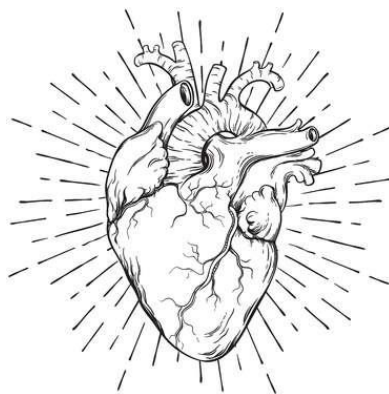


The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, February 24, 2019
7th Sunday after Epiphany

Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day



The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

Organ Prelude

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 662

Welcome

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

* Celebration of Community

Introit

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

I will not leave you comfortless, Alleluia,

I go and come again to you, Alleluia.

And your heart shall rejoice, Alleluia.

* Call to Worship

One: Come, let us gather, knowing that God is always present,

All: God's presence in our lives is as sure as the dawn of a new day.

Come, let us encounter God in the midst of our lives,

God affirms the gifts that we are too sacred to claim for ourselves.

Come, let us respond to God's call, even of the path is not clear

God helps us to dream dreams that we otherwise we would not dream.

Wherever we go, God is with us,

Comforting, loving, restoring, guiding.

* Hymn 433

There's a Spirit in the Air

Vs. 1,3,5, &7

* Call to Confession

Liisa Dollinger, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, we confess that there are many things in our lives that keep us from recognizing your love burning deep in our hearts and calling us to action. Forgive the times we have become paralyzed by our fears, anxieties, and grief and simply fail to see you right in front of us or recognize your voice speaking directly to us. Forgive us for the times we have failed to see you in the faces of our neighbors. Restore us into new life, as we silently confess our sins.

* Silent Confession of Sin

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.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

We conclude our series of English cathedral introits this week with Byrd's 17th century setting of the "upper room" discourse. Jesus was preparing the disciples for life without his physical presence. As we prepare for worship, let us seek comfort in knowing that the spirit of Christ is with us.

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Liisa Dollinger is a fourth-year biomedical-engineering major at CWRU from Kent, Ohio. Covenant Student Ministries was the first place to welcome her into community on campus, and she appreciates the ongoing support. Liisa currently is on co-op (internship), developing medical devices at Nottingham Spirk. She looks forward to applying to medical schools next year.

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Chancel Choir

William Byrd

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Mark Edwards, *Organist*

J.S. Bach

LAUDS

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! No matter how often we fail to witness God's presence in our lives, God is always loving, guiding, and restoring us into new life. 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

First Lesson

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Leo Nestor

How Can I Keep from Singing?

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm...

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm...

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm....

Message for All Ages

Melanie Marsh Baum

Wondering

Sending the Children in Song

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you, everywhere, everywhere, you may go. (sung twice)

Second Lesson

Luke 24:13-16 & 28-32

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Kevin J Lowry

The Why

* Hymn 351

GATESCARTH

Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart

Vs. 1, Choir; Vs. 2-4, All

Joys and Concerns

Melanie Marsh Baum

ENCOUNTER

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

MUSIC NOTES

The anthem is a contemporary setting of an old Quaker hymn tune. References to the persecution of Quaker Friends speak to their refusal to worship the King of England or to bear arms: those with faith will prevail.

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY

Today, we collect food and financial donations for our Covenant Food Pantry, open the last Wednesday and Friday of each month, Thursday afternoons for students. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Following the Message for All Ages, children preschool-fifth grade are invited to a time for joyful noise and play in the Crèche, while youth sixth-twelfth grades are invited to stay in the service and participate by responding to this week's Wonder Sheet.

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

All are invited to sing.

SPIRITUAL

A musical score for the Congregational Amen. It consists of a piano accompaniment on the left and a vocal line on the right. The piano part is in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The vocal line is in the same time and key signature, with lyrics: "A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men!". The piano accompaniment features a simple, rhythmic melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Offertory

O Rest in the Lord

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And He shall give thee thy heart's desires.

Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,
And fret no thyself because of evildoers.

