

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, August 26, 2018
21st 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

Hail to the Brightness

Dr. Michael Peters, *Guest Organist*

Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

* Celebration of Community

* Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

One: God dwells in each person we encounter.

All: Today, we will open our ears, minds, and hearts as we encounter our neighbors.

God calls us to love each other as we do ourselves.

Today, we will strive to love our brothers and sisters without expectation or pre-condition.

God asks us to use our gifts to serve each other in unity and understanding.

Today, we will use our gifts to build each other up.

Together we will come to a full knowledge of God's love.

Today, may we grow together, by loving God and loving our neighbors.

* Hymn (see insert)

Nearer My God to Thee

BETHANY

* Call to Confession

Kim Alcrantz, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love. However, we do not always share your love with others. We are selective about who we call our neighbors: those who look like us, who talk right, who seem safe. Loving God, teach us to love you more fully. For in loving you, our lives will show love to all others. Surrounded by love and forgiveness, hear us as we silently confess our sins.

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.*

MUSIC NOTE

We welcome guest organist

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: God loves us, without expectation; without precondition! Let us extend that love to all of our neighbors. 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.**

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum,

Anthem

Aaron Lange, tenor

"Every Valley" from Messiah

Georg Frideric Handel

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. (Isaiah 40:4)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22:37-40

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection on the Word

Matthew Habermusch

Sermon

Kevin Lowry, Campus Chaplain

Love your [_____] Neighbor

* Hymn 220

OLD HUNDREDTH

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Joys and Concerns

Amy Star Redwine

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



Dr. Michael Peters this week. Dr. Peters is a soloist in the Covenant Choir and teaches at Case Western Reserve University.

**or Maker

Aaron Lange (tenor) is a section leader in the Covenant Choir and a second-year master's student at CIM, where he studies with Dr. Dean Southern. Aaron is also part of the voice faculty at the Notre Dame College in Euclid, OH. This is Aaron's second year singing at Covenant, where he has felt welcomed and part of the Covenant family.

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.

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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<p>Offertory <i>"Then shall the righteous shine forth" from Elijah</i></p> <p>Then shall the righteous shine forth As the sun in their heavenly Father's realm. Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, And all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever. (Matthew 13:43; Isaiah 51:11)</p>	<p>Aaron Lange, tenor F. Mendelssohn</p>	<p>code to access online giving.</p>
<p>* Doxology 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.</p>	<p>Old Hundredth</p>	<p>**or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost</p>
<p>* Prayer of Dedication</p>		<p>SEND 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>* Hymn 759 <i>O God, We Bear the Imprint</i></p>	<p>TODOS LOS COLORES</p>	<p>MUSIC NOTE Kansas City native Emma Lou Diemer was an organist from the early age of 13. She is a leading American composer of orchestral, chamber, keyboard, choral, and vocal works. We hear two settings of well-known hymn tunes for the prelude and postlude today.</p>
<p>* Charge & Benediction</p>		
<p>Organ Postlude <i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i></p>	<p>Dr. Michael Peters Emma Lou Diemer</p>	
<p>Carillon Concert</p>		

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.

USHERS TODAY Dan Carroll, Martha Goble and Nancy & Jim Smekal. **GREETER TODAY IS** Liz Shriver.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN are given in memory of Evelyn Blakeney Greene & John L. Greene by their son, James Greene.

APOSTLES BUILD, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 9:00AM-3:00PM: Join us for our final workday for this year to help rehab houses through the Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build. This year we are working to rehab a house in the West Park neighborhood on the west side of Cleveland. Please sign up in the church office if you are interested in working on the house, or providing a group lunch, or both. Talk with Jim Prince for more information.

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.

TODAY
8 Music Rehearsal, Sanctuary
930 Nursery, Living Room
10 Worship, Sanctuary
1015: Sunday School, Education Wing
11 Reception, Lawn
11 Carillon Concert

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

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.

MUSIC CONCERTS: Join us for a carillon concert **today** after worship and on **Friday, August 31st** 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.

TODAY THE CHILDREN WILL collect food and financial donations for our Covenant Food Pantry, open the last Wednesday and Friday of each month, Thursday afternoons in the Connection Center for students, and for emergencies. Thank you for your support

CELEBRATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: Bring your backpacks to worship on Sunday, September 9 and we will bless all students, teachers, and administrators who have returned to the classroom this fall. After worship, join us for a celebration and potluck in the newly renovated Dowd Commons and stay for a presentation by member Kathy Farkas, who recently attended General Assembly as a commissioner from the Presbytery of the Western Reserve.

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, Denise Horstman, 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.

THE BRAUN FAMILY has extended an open invitation to Kirsten Braun and Luke Davis's wedding on Saturday, September 1st at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary. Kirsten grew up in the church and is the daughter of Fred and Heidi Braun.

OUT OF THE OFFICE: Kevin Lowry will be The Foundations for Christian Leadership Conference in Washington DC from Monday, August 27 through Thursday, August 30. Aisha Newton will be out of the office Thursday, August 30 and Friday, August 31.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: **Monday:** Personnel Committee, Office, 7 pm; **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am-4 pm; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; **Wednesday:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am-12 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; **Thursday:** Connect, Living Room, 5:30 pm; **Friday:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am-12 pm; Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm.; **Saturday:** Braun/Davis wedding, Sanctuary, 4:30 pm.

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