

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, September 2, 2018
15th 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

Jonathan Moyer, *Organist and Director of Music*

Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot (Fughetta), BWV 679

J.S. Bach

Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot, BWV 678

(These are the holy ten commandments)

Welcome

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

Statement of Opportunity

Mary Anne Bromelmeier, STP

* Celebration of Community

* Call to Worship

Kevin Lowry, *Campus Chaplain*

One: Come, Creator God, to receive our worship.

Come, Christ Jesus, to receive our praise.

Come, Holy Spirit, to receive our thanks.

Come, eternal three-in-one to celebrate our unity as your body.

**All: We share one faith and are of one soul and one mind;
we belong to you.**

We are baptized with one baptism,

We eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

We share one hope, one comfort, one goal.

We are one people, united by our faith and trust in you,
united by your love and mercy

**We are one people, united in blessing and in suffering,
united in joy and in sorrow, united in strength and in
weakness. Receive our praise!**

* Hymn 461

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God Is Here

* Call to Confession

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us: when the busyness of our lives erodes the
intentions of our hearts; when our personal agendas take precedence over
reaching out to others; when we keep putting off being more active "doers**

THE LORD'S DAY

We gather to worship God on the Lord's Day (Sunday) because the Gospels testify that Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week. The Lord's Day is also called the "eighth day" of creation, a sign of the new creation that has begun with Christ's resurrection. While we may worship God on any day and at any time, the Sunday service in particular is a celebration of Christ's resurrection and an anticipation of the fullness of God's coming reign.

~ from *The PC(USA) Book of Common Worship, 2018*

GATHER

We gather to praise the triune God in word and song, confess our sin, and seek God's grace.

* *Please stand as you are able.*

MUSIC NOTE

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship.

CONFESSION

The turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition. Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of

of the word"; when we only half-listen to those who cry out to be fully heard. Gracious God, forgive us for and help us to make ourselves more available to the hurting world that surrounds us. Equip us to be patient and compassionate listeners, proclaiming the gospel not in overbearing ways, but sensitively and lovingly. May our contemplation and our action lead to our transformation.

* Private Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Friends, believe the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

Glorify 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

Kevin Lowry

Anthem

Jelani Watkins, bass-baritone

This River

Uzee Brown, Jr.

This river that runs through my life will never be uncrossable, this river that washes the shores from sea to sea. This river that calls my name, on both shores just the same, this river shall never be uncrossable for me.

This river that runs through my life is a lifeline for me. This river that runs through my life is where I'll always be. This river shall never be uncrossable for me.

These shores on which I stand a part, shall never be unreachable. These shores that give me back my heart and bind my future sure shall never divide my love, nor keep me from the above. This river shall never be uncrossable for me.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Psalms 15, James 1:17-27

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Melanie Marsh Baum

"Great Expectations"

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God--Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church. We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family. We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world. We believe that the sin of division, separation, and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ. We

the world and of our lives, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ.

MUSIC NOTE

The *Gloria Patri* is a song of praise derived from the song of the angels in Luke 2, and it affirms our belief in a three-fold dimension of God as Creator, Savior, and Spirit.

ENCOUNTER

We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed to us through the Hebrew Bible (what we have historically called the Old Testament) and the New Testament. The Word is proclaimed in scripture, sermon, and the sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper).

MUSIC NOTE

We welcome Jelani Watkins as a new soloist in the Covenant Choir. He and his wife have recently moved here from Atlanta.

RESPOND

Having heard God's word proclaimed, we respond with sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper), music, affirmations of faith, and by offering to God for the work of the church a portion of the financial resources we have

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commit ourselves to protect the unity of the church universal. We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts, and deeds.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Jelani Watkins

Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; take not Thy holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and renew a right spirit within me.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Melanie Marsh Baum

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give both thanks and praise....

Sanctus

Merbecke

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly. Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of Thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

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. Amen

The Words of Institution

Amy Starr Redwine

Music during Communion

Improvisation on Communion Hymns

Jonathan Moyer

Prayer after Communion

Hymn 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Sonata Pontificale, Fugue

Jonathan Moyer

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Carillon Postlude

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord. Jesus shared meals with his followers throughout his earthly life and ministry. He spoke of himself as the bread of life, and as the true vine, in whom we are branches. As Paul wrote, when we share the bread and cup in Jesus' name, "we who are many are one body" (1 Cor. 10:17)

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Church of the Covenant observes open communion. Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper by passing. Servers will bring the elements to those in the pews. Please eat the bread when you receive it and hold the cup until all have been served so that we may share in the cup together. The communion wine is unfermented grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup.

