

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, January 13, 2019
Baptism of the Lord

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

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 656

Jonathan Moyer, *Organist*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

Statement from Session

Omar Siddiq, *Elder*

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Certainly Lord

Choir:

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2. Have you been baptized?

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All:



Chancel Choir and Congregation
Spiritual, arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

All:



* Call to Worship

One: Give glory to God all the heavenly court:

All: Give Glory to God!

The voice of the Holy One resounds over the waters;

The Glory of the Divine thunders over the raging seas.

Give strength to your people, oh God.

Bless your people with peace.

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

* Hymn 492

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

* Call to Confession

Shirley Thompson, *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.

* Please stand as you are able.

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Shirley Thompson has four daughters and one son, fourteen living grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. She worked in the Cleveland School District for over thirty-four years as a kindergarten teacher. Shirley and her sister, Dolores Acree, joined The Church of the Covenant together in 1982. She has been a Covenant Caller and Stephen Minister. Shirley has served on the Board of Deacons, Session and several search committees. During her time here at the church she has been able to question and define her spiritual journey by attending classes and seminars that have been offered by the church.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy and divine creator, we were born out of your love. Our eyes were made to see love in all we survey. Forgive us when we see thorough eyes of intolerance, greed and self-serving. Our hands and arms were made to comfort the weak and grieving. Forgive us when we use them for malice instead. Our tongues were made to soothe or speak truth. Forgive us when we speak harshly or condemn. Our feet were made to carry us where ones need to hear your grace, peace, and, love. Forgive us when we think your creation is not worthy. Help us to become more loving to each other in every way and to truly understand that love binds together everything in perfect harmony.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss. Friends, believe the good news:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

* Gloria Patri

Hymn 59

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

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Draw Up the Water from the Well

James E. Clemens

Water, oh, water, I'm comin' to take you home.

Draw up the water from the well.

Oh Sister, draw up the water, draw up the water from the well.

Taste the water cool on your tongue.

Draw up the water from the well.

Drink deep, my sister; there's water in the well.

I am the water from the well.

Oh, water, you're comin' to take me home.

Time for Young Disciples

Amy Starr Redwine

Second Lesson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Melanie Marsh Baum

"My Beloved, My Own"

* Hymn 72

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ENCOUNTER

We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed to us through the Bible.

MUSIC NOTES

Our introit this week features another call-and-response form of the spiritual, *Certainly Lord*, also known as *Have you got good religion?* This particular spiritual was adapted in the 1960s as a Civil Rights Song, changing the opening call to "Do you want your freedom?"

James Clemens wrote *Draw Up the Water from the Well* for a pair of choirs in Kidron, Ohio. The text speaks not of the initial baptism of Christ, but of the everlasting life that comes from partaking of his "living water" (John 4: 1-26), belief in Jesus as Lord. Aaron Copland originally set *At the River* as a vocal solo in his collection, *Old American Songs*. This choral arrangement speaks directly to the power of a community united through their faith in Christ.

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Joys and Concerns

Amy Starr Redwine

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition

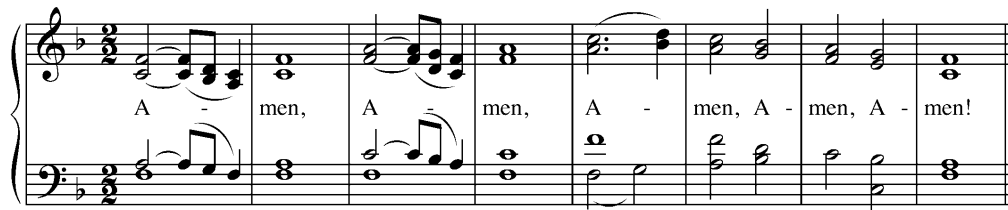
The Lord's Prayer

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

SPIRITUAL

All are invited to sing.



Offertory

Chancel Choir

At the River

adapted by Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.
Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river, that flows by the throne of God.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river, that flows by the throne of God.

* 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 440

MC KEE

In Christ There Is No East or West

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Jonathan Moyer

Fugue on "Simple Gifts"

Carillon Postlude

The Play, Placidity and Passion of Water

Anthony Skilbeck

RESPOND

Having heard God's Word proclaimed, we offer music, prayers, and a portion of the financial resources we have received. Scan the QR code below to access online giving. Thank you for your generous response to God's gracious love!

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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.

TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsals, Sanctuary
9:00 Stephen Ministers, Herrick Room
9:30 Nursery, Creche
10:00 Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 Coffee and Fellowship, Reception Room
11:15 Session, Herrick Room
12:00 Ministry of Finance, Office
12:30 Science of Spirituality, Sonia Golden Room

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERS TODAY ARE Patty & Clint Fowler, Oleg Targoni, and Bob Ault.

GREETERS ARE Susan & Arnie Dahm.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for Sunday, January 27 at 9:15 am in the Dowd Commons for the purposes of dissolving the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Amy Starr Redwine and receiving a motion from the Nominating Committee to elect a new slate of officers. Please plan to attend. Questions or concerns about the pastoral transition should be directed to the Clerk of Session, Will Klein: clerk@covenantweb.org. Elders will also be available to answer questions or address concerns in person on Sunday, January 20 before and after worship in the library.

WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, AT 10:00 AM, THE WEEKEND OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY The Cleveland School of the Arts' R. Nathaniel Dett Concert Choir, Robert McCorvey, director & Dr. William Woods, director emeritus, will be participating in worship along with the Chancel Choir.

WE PRAY FOR: Judy Bourne, Sylvia Clapp (Sandy Ammon's mother), Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Marlene & Paul Dirksen, Rob Engel & Lynne Hoffman-Engel, Anthony Frank, William and Ruth Hoover, Rolf (Crunch) and Marilyn Krotseng, Greg Madison, Barbara McGhee, Nicole Murray, Newton/Clay Family, Gene Papp, Carol Roe, 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 SYMPATHIES to Pat Owen-Keltner and family on the death of Pat's step-mother, Maggie McDaniel.

BELIEVING GOD CALLS US TO BE PEACEMAKERS each month we pray for people affected by gun violence, marked 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; 1,068 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, 16 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Austin Knox, Andre Eugene Smith, Edward R. Zyzniewski, Meshach Omari Cornwall, Sanitha Aryelle Morris, Eric L. Pittman, William A. Sloan II, Gregory Michael Rapose, Ja'Vaughn Deonte Ayers, and Amos Harrison Banks III. Five of those who died were by suicide.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am-4 pm; Trustee Meeting, Library, 6:30 pm; Nominating Committee meeting, off-site, 6:30 pm; Ministry of Faith Formation, Office, 7:30 pm; **Wednesday:** Youth Sunday Planning Meeting, Library, 4:30 am; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; Personnel Committee meeting, Herrick Room, 6 pm; Ministry of Service, Office, 6 pm; **Thursday:** Theology on Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30 pm; Connect, Living Room, 5:30 pm; Choir Pot-luck with CSA students, Dowd Commons, 6:00 pm, Handbell Rehearsal, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm; **Friday:** Carillion Concert, 12:15 pm.

LEADERSHIP

MINISTERS:

All the members of the church

Amy Starr Redwine,

Senior Pastor

Melanie Marsh Baum,

Associate Pastor

Kevin Lowry, Interim Dir. of Student and Family Ministries

Matthew Garrett,

Music Director

Jonathan Moyer, Organist

George Leggiero, Carillonneur

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Nelson, Omar Siddiq, Jim

Tomaszewski

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