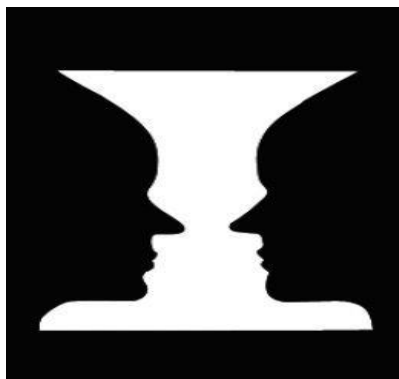


The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Transfiguration of the Lord

Service of Worship  
for the Lord's Day



The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

Organ Prelude

*Voluntary no.1, Andante and Largo*

Welcome

Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

Statement of Opportunity

Martha Goble, *Ministry of Finance*

\* Celebration of Community

Introit

*Sevenfold Alleluia*

Chancel Choir

Jelani Watkins

\* Call to Worship

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

One: Holy God, Mother and Father of us all we give you our thanks  
and praise:

**All: For Eve and Sarah, for Rebekka and Rachel we give thanks**

Holy God, Mother and Father of us all we give you our thanks  
and praise:

**The God who claims us and calls us For all who have gone  
before us, who have taught us your truth and shared with us  
your light.**

Holy God, Mother and Father of us all we give you our thanks  
and praise:

**For mothers, grandmothers, sisters, friends or strangers,  
made in your image, who showed us the face of your love,**

We praise you Creator, Christ and Spirit

**One God, Mother of us all**

**Let us worship God, our Creator**

\* Hymn 263

*Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*

ST.DENIO

\* Call to Confession

Mary Anne Bromelmeier, *Lay Worship Leader*

## 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.

\* Please stand as you  
are able.

## MUSIC NOTES

We welcome choir soloist  
Jelani Watkins as guest choir  
director today. Our service  
opens with one of Jelani's  
compositions in which the  
choir will sing one final  
"alleluia" before the season  
of Lent begins this week.

## LAY WORSHIP LEADER

Mary Anne Bromelmeier.  
Mary Anne is a lifelong  
Covenant member and has  
served as a Deacon and on  
Session. Most recently she is  
moderating the Interim  
Pastor Search Committee.  
Mary Anne is also very  
involved with the Saturday  
Tutoring program.

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, whose goodness extends beyond our imagining, we confess to weakness of faith. We ignore the demands of your discipleship, because we have other priorities. You offer us the fulfillment of helping others, and we worry more about acquiring and accumulating things for ourselves. Forgive us for the ways our lack of faith hinders your work through us. Open us to your Spirit. Renew us by the power of your love to find our joy in following your way. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins**

\* Silent Confession of Sin

\* Kyrie

MERBECKE

*All are invited to sing.*

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

\* Declaration of Forgiveness

**One:** Hear the good news! If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just, forgiving and transforming our lives. 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 1: 4- 10

Message for All Ages

Kevin Lowry

*Tradition Innovation*

Second Lesson

Luke 9:28 – 36

**One:** This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

June Begany, *Guest Preacher*

*What Makes a difference?*

WELCOME to June Begany to worship today. Rev. June Begany has served various pastorates in Cleveland, Ohio, including 24 years as Associate Pastor at Old Stone Church and as interim pastor at Pioneer Church in Solon and Trinity Presbyterian in Ashtabula. Prior to seminary she taught history in the Cleveland schools and served on the staff of Church of the Covenant. She completed her certification in Older Adult Ministry. She serves as secretary to the POAMN (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network) Board. and with the local Presbyterian Women’s group as resource for spirituality. June was married at the Covenant and ordained to Ministry of Word and Sacrament in Covenant's sanctuary. She has been married for 38 years to her husband Paul.

## ENCOUNTER

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

\* Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God--Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church. We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family. We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world. We believe that the sin of division, separation, and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ. We commit ourselves to protect the unity of the church universal. We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts, and deeds.**

Offertory

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

I want Jesus to walk with me all along my pilgrim journey.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking.

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.

Lord, when my head is bowed in sorrow, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Chancel Choir

Moses Hogan

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts,

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give both thanks and praise....**

\* Sanctus

MERBECKE

*All are invited to sing.*



## 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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## MUSIC NOTES

The spiritual journey through Lent is frequently illustrated in music written for this period in the liturgical year as a walk with Jesus. We get a sense of the "hush" that comes with reflection of our own faith in the offertory by African-American composer Moses Hogan. We build on a sense of partaking at a communal table this week with congregational responses by British composer John Merbecke.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** The Presbyterian Church (USA) observes open communion. All who confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Sovereign and Savior, as well as their children, are invited to partake. Today the communion elements will be passed to worshipers, who remain in their seats. The communion wine is unfermented grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup.

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. Amen**

The Words of Institution

Melanie Marsh Baum

Communion Music.

Peter Bennett, *Organist*

Prayer after Communion

\* Hymn 769

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*For Everyone Born*

Brian Mann

\* Charge & Benediction

Organ Postlude

Peter Bennett, *Organist*

*Voluntary no.1, Adagio and Allegro*

John Keeble

Carillon Postlude

*Rondeau*

Henry Purcell

**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.

## 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, *Beckwith Hall* 10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary* 11:00 Community Meal, *Dowd Commons*; 11:30 Youth Sunday Prep., *Beckwith Hall* 12:30 Healing Circle, *Sonia Golden Room*

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

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**USHERS TODAY ARE** John Bromelmeier, Dan Carroll, Jim Prince, and Nick Tomko. **GREETERS ARE** Dan & Karin Garland. **SERVERS ARE** Barb Clint

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN** are given to the glory of God, in honor of Raymond Brown's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by the Brown family.

**JOIN US, Today March 3 at 11:15** in the Dowd Commons for our monthly Community Meal! This week we celebrate the season of Mardi Gras with Chicken and Sausage Gumbo and Vegetarian Gumbo. On the first Sunday of each month, we host a community meal and invite the community to gather and share a meal with one another. We will provide the main dish and ask that you bring a side, salad, or dessert to share with the community. 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](mailto:klowry@CovenantWeb.org). or call at [216-421-0482](tel: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 faces of Jesus: teacher, healer, and activist.

**WE PRAY FOR:** Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Paul Dirksen, Rob Engel & Lynne Hoffman-Engel, Rolf (Crunch) and Marilyn Krotseng, Greg Madison, Newton/Clay Family, 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: Monday:** Weekly Meditation, Interfaith Chapel, 12:15 pm **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Retail Shop, 10 am-4 pm; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Deacons Meeting, Dowd Commons, 6 pm; **Wednesday:** Women's Bible Study, Beckwith, 10 am; Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; Ash Wednesday Service, Dowd Commons, 6:30 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.

## LEADERSHIP

### MINISTERS:

*All the members of the church*  
Melanie Marsh Baum,  
*Associate Pastor/Acting Head of Staff;* Kevin Lowry, *Interim Dir. of Student and Family Ministries*  
Matthew Garrett, *Director of Music;* Mark Edwards, *Organist*  
George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

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