Merav Eldan, soloist

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

* Doxology

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**

OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 436

We are Your People

WHITEFIELD

* Charge & Benediction

Organ Postlude

Litanies

Mark Edwards, *Organist*

Jehan Alain

Carillon Postlude

"Little" Prelude and Fugue IV BWV 554

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

J. S. Bach

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT IS A WELCOMING SPIRITUAL HOME! You belong here and we are so glad that you are part of this community. Whatever brought you here today we are grateful that you are sharing in this time of community with us. We hope that you will fully participate in worship as we encounter the living God. We kindly ask that you sign the red pew pad in front of you so that we know you were here and so that your neighbors may greet you by name. If you would like to talk to someone, church leaders, pastors, and staff will be available following the service; please come and introduce yourself and say "hello!" We welcome children and their parents to join us at the worship center in the front on the lectern side of the church.

RESPOND

Having heard God's word proclaimed, we offer music, prayers, and a portion of the financial resources we have received. Each of us give in our own way, thank you for your generous response to God's gracious love!

MUSIC NOTES

Offertory soloist Merav Eldan sings in the role of an angel who has come to comfort and strengthen Elijah for his journey to Mount Horeb, where he will encounter God.

TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsals, *Sanctuary*; **9:30** Nursery, *Beckwith Hall*; **10:00** Worship, *Sanctuary*; **11:00** Coffee & Fellowship, *Reception Room*; **11:30** Youth Sunday Prep., *Beckwith Hall*; **11:30** Interim Pastor Search Committee, *Office*; **4:00** Organ Concert: Arvid Gast, *Sanctuary*

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.

WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

USHERS TODAY ARE Russ Hack, Jim & Nancy Smekal, and, Paul Williams.

GREETERS ARE Kitty Jarjisian and Ann Williams.

YOUTH SUNDAY KICK-OFF: This year for Youth Sunday we will explore the theme "Who Do You Say That I am?" Looking at Jesus as Teacher, Healer, and Activist. We invite anyone Kindergarten through 12th grade to participate in this program. Join us today February 24th at 11:30 am as we begin the journey exploring the stories of our tradition and meeting Jesus again.

SUNDAY ARTIST SERIES, TODAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 4 PM, presents Arvid Gast, organist of the Jacobikirche, Lübeck, Germany. Free admission

YOUTH GATHERING AT MITCHELL'S ICE CREAM: Middle and High School age students are invited to join us at Mitchell's Ice Cream in Van Aken Center today **February 24 from 4 to 6pm** for a time of community building and fellowship. Come when you can; stay as long as you want. We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY MEAL NEXT SUNDAY: Join us, **Sunday March 3rd at 11:15 a.m.** in the Dowd Commons, for our monthly Community Meal! We will be celebrating Marti Gras with Homemade Gumbo (vegetarian and vegan options available). We invite you to bring sides, salads and desserts to share with one another. This meal is free and open to the public as we seek to meet our neighbors and be in community with one another. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Lowry at klowry@CovenantWeb.org. or call at 216-421-0482 ext 236.

LENT 2019: WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM: During Lent, as we travel the way to the cross, we will look beyond a belief in Jesus and move toward a relationship with the living God. Join us on **Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m. for our Ash Wednesday Worship with Dinner in Dowd Commons.** We will taste the flavors of Palestine with Musakhan (Sumac Chicken) and other wonderful dishes from Yasmin Khan's "Recipes and Stories from the Palestinian Kitchen" and explore the many face of Jesus: teacher, healer, and activist.

WE PRAY FOR: Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Paul Dirksen, Rob Engel & Lynne Hoffman-Engel, Claire Lord, Rolf (Crunch) and Marilyn Krotseng, Greg Madison, Nicole Murray, Newton/Clay Family, Gene Papp, Shirley Roe-Stroup, Chrismaly Vidal, Emily Carson Williams, 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.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: Tuesday: Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am-4 pm; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; **Wednesday:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am-12 pm Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, Beckwith, 12 pm; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; Session, Dowd Commons, 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:** Carillion Concert, 12:15 pm; **Saturday:** Saturday Tutoring Program, Lower Level, 10 am, Meditation Group, Herrick Room, 4 pm.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

MINISTERS:

All the members of the church

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Ministry of Service: Jim

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Committee: Jim Smekal;

Personnel Committee: Lou Stark

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