

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, October 14, 2018
21st 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*

Prelude

Berceuse, Op. 16
Meditation from Thaïs

Alexa Still, flute
Gabriel Fauré
Jules Massenet

Welcome Kevin Lowry, *Interim Director of Student and Family Ministries*

Statement of Opportunity

Music Staff

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Chancel Choir Soloists

Gabi Gabi Xhosa Praise Song, edited by Anders Nyberg
Gabi, Gabi Bash' abazalwan'
Praise the Father Liberator Lord.
Siyoshiwa khona Sidal' ubuzalwan'
He frees all the captives and gives the hungry bread.

* Call to Worship

Kevin Lowry

One: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving,
reconciling love of God.

All: For once we were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.
Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.
We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!
Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

* Hymn 108

TRURO

Christ Is Alive

* Call to Confession

Quinn Redwine, *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

Quinn Starr Redwine is a fifth grader at Urban Oak School in Cleveland Heights. His favorite pastime is playing baseball and he recently finished a season of fall ball where he mostly played shortstop. Quinn also loves to follow Major League Baseball, read, and play the classical guitar.

MUSIC NOTE

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The text of hymn 108 was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event, affirming the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

O God, you freely offer us love beyond compare. You feed us with compassion, hold us up with hope, and clothe us with grace. You call us to feed others, hold others up, and clothe them with peace, joy, and love. But we worry about our own needs, our reputations, and our own survival more than the well-being of those around us. We humbly ask for your forgiveness for all the things we have done that separate us from you, your creation, and your people, as we silently confess our sins.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Friends, hear the Good News! Through Christ we receive a grace unlimited by words and a love unknown apart from God. In our daily lives when we show that grace and love to others, we will be known as God’s people and disciples of your son, Jesus Christ. 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

Quinn Redwine

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-3

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Going Over Home

arranged by Kevin Riehle

I am a poor wayfaring stranger a traveling through this world of woe, but there’s no sickness, toil or danger in that bright world to which I go.

I’m going there to see my mother, I’m going there no more to roam, I’m only going over Jordan, I’m only going over home.

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me, See on the portal he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

To celebrate Susanne and Ken’s ministry with us this week, Chancel Choir soloists call us to worship with a South African praise song, *Gabi, Gabi*. American high school teacher and composer Kevin Riehle combined two hymns, “Wayfaring Stranger” and “Softly and Tenderly” for flute, soloist, and choir in *Going Over Home*. African-American composer Keith McCutchen’s gospel treatment of *Amazing Grace* was originally written for the St. Olaf Choir in Minnesota.

WELCOME

We welcome flutist Alexa Still to our service today. Dr. Still is an associate professor of flute at Oberlin College and concertizes worldwide.

Come home, ye who are weary, come home.
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling, O pilgrim come home.

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Susanne Carter

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

Luke 15:11-20

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Revs. Ken Jones and Susanne Carter

Pods and a Fatted Calf

* Hymn 374

DICKINSON COLLEGE

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Joys and Concerns

Kevin Lowry

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

Kitty Jarjisian, *Stewardship*

WELCOME

We welcome to our pulpit today the Reverends Ken Jones and Susanne Carter. Unless they are involved with Bethany English Lutheran Church and particularly with their German speaking members, Susanne and Ken, both retired Presbyterian clergy, feel at home in the pews of The Covenant. Their tandem preaching today, during Melanie's maternity leave and Amy's absence, has a precedent: shortly after their return from three years of mission work in South Africa, they preached together in this church on November 26, 2006. Next Sunday, they will happily return to their pew again.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

If you have not already made a financial commitment for 2019, we invite you to do so by Sunday, October 21. You can make your pledge using a pledge card, the form online at covenantweb.org/giving, or by calling the church office. Thank you for all the ways you give!

Offertory Chancel Choir
Amazing Grace arranged by Keith McCutchen

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see.
Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'twas grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me on.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

* 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 367 CHEREPONI
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude Alexa Still, flute
Allemande from Partita in A minor, BWV 1013 J.S. Bach

Carillon Postlude

COVENANT COMMONS

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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: FAITH IN THE ARTS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018**

Oberlin Professor Jody Kerchner will present, "Then Sings My Soul." This will be a presentation on her experience working with Oberlin Music at Grafton (OMGA), a prison choir at the Grafton Correctional Institution. OMAG prison choir provides an opportunity for members of the GRC and Oberlin communities to engage in community-building, group learning, and discipline, and to enhance self-esteem and self-expression through music.

