions in five congregations within Cuyahoga County, and served on the staffs of the Greater Cleveland Interchurch Council and the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. In 1996, he initiated the Cleve-SA project, which fostered exchanges of people between northeast Ohio and South Africa. For five

* 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

Anthem

Matthew Garrett, Silas Ifeanyi, Michael Peters

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Bradley, arr. Hawryluk

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear
To him whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, Believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my ev'ry care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Statement on Baptism

Amy Starr Redwine

Congregational Commitment

Jenny Conner

One: Our Lord Jesus Christ commissioned us to teach those who are baptized. Are you, speaking for the whole church, willing to make a commitment to Harper?

All: We promise to tell Harper the good news of the gospel, to help her to know all that Christ commands, to surround her with our love, and by our fellowship to strengthen her ties with the household of God.

Questions of Children

Melanie Marsh Baum

* Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer Over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 498 (verses 1 & 4)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Prayer of Illumination

Ken Jones

years, the Covenant provided an office for the project, in the space now occupied by Willie Howard. Ken's daughter, Sarah, was in a kindergarten class taught by Covenant member Mary Archibald many years ago.

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. Dr. Matthew Garrett is Associate Director of Music at Covenant, and Silas Ifeanyi sings in the Covenant Choir.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism holds a deep reservoir of theological meaning, including dying and rising with Jesus Christ; pardon, cleansing, and renewal; the gift of the Holy Spirit; incorporation into the body of Christ; and a sign of the realm of God. The Reformed tradition understands baptism to be a sign of God's covenant. The water of baptism is linked with the waters of creation, the flood, and the exodus. Baptism thus connects us with God's creative purpose, cleansing power, and redemptive promise from generation to generation.
~from the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*

Scripture Lesson

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 41:1-2

ENCOUNTER

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

Reflection on the Word

Ken Jones

Sermon

Amy Starr Redwine

Consider

* Hymn 386

AZMON

O for a World

Joys and Concerns

Kevin Lowry, *Campus Chaplain*

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.

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.

TODAY

- 8 Music Rehearsal
- 930 Nursery, *Living Room*
- 10 Worship, *Outside*
- 11 Farewell Celebration for Mindy Stewart, *Lawn*
- 11 Carillion Concert
- 1230: Science of Spirituality, *Sonia Golden Room*

Congregational Amen

McNeil Robinson



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

Offertory

Matthew Garret, Silas Ifeanyi, Michael Peters

Bound for the Promised Land

Early American Hymn, arr. Crocker

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye to Canaan’s fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

I am bound for the promised land, O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the promised land.

There gen’rous fruits that never fail on trees immortal grow; there rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and honey flow. *I am bound...*

Soon will the Lord my soul prepare for joys beyond the skies, Never ceasing pleasures roll and praises never die. *I am bound...*

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.

* 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.**

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**or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 428

SCHUMANN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS! We are 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 Lowry at 330-988-0490 or visit CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

USHERS & GREETERS TODAY are Dan Carroll and Nancy & Jim Smekal.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN are given in memory of Thelma Nelson by her daughter, Reaver Nelson.

CELEBRATION FOR MINDY STEWART: Join us after worship today to say thank you to Mindy Stewart, Director of Family Ministries, on her last day with us. We'll celebrate with cake and the presentation of gifts. All are welcome!

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: The Covenant music ensembles (choir and handbells) are open to all volunteers seeking an opportunity for musical expression. Church membership is not required for participation. Students are welcome. Rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 pm for the Beckwith Handbell Choir and 7:30 pm for the Covenant Choir. If you are interested in joining any of these ensembles, please contact Jonathan Moyer or Matthew Garrett.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets in the church library the first Wednesday of the month September 5, 2018 through May 1, 2019. We will be using the Horizons Bible Study book *God's Promise: I am with you*. The books are available in the church office. Please pick one up and read Lesson One for the September meeting. All interested women are welcome. Please contact Karen Burt for more information.

MUSIC CONCERTS: Join us for a carillon concert **today** after worship and on **Friday, August 24th** 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.

NEXT SUNDAY we collect food and financial donations for the Covenant Food Pantry which is in need of canned chili, spaghetti sauce, pasta sauce, jelly, canned soup, fruit and pudding cups.

WE PRAY FOR: Judy Bourne, Andrew Bullen, 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, Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, Liam & Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), Anne Wombwell deConingh, June Tomko, Caroline Urvin, 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:** Saturday Tutoring Program Meeting, Office, 6 pm; **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am-4 pm; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Trustees Meeting, Library, 6:30 pm; **Wednesday:** Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Session, Office, 7 pm; **Friday:** Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm.; **Saturday:** Les Knowlton Memorial Service, Sanctuary, 11 am.

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