SEND

Having been nurtured and nourished through worship, we are sent from this place to glorify God in the service of our daily lives – at home, at work, and in our relationships with all of God's children.

As you depart, please be mindful of those who stay to listen to the postlude. Thank you.

COMMUNITY MEAL, TODAY, ALL ARE WELCOME!

After worship join us in the Living Room (lower level) for our first community Meal of the year. We will offer a short program on this month's them: Welcome. This meal is free and open to the public as we seek to meet our neighbors and be in community with one another.

UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME HERE!

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 about ways to be involved in the student community, contact Kevin Lowry, Director of Student Ministries, 330-988-0490 klowry@covenantweb.org or visit CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

USHERS TODAY ARE Jim Greene, Russell Hack, and Sean Siswanto. **GREETER TODAY IS** Beth Holbein. **SERVERS TODAY ARE** Dan Carroll, Barb Clint, Jenney Conner, Matthew Garrett, Kitty Jarjisian, Stephanie Johnson, Cathy Luck, and Jim Tomaszewski.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN are given in memory of Irene Hercl by her daughter, Mildred Russian.

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 a main dish of fried chicken along with potato salad and ice cream will be provided. We ask that you bring a dish to share:

last name A-L: Side Dish/Dessert (vegetarian sides/dairy free desserts encouraged!)

last name M-Z: Salad. We ask you to stay for a presentation by member Kathy Farkas, who recently attended General Assembly as a commissioner from the Presbytery of the Western Reserve.

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, beginning September 5, 2018 and continuing 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 OPPORTUNITIES AND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: The Covenant music ensembles

TODAY

8:00: Music Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

9:00: Stephen Ministers, *Herrick Room*

9:30: Crèche Nursery, *Ed Wing*

10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*

11:00: Reception, Reception Room

11:00: Carillion Concert/Tower Tour

11:15: Community Meal, *Living Room*

12:30: Healing Circle, *Sonia Golden Room*

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

LEADERSHIP

MINISTERS:

All the members of the church

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Jonathan Moyer, Music Director
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SESSION

Will Klein, Clerk of Session,
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CLASS OF 2019: Jenny Conner, Virginia Kallay, LaShawna Adams Mitchell, Jim Smekal, Lou Stark

CLASS OF 2020: Dave Finkenthal, Deni Horstman, Kitty Jarjisian, Chris Langmack, Suchi Nelson

CLASS OF 2021: Barb Clint, Elizabeth Hagen, Reaver Nelson, Omar Siddiq, Jim Tomaszewski

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2019: Matthew Garrett, Marjorie Heines, Beth Holbein, Pat Owen-Keltner, Mildred Russin, Liz Shriver, Ann Stark

CLASS OF 2020: Tom Denbow, Stephanie Johnson, Julie Mailey, Lucy & Nancy Matz, Lynda Starr

CLASS OF 2021: Stacey Booker,

(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 (jmoyer@covenantweb.org) or Matthew Garrett (mgarrett@covenantweb.org).

MUSIC CONCERTS: Join us for a carillon concert **today** after worship and on **Friday, September 7th** 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.

JOIN OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ADVISERS: Do you feel called to work with and mentor young people in High School? Join us as a High Youth Adviser for the 2018-19 program year. We are looking for two adults (25+) to work with our High School group. The time commitment is minimal, and the rewards are immeasurable. Contact Melanie for more details.

WE PRAY FOR: Michael Anthony (Orene Anthony's brother-in-law), Judy Bourne, Andrew Bullen, David Brown (Kitty Jarjisian's cousin), Sylvia Clapp (Sandy Ammon's mother), Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Paul Dirksen, Rob Engle, Marlene & William Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's parents), Phyllis Hackett, Denise Horstman, Stephanie Howard (Willie Howard's niece), Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, Liam & Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), 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 Karen Holtkamp on the death of her husband Chick on August 27. Chick died peacefully after a long illness surrounded by family and friends.

OUT OF THE OFFICE: Willie Howard will be on vacation from September 4-7. Kevin Lowry will be out of the office September 5-7.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: **Monday:** Office **closed** for Labor Day; **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; Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, Beckwith Hall, 12 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; **Thursday:** Theology On Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30 pm; Connect, Living Room, 5:30 pm; Handbell Rehearsal, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm; **Friday** Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm., Dowd Commons Fundraiser, 6:30 pm; **Saturday:** Saturday Tutoring Program Meeting, Living Room, 10 am.

Dan Carroll, Cathy Luck, Ken Rock,
Ryan Szafranec

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