

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, September 9, 2018
16th Sunday after 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

Alleluia Laudem dicite Deo nostro
(Alleluia, Praise our God)

Dr. Jonathan Moyer, *Organist*
Heinrich Scheidemann
after a motet of Hans Leo Hassler

Welcome

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

* Celebration of Community

Introit

The Covenant Choir
Joseph Haydn

The Creation, Introduction

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth; and the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters; and God said: Let there be Light, and there was Light.

GATHER

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.

* *Please stand as you are able.*

* Call to Worship

Justin Mitchell

One: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

**All: For the God who broods over the chaos
meets us in this place.**

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**For the God who breathes new life into the dust
meets us in this place.**

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

**For the God who dared to become human
meets us in this place.**

Come as you are.

Let us worship God!

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Stephanie Pennza and her then fiancé Jim, joined the Covenant at the end of 2015, and were married here in July 2016. She is the Coordinator of Volunteer Services for Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital and MacDonald Women's Hospital, both part of University Hospitals. Stephanie is also a Sunday School teacher and enjoys working with the children and teens. For fun, Stephanie and Jim love spending time with family and friends and spending afternoons by the lake. They reside in Painesville Township.

* Hymn 455

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Creatures of Our God and King

Vs. 1-2: all voices

Vs. 3: high voices

Vs. 4: low voices

Vs. 5: the choir

Vs. 6: all voices

* Call to Confession

Stephanie Pennza, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God, forgive us for those times we have squandered our capacity to create, and for those times we have used our creativity as a force for destruction rather than reparation. Help us to live in awe of the creativity you planted within us when you made us in your own image, and to recognize your image in all people. May we may find a sense of connection in our common identity as your beloved creatures.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: 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!

* 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.**

Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*
Kevin Lowry, *Campus Chaplin*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Amy Starr Redwine

Wired for Belonging

* Hymn 285

AUSTRIAN HYMN

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Vs. 1 and 3 in unison; Vs. 2 in harmony

Joys and Concerns

Camron Mitchell

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.

CONFESSION

The turn from communal praise to corporate confession is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition. Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ.

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

Camron and Justin Mitchell both attend Benedictine HS. Camron is a Sophomore and Justin is in his Senior Year. Both have grown up attending Covenant and were confirmed last spring.

**or Maker

ENCOUNTER

We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed to us through the Bible. The Word is proclaimed in scripture, sermon, and, on some Sundays, through the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

RESPOND

Having heard God's word proclaimed, we respond with music, prayers, and regular practice of the spiritual discipline of generosity, offering to God a portion of the financial resources we have received.

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Congregational Amen

McNeil Robinson



Offertory

The Creation, "The heavens are telling"

The Covenant Choir

Joseph Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God. The wonder of his work displays the firmament. Today, that is coming, speaks it the day; the night, that is gone, to following night. The heavens are telling the glory of God. The wonder of his work displays the firmament. In all the land resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood. The heavens are telling the glory of God. The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

* 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 386

AZMON

O for a World

Vs. 1 and 5 in unison; Vs. 2-4 in harmony

* Charge & Benediction

Organ Postlude

Symphony No. 2, Finale

Jonathan Moyer

Charles-Marie Widor

Carillon Concert

MUSIC NOTE

When Haydn visited England in the early 1790s, he heard a number of Handel's musical compositions, including *Messiah*. Upon returning to his native Vienna, Haydn began working on his own oratorio (a large musical work set to Biblical text), *The Creation*. For Haydn, this work reflected his personal faith in God: "There are in this world so few happy and contented people...perhaps [*The Creation*] will become a source in which the person bowed down by care, or burdened with business matters, will for a while find peace and rest."

**or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

SEND

Having been nurtured and nourished through worship, we are sent from this place to glorify God in the service of our daily lives. Please be mindful of those who wish to stay and listen to the postlude.

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

Join us following the service in the main entrance for a time of fellowship with other students and members of the Covenant Community. Covenant Student Ministries is here to support your spiritual journey. For more information or to talk with someone, contact Kevin, our campus chaplain, at klowry@covenantweb.org, text/call 330-988-0490, or visit www.CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

USHERS TODAY ARE Tracey Blake, and Jim & Nancy Smekal. **GREETERS TODAY ARE** Emily Blake, Liz Shriver, and Karin & Dan Garland.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC: After worship, join us for a celebratory meal in the newly renovated Dowd Commons. After lunch, member Kathy Farkas, who recently attended General Assembly as a commissioner from the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, will share reflections on her experience at GA.

TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsal
 9:30 Nursery, *Living Room*
 10:00 Worship
 10:15: Music & Ministry(K-5), *Education Wing*
 11:00 All Church Picnic, *Dowd Commons*
 11:00 Carillon Concert
 12:30 Science of Spirituality, *Sonia Golden Room*
 A Stephen Minister will be in Christ Chapel after worship to talk or pray.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The session has called a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, September 16, to vote on the nomination of Jim Prince to fill a vacated term in the trustee class of 2020.

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), Kim Bergman, Kristy Burrus, 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), Simmons 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.

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, 1,018 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, 19 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Devin D'Shawn Allen, Matthew C. Casselberry, Raymond M. Gould, Jaylin l'An Glanton, Gary Allen Dickens, Jeremy William Foust, Thomas Hickman, Sir Roll Sizemore, Kaelin Torrence, Mark Justin Warn, Michael Joshua Warn, Richard Harlan Warn, Amia Chardai Martin, Yuri Lee West, Mario Marco King, Maurice Jaivone Johnson, William T. Matwijiw, Myrtis Darius Huey Sr., and Cortez Earl Ruffin. Seven of those died by suicide.

OUT OF THE OFFICE: Willie Parker will be on vacation from September 9-15. Aisha Newton will be out of the office September 14.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: Monday: Stewardship Team, Office, 5pm; Nominating Committee, Off-site, 6:30 pm; **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am-4 pm; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Noon Organ Concert, Sanctuary, 12 pm; Deacons Meeting, Office, 6 pm; Bereavement Group, Herrick Room, 6 pm; Ministry of Faith Formation, Office, 7:30 pm; **Wednesday:** Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; TheoEx Task Force, Office, 5:30 pm; Peace Service, Sanctuary, 7 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** CEIRS Board Meeting, Library, 8:30 am; Carillion Concert, 12:15 pm; **Saturday:** Choir Retreat, Upstairs/Dowd Commons, 9 am; Saturday Tutoring Program, Dowd Commons, 10 am.

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