UPCOMING COVENANT COMMONS

October 21st - Faith in Action: Poverty / Hygiene Kits
October 28th - Book Discussion: *Grateful* by Diana Butler Bass

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**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.

TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsal
9:30 Nursery, *Living Room*
10:00 Worship
10:15: Music & Ministry (K-5), *Education Wing*
11:00 Reception (chat with music department staff),
Reception Room
11:30 Covenant Commons:
Faith in the Arts: "Then Sings My Soul," *Dowd Commons*
12:30 Science of Spirituality,
Sonia Golden Room

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 Tracey Blake, John Bromelmeier, Oleg Targoni and Paul Williams. **GREETERS TODAY ARE** Emily Blake and Helen Kunsman.

FLOWERS TODAY are given in loving memory of Anne Marie Haiss by her daughter-in-law, Mary Anne Bromelmeier.

WEEKDAY CONCERTS: Tuesday Noon Organ Concerts, October 16: Jonathan Moyer; **Friday Noontime Carillon Concerts**, October 19: George Leggiero

MUSIC STAFF RESTRUCTURING: At the Personnel Committee meeting on October 4, the committee approved a proposal from the music staff to temporarily restructure the hours and responsibilities of the music staff due to Jonathan Moyer's increase in responsibilities at Oberlin Conservatory. In this restructuring, Matthew Garrett will assume the role of director of music, maintaining his position as choir director; Jonathan Moyer will become associate director of music, maintaining his position as organist; Kaori Hongo will assume directorship of handbells in addition to her work with the children's choir, and Michael Peters will become a music associate, assisting with the choir and logistical administration of special worship services and music concerts. We are grateful for the incredible talent these four musicians represent and for all the ways they share their gifts with the church

SUNDAY ARTIST SERIES, OCTOBER 21ST, 4 PM, presents organist Dana Robinson from the University of Illinois. This concert is being presented through a generous donation in memory of Phyllis Hackett.

THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT AND THE CWRU MUSIC DEPARTMENT present a unique collaboration program on November 9, 2018, celebrating significant anniversaries: the 100th anniversary of the World War I Armistice and the 50th anniversary of the McGaffin Carillon. A highlight of the concert will be the world premiere of a commissioned work by composer David Childs in honor of these anniversaries. Dr. Childs will be present for the first public performance of the work and will speak about his composition on Sunday, November 11 at The Church of the Covenant. The program, titled Consolation, features musical settings of texts intended to console those suffering or those mourning the loss of loved ones. Performing ensembles include Case Concert Choir, Church of the Covenant Chancel Choir, and the Consolation Chamber Orchestra.

LEADERSHIP

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CLASS OF 2020:
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, Dan Carroll, Cathy Luck, Ken Rock, Ryan Szafranec

TRUSTEES

CLASS OF 2019:
Russell Hack, Ann Williams
CLASS OF 2020: Jim Prince, Harriet Wadsworth
CLASS OF 2021:
Patty Fowler, Nancy Smekal

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY:

Martha Goble, President
Keith Kallay, Treasurer
Jim Mate, Secretary

OCTOBER WORLD PEACE DAY: Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 pm, people all over the world will be praying and sending Reiki for peace on earth in their own time zones. The idea is to create a wave of healing energy that surrounds the planet, and gains strength as it goes. Please take a minute to pray for peace currently, or, if you are available, join the healing group in the sanctuary to do this in community. For more information contact Sandy Ammon at sandymon@sbcglobal.net.

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, Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, Bob McNaughton, Liam & Emilee Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew and sister), Jeanette Throne, 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 member Nicole Murray, whose grandfather, Eugene Thomas, died on October 7.

OUT OF THE OFFICE: Melanie Marsh Baum is on maternity leave through December 9th. Amy Starr Redwine is on a family weekend today, attending a wedding in North Carolina.

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; 1,038 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, 20 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Benjamin F. Sims, Shavonne Willis, Ronnie D. Kirsch, Savontay Williams, Antoine Eugene Reese, Gerald Alexander Hays, Victor Maar Jr, Francis Xavier Sanchez, Rebecca Vazquez, Anthony Lazaro Deka, Richard Glass, Richard Eric Kelley, Giselle Alejandra Lopez, Joseph Charles Pekar Sr, Deandre Wilson, Martez Terell Thomas, Rhonda J. Stearnes, and Theresa Nicole Goldwin. Four of those who died were by suicide and two victims were under eighteen.

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; Trustee Meeting, Library, 6:30 pm; **Wednesday:** Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Ministry of Service, Office, 6 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; **Saturday:** Guitar Orchestra Rehearsal, Choir Room, 9 am.

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