

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, September 23, 2018
18th 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

Dr. Jonathan Moyer

Improvisation on Themes from Yom Kippur

"Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam..."

Welcome

Kevin Lowry, *Campus Chaplain*

Statement of Opportunity

Amy Starr Redwine, *Stewardship Team*

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Children and Youth Choir & Chancel Choir

Come and Sing

Thomas Ravenscroft

Come and sing, praise the Lord, praise God in the highest, alleluia!

* Call to Worship

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

One: We belong together in God's love.

All: Whether you are big and I am small,

We belong together in God's love.

Whether you are rich and I am poor,

We belong together in God's love.

Whether or not we pray, or live, or love in the same way,

We belong together in God's love.

Let us worship God!

* Hymn 442

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

* Call to Confession

Ellen Leys, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

O God, we yearn to be a community of believers, united in your Spirit. And yet we are fraught with divisions: denominational, political, and theological. We are weighed down by tensions that break us apart. Forgive us, God, for this sin. Help us to live in community together, loving one another, in spite of our differences, and respecting one another in all we do and say. Help us to be one in heart and mind as we silently confess our sins.

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.*

MUSIC NOTE

Today's organ prelude features melodies from the Hebrew liturgies for the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, which had their conclusion this past Wednesday. "Blessed are you, Adonai. Your great name fills the universe with majestic might."

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Ellen Leys is a senior nursing major at CWRU, originally from Des Moines, Iowa. (Go Hawkeyes!) She loves adventures and spent the summer in Haiti and Australia. She has been a part of the Covenant community for the past year.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Friends, hear the good news. In the grace and mercy of, Jesus Christ, poured out in through God's Holy Spirit we are united together, one mind and one heart. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Ellen Leys

First Lesson

Psalm 133

Anthem

Children and Youth Choir

We Are the Body of Christ

Emily Lund

We are the body of Christ, one body flowing with life, sharing in one Spirit, baptized in one name, living for the Savior, together we proclaim: we are one! If the foot should say, "I am not a hand, I do not belong!" If the ear should say, "I am not an eye, I do not belong!" If the head should say to the feet, "You are not like me!" Where would the body be? We are the body of Christ, one body flowing with life, sharing in one Spirit, baptized in one name, living for the Savior, together we proclaim: come, join the body of Christ! One body flowing with life! Sharing in one Spirit, baptized in one name, living for the Savior, together we proclaim: we are one in Christ! We are one!

Time for Young Disciples

Food Collection

Parting Response

Hymn 535

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

One in the Spirit

* Hymn 241

CRIMOND

Behold the Goodness of Our Lord

Joys and Concerns

Kevin Lowry, *Campus Chaplain*

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition

CONFESSION

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.

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.

FOOD COLLECTION

Today, the children collect food and financial donations for our 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.

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



Offertory

In Christ There Is No East or West

Chancel Choir

Trad. Spiritual

In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north; but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind. Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north; all Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

* 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 (insert)

THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We Are One in the Spirit

* Charge & Benediction

Organ Postlude

Fugue in G major, BWV 577

Dr. Jonathan Moyer

Johann Sebastian Bach

Carillon Postlude

RESPOND

Having heard God's word proclaimed, we respond with music, prayers, and by 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

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.

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

COVENANT COMMONS

CONNECT ● GROW ● SERVE

EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM IN THE DOWD COMMONS

Every Sunday following worship we will gather in the Dowd Commons to explore what it means to live as Christ's disciples. All are welcome to this intergenerational exploration of faith, fellowship, and service.

THIS WEEK: BOOK DISCUSSION

Today we will explore Angie Thomas's book *The Hate U Give*, a story of an African-American teenager who witnesses the killing of her best friend in a police shooting. We will discuss themes race in America through the lens of youth culture, police brutality, and the inner-city/suburban divide.

TODAY

9:30 Nursery, *Creche*

10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*

10:15 Children's Choir,
Education Wing

11:00 Fellowship, *Reception Room*

11:30 Covenant Commons:
Book Discussion, *Dowd Commons*

11:30 Dwellers (Middle School Youth), *Living Rm*

UPCOMING COVENANT COMMONS

September 30th - New Member Class
October 7th - Community Meal / Covenant Lecture
October 14th - Jody Kerchner, "Then Sings My Soul"

COVENANT STUDENT MINISTRIES

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

Join us following the service in the Reception Room 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.

Join Us for our Connect Meal every Thursday at 5:30pm in the Connection Center Living Room. We provide the dinner; you bring the conversation!

USHERS TODAY ARE Dan Carroll, John Bromelmeier, Russell Hack, and Nick Tomko. **GREETER TODAY IS** Helen Kunsman.

CELEBRATING OUR STAFF Jonathan Moyer marked his tenth anniversary as our music director and organist last August, and Melanie Marsh Baum will be on maternity leave from October 1 through December 8 as she and her family welcome a new baby into their life. Join us after worship on Sunday, September 30 as we celebrate these two milestones at the reception with cake and other treats. Baskets will be available for those who wish to leave cards or other well wishes for Jonathan and Melanie.

WE PRAY FOR: Michael Anthony (Orene Anthony's brother-in-law), Judy Bourne, David Brown (Kitty Jarjisian's cousin), Kim Bergman, Kristy Burrus, Sylvia Clapp (Sandy Ammon's mother), Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Paul Dirksen, Rob Engle, Marlene & William Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's parents), 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.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to the Hackett Family on the death of Phyllis, who died on Thursday, September 13, and to Melanie Marsh Baum & family on the death of her cousin Andrew Bullen, who died Thursday, September 13.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: **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; **Wednesday:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am-12 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Session, Office, 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:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am-12 pm; Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm; **Saturday:** Guitar Orchestra Rehearsal, Choir Room, 9 am; Saturday Tutoring Program, Dowd Commons, 10 am; Phyllis Hackett Memorial/Reception, Sanctuary/Dowd Commons, 2 pm.

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