

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, September 30, 2018
19th 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
Voluntary IX

Dr. Jonathan Moyer
Samuel Wesley

Welcome

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

Statement of Gratitude

Kris Eggert, *God Before Guns*

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Chancel Choir

I Wanna Be Ready Spiritual, arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton
I wanna be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John. I've never been to heaven but I've been told that the streets up there are paved with gold. If you get there before I do, tell all my friends I'm comin' too. I wanna be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John.

* Call to Worship

Kevin Lowry, *Campus Chaplain*

One: Come all who are weary

All: of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division.

Come all who are heavy-laden

with too much or too little; with anxiety, fear, or anger.

Come all who have hope

for liberation, for peace, for freedom.

Hear and believe God's words,

"See, I am making all things new."

* Hymn 470

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O Day of Radiant Gladness

* Call to Confession

Tom Denbow, *Lay Worship Leader*

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.*

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Tom Denbow and his wife Barb Clint have been members of the Church of the Covenant since 1995. They live in the North Collinwood neighborhood of Cleveland, where they see Lake Erie every day. Barb and Tom raised three children at the church (Cassie, Collin, and Kayla) and will be forever grateful for the lifelong spiritual lessons learned and the friendships gained on their life's journey. Tom works for Biohabitats, a conservation, ecological restoration, and regenerative design firm focused on healing earth ecosystems for the benefit of communities.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Hear the prayers of our hearts and minds as we silently confess our sins.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. 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.**

**or Maker

Prayer for Illumination

Tom Denbow

First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

Anthem

Chancel Choir

And I Saw a New Heaven

Edgar L. Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

Time for Young Disciples

Kevin Lowry

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.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

The apostle John's descriptions of life everlasting, following the great day of judgement have been set to music by many composers. Our service opens with a charge to be ready to walk with John into this New Jerusalem.

British composer Edgar Bainton created a lyrically rich portrait of Revelation 21; which would turn out to be his most famous contribution to choral music. The British composer Percy Whitlock (1903-1946) was a contemporary of Edgar Bainton (composer of the anthem), having both studied with C.V. Stanford at the Royal College of Music, London. *Deo Gracias* is the tune name commonly associated with the hymn text "O love, how deep, how broad, how high."

Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-5

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Amy Starr Redwine

All Things New

* Hymn 450

JERUSALEM

O Day of Peace

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, Associate Pastor

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



Statement of Generosity

Will Klein, *Stewardship*

Offertory

Beckwith Handbell Choir

Jesus Shall Reign

Attr. John Hatton and arr. Bill Ingram

* 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.**

**or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 443

SPIRITUAL

Great Day!

* Charge & Benediction

Organ Postlude

Dr. Jonathan Moyer

Deo Gracias

Percy Whitlock

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.



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: NEW MEMBER CLASS

Want to learn more about the Church of the Covenant?

Join us after worship **today** to meet staff, leaders, and other potential new members and to learn about our vision, mission, and ministries.

UPCOMING COVENANT COMMONS

October 7th - Community Meal / Covenant Lecture

October 14th - Jody Kerchner, "Then Sings My Soul"

October 21st - Faith in Action: Poverty / Hygiene Kits

October 28th - Book Discussion: *Grateful* by Diana Butler Bass

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!

SACRED SCRIBBLES

TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsals,

Sanctuary

9:30 Nursery, *Creche*

10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*

10:15 Children's Choir, *Yost Chapel*

11:00 Reception

(celebrating Jonathan and Melanie), *Reception Room*

11:30 Covenant Commons: New Member Class, *Dowd Commons*

USHERS TODAY ARE Patty & Clint Fowler, Jim Greene, and Sean Siswanto.

GREETER TODAY IS Liz Shriver.

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 **today**, 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: Jane Adams, 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, Dean Patterson, Liam & Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), Simmons Family, June Tomko, Cynthia Wilson (Willie Howard's sister), 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.

FLOWERS TODAY are given in loving memory of Phyllis Hackett by her children Carrie and Bruce.

CONGRATULATIONS to Keith and Ginny Kallay on the birth of their first grandchild. Jon and Lacey Kallay welcomed daughter Everly on September 23 in Atlanta.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Orene Anthony and her family on the death of Michael Anthony, Orene's brother-in-law, who died recently in Berkeley, California

OUT OF THE OFFICE to Melanie Marsh Baum will be on maternity leave from October 1 through December 8.

WEEKDAY CONCERTS Tuesday Noon Organ Concerts, October 2: Mathew Bickett, student from Oberlin College; **Friday Noontime Carillon Concerts**, October 5: George Leggiero

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; Nominating Committee, Offsite, 6:30 pm; **Wednesday:** Women's Bible Study, Library, 10 am; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; **Thursday:** Personnel Committee, Office, 4 pm; 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; **Saturday:** Guitar Orchestra Rehearsal, Choir Room, 9 am; Saturday Tutoring Program, Dowd Commons, 10 am; TheoEx Task Force, Dowd Commons, 12:30 pm; Meditation Group, Herrick Room, 4 pm.

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Lucy & Nancy Matz, Lynda Starr

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