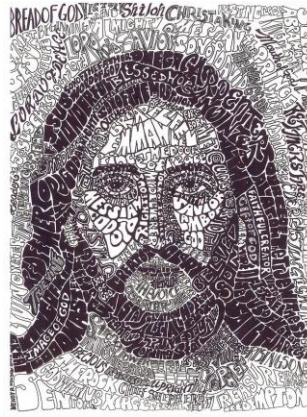


The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, March 10, 2019
1st Sunday of Lent

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

Praeludium in e minor

Mark Edwards, *Organist*

Nicolaus Bruhns

Welcome

The Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Invocabit me

Chancel Choir

Chant

Invocabit me, et ego exaudium eum, He shall cry to me, and I will hear him,
eripiam eum, et glorificabo eum: I will deliver him, and I will glorify him,
longitudine dierum adimplebo eum. I will fill him with length of days.
Qui habitat in adiutorium Altissimi: He that dwelleth in the aid of the
Most High:
in protectione Dei coeli commorabitur. shall abide under the protection of the
God of Heaven

* Call to Worship Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

All: **the whole earth is full of the glory of God!**

Give thanks to Holy One with your whole hearts.

Before all other gods we shall sing your praise!

Sing praise to God all of creation

For great is your glory, O creator of heaven and earth

* Hymn 288 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

* Call to Confession Catherine Jarjisian, *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

Catherine (Kitty) Jarjisian has been a Covenant member since 1999. Retired from a career as a music educator and college/university administrator, she serves the Covenant as an elder and a member of the Ministry of Finance and the Organ and Nominating Committees. As a consultant to higher education institutions, she assists administrators and faculty members preparing for upcoming accreditation reviews in music. She is president of her condo association at Chautauqua, where she is delighted to spend each summer season.

MUSIC NOTES

As we enter the season of Lent, our musical selections will become more reflective in nature. You will notice an increased use of chant,

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have strayed from your ways and followed the desires of our own hearts. We have left undone things that we should have done, and we have done things we ought not to have done. We seek your mercy and guidance as we attempt to mend our ways, and we ask you to attend to us as we confess our sins in silence.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news!

All who seek pardon are set right with God and asked to serve as Christ's reconciling community.

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

Psalm 145:8–13

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

arr. Stanley Thurston

Jesus walked this lonesome valley. He had to walk it by himself.

Oh, nobody else could walk it for him.

Oh, he had to walk it by himself, I've got to stand it by myself.

I must go and stand my trial. Oh, I've got to stand it by myself.

Oh, nobody else can stand it for me;

I'll stand by myself! Oh, Lord, by myself.

Message for All Ages

Meeting Jesus

Kevin Lowry

Children preschool–fifth grade are invited to a time for joyful noise and play in the Creche, now located on the third floor in Beckwith Hall. Youth sixth–twelfth grade are invited to stay in the service and participate by responding to this week's Wonder Sheet.

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 9:18–24

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

anthems that focus on our personal relationship with Christ, and an absence of "alleluia" in our song text. This week, our opening chant tells of comfort in times of struggle through the text of Psalm 91. Stanley Thurston's setting of an American folk hymn suggests that each of us enter into a contemplative walk with Christ through the next forty days. We welcome Anna O'Connell and the Handbell Choir to our service, as they perform an arrangement of two chorales, or hymn tunes, frequently associated with the Passion of Christ. Each worship service in Lent will conclude with the choir and organ sending us out into the week. These postludes serve as musical reminders that the Holy Spirit will be with us always.

ENCOUNTER

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

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!



Sermon *Shape-Shifter* Melanie Marsh Baum

* Hymn 363 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* SOJOURNER

Joys and Concerns Kevin Lowry

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition
Includes the tolling of the bell for those affected by gun violence.

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.



Offertory *Contemplation on Passion Chorale* Handbell Choir
arr. Sondra Tucker

* 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 311 *We Meet You, O Christ* NORMANDY

* Charge & Benediction

Choral Postlude Chancel Choir

Carillon Postlude *Voluntary* William Boyce

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

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*
9:30 Nursery, *Beckwith Hall*
10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*
10:15 Music and Ministry, *Yost Chapel*
11:00 Coffee & Fellowship, *Reception Room*
11:30 Youth Sunday Prep., *Beckwith Hall*
11:30 Interim Pastor Search Committee, *Library*
12:30 Science of Spirituality, *Sonia Golden Room*

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USHERS TODAY ARE Patty & Clint Fowler, Oleg Targoni, and Paul Williams.

GREETING IS Liz Shriver.

WE PRAY FOR Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Paul Dirksen, Gretchen Drushel, Rob Engel & Lynne Hoffman-Engel, Rolf (Crunch) and Marilyn Krotseng, Greg Madison, Newton/Clay Family, Michael Peters, 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.

Our prayers are with Jean Ganger and her family on the death of her husband Milton (Milt) E. Ganger who died on February 23 in Pennsylvania.

We are pleased to share that Aisha Newton, our former Communications Manager, and her mother and son, have safely reached their home in North Carolina. Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski and Dennis Matz are working with communications until a new Communications Manager is hired.

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, 1,108 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, 12 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Liam Mark Renzulli, Louis Love Dixon, Jermaine McGowan Jr, Joshua Allen Messer, Samuel Abraham Zinamon, Oscar A. Allen, Mario Devon Blanton, Andre Adolphus Brown, John Majoros Jr, Mohamed Mahmoud Shahin, and John Knight. Seven of those who died were by suicide. Go to GodBeforeGuns.org to get involved.

SCIENCE OF SPIRITUALITY has 2800 centers worldwide teaching meditation practices. Under the guidance of renowned spiritual Master Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj, meditation instructions are explained. With regular practice, you can advance and enrich your spiritual, mental and emotional health. We meet each month on the second and third Sundays in the Sonia Golden Room, 12:30–2:00 pm. More info at sos.org or talk with Nancy Matz.

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; Bereavement Group, Beckwith, 6:00 pm; Ministry of Faith Formation, Office, 7:30 pm; **Wednesday:** Twelve Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; Interim Pastor Search Committee, Library, 6:30 pm; **Thursday:** Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, Beckwith, 12:00 pm; Theology on Tap, offsite, 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:** Guitar Society, Interfaith Center, 9:15; Sigma Alpha Iota String Competition, Choir/Yost/Beckwith/Herrick, 12:45 pm.

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