

The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**

Sunday, March 24, 2019  
Third 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

Michael Peters, *Organist*

Two Chorale Preludes on *Erhalt uns, Herr* J.S. Bach & Georg Böhm

Welcome

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministry*

Interim Pastor Search Committee Update

Dan Carroll

\* Celebration of Community

Introit

*Tantum Ergo*

See Offertory for text and translation

Chancel Choir

Chant

\* Call to Worship

One: Friends in Christ,

**All: God knows our needs before we ask.**

In our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

**God ministers to us not as one who is absent but  
as one who is present**

In human hands, voices and lives full of the Holy Spirit.

**Let us open our lives to God's healing presence  
among us and working through us.**

Audrey Lord

\* Hymn 380

*Christ, the Healer*

ERHALT UNS, HERR

\* Call to Confession

Matthew Haberbusch

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**God of healing and wholeness, have mercy on us when we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter. Christ have mercy on us when we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation. God have mercy when we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.**

\* Silent Confession of Sin

## 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.

## FOOD COLLECTION

Please place your food donations for our Food Pantry in the boxes at the entrances and financial donations in the offering, marked "food." The Pantry is open the last Wednesday and Friday of each month, Thursday afternoons for students, and for emergencies. Thank you for your support!

## LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Today we welcome Kim Alcrantz, a senior Computer Science major from Santa Barbara, CA; Matthew Haberbusch, a senior Electrical Engineering major from Amherst, OH; Audrey Lord, a first year Biomechanical Engineering major from Westborough, MA; and Benjamin Fugate, a first year Chemical Engineering major from Erie, PA.

\* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news!

In Christ, God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God.

Friends, believe the good news:

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

\* Corporate Response

SO GOOD

*God is so good*



Prayer for Illumination

Kim Alcrantz

First Lesson

Isaiah 38:9–19

Message for All Ages

*Healing Touch*

*Children preschool–fifth grade are invited to a time of storytelling, discovery, and joyful 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.*

Anthem

Chancel Choir & String Quartet

*Elegischer Gesang*

Ludwig van Beethoven

*Sanft wie du lebstest,  
hast du vollendet  
zu heilig für den Schmerz!*

Gently, as you lived,  
you have passed away  
too holy to know pain!

*Kein Auge wein’  
ob des himmlischen Geistes.  
Heimkehr.*

No eye is weeping  
Because of the heavenly spirit’s  
return home.

*Sanft wie du lebstest,  
ya, hast du vollendet.*

Gently, as you lived,  
yea, thus you have passed away.

Second Lesson

Luke 11:14–23

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Jesus the Healer  
*God’s Finger Print*

Kevin J. Lowry

\* Hymn 394

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition Benjamin Fugate  
The Lord’s Prayer

**MUSIC NOTES**

The Gregorian Chant that welcomes us to worship this week introduces the idea of Jesus as one who heals through the power of faith. We will hear this same melodic line and text in the offertory, set by French organist and composer Maurice Duruflé. As we move further into the season of Lent, our anthem is intended to remind us that Passiontide is approaching. Even though we will mourn the loss of Christ on Earth, the unknown author of this text reminds us that Jesus’ death will bring us everlasting life.

We welcome the following guest string musicians to our service: Marianne Martinoli, Timothy Nicholas, Caleb Cox, and MaryGrace Bender. Guest organist this week is our own Michael Peters.

**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!



**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

*Tantum ergo*

Chancel Choir  
Maurice Duruflé

from *Quatre Motets sur des themes grégoriens*, Op. 10

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernu;  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui;  
Praestet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.*

Let us therefore, bowing low,  
Venerate so great a Sacrament;  
And let the old Law  
Give way to the new rite;  
Let faith afford assistance  
To the deficiency of the senses.

*Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et jubilation  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedictio;  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio.*

To the Begetter and the Begotten  
Let there be praise and jubilation,  
Salvation and honor,  
And power and blessing;  
And to the One proceeding from both  
Let there be equal praise.

\* Offertory Response

*How Blessed Are You*

Taizé Chant

Jacques Berthier



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\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn 368

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

SPIRITUAL

\* Charge & Benediction

## 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.

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

## TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsals,  
*Sanctuary*

9:30 Nursery, *Beckwith Hall*

10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*

10:15 Music and Ministry,  
*Beckwith Hall*

11:00 Coffee & Fellowship,  
*Reception Room*

11:30 Living the Way,  
*Sonia Golden Room*

11:30 Youth Sunday Prep.,  
*Beckwith Hall*

12:00 Dialogue Session  
*Dowd Commons*

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Choral Postlude

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,  
That mortal judgement has on You descended?  
By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!  
Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You,  
I do adore You, and will ever praise You,  
Think on Your pity and Your love unswerving, Not my deserving.

Chancel Choir

Johann Crüger

Carillon Postlude

*Show Pity, Lord*  
(Cusseta)

Early American Tune  
(arr. Joseph Knapicius)



**USHERS TODAY ARE** John Bromelmeier, Russell Hack, Nancy Smekal, and Paul Williams. **GREETING ARE** Helen Kunsman and Ann Williams.

**LIVING THE WAY DISCUSSION, TODAY, 11:30 AM, DOWD COMMONS**

Each Sunday during Lent we will focus on the topic explored in worship. We will take a deeper dive into the story of Jesus and our understanding of the Christian life. Stop for your coffee and join us.

**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, Shirley Roe-Stroup, 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.

**Melanie Marsh Baum** is on vacation, returning March 31. The Reverend June Begany will be available. If you would like to talk with a pastor, please call the church office at 216.421.0482.

**PER CAPITA UPDATE: Thank you!** To date we have received \$2,724 (85 members). We encourage all members to make this \$32 per member donation to offset what the Covenant has already paid. Use a giving envelope or go online: [covenantweb.info/giving](http://covenantweb.info/giving). Questions? Call Este Pozza, Manager of Finance and Operations, at 216.421.0482, ext. 226.

**DIALOGUE SESSIONS:** Session invites you to participate in one of two Dialogue Sessions with Bill Appleton of Kairos Consultants, from 12 to 2 pm on either Sunday, March 31 or Saturday, April 13. Unable to attend one of these dates? Contact Clerk of Session Will Klein at [Clerk@CovenantWeb.org](mailto:Clerk@CovenantWeb.org) to learn how you can participate. Current Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Elders-elect are meeting today.

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