

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, March 31, 2019
Fourth 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

Mark Edwards, Organist

Prelude in E minor, BWV 548

J.S. Bach

Welcome

The Reverend Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Chancel Choir

Ubi caritas

Chant

See Offertory for text and translation

* Call to Worship

One: We gather once again to offer God praise and thanksgiving

All: God's unfailing love and faithfulness is shown most clearly through Jesus Christ.

God grants us grace to worship in spirit and in truth.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,

Our eyes are opened to recognize God here among us.

God give us courage to step out in faith

and confidence to follow where God leads.

We are God's people,

Called by name.

* Hymn 345

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

* Call to Confession

Norma Shuskey, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of all blessings, thank you for your abundant gifts. Forgive us when we receive them as though we were entitled, failing to acknowledge their source and failing to give thanks for Your benevolence. Forgive us when we ignore the needs of others because we feel too busy or distanced. Forgive us when we fail to right the wrongs we know exist and rationalize that the time required to fix them, doesn't fit into our schedules or would be too costly. Help us to be who You would have us be. Give us the will to put our busy lives in Your hands. 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.

WE WELCOME Dr. Hugh Burtner to our pulpit today. After completing his PhD at the University of Chicago, Dr. Burtner taught at Baldwin Wallace College in the Department of Religious Studies until retirement. He is ordained in the United Methodist Church and has been an affiliate member of Church of the Covenant since 2004.

OUR LAY WORSHIP

LEADER is Norma Shuskey who joined the Church of the Covenant in 1960. Between then and now, Norma has had the opportunity to serve on and to chair numerous boards and committees where she has met and worked alongside many talented and dedicated Covenant members. For this, she is eternally grateful. Currently, Norma works in the Cache and is about to return to Session.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins. For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is plenteous redemption.

Friends, believe the good news:

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

* Corporate Response

God is so good

SO GOOD



Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 77:16–20

Anthem

Wade in the Water

Chancel Choir
Moses Hogan

Wade in the water, children. God’s gonna trouble the water.
See that host all dressed in white.
The leader looks like an Israelite.
See that band all dressed in red.
Well it looked like the band that Moses led.
Wade in the water, children. God’s gonna trouble the water.

Message for All Ages

The Social Prophet

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.

Second Lesson

Matthew 14:22–30

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Boats and Weather

Dr. Hugh Burtner

* Hymn 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

Joys and Concerns

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.

MUSIC NOTES

This week, our musical selections bring us to a crossroads in the middle of the Lenten season. The Gregorian chant text of *Ubi caritas* calls us to consider the ties that bind our faith community in agape love. The unison chant that opens our service is a literal translation of united spirit. Duruflé’s motet, on the contrary, illustrates the beauty of community created when we make music together through harmony. Continuing with the idea explored in the ongoing sermon series of Jesus’s many roles, our anthem hints at his faith activism. The phrase “God’s gonna trouble the water” is often used in social justice writings to illustrate disruption of power dynamics in an effort to create equity. The spiritual and the chant musical traditions speak to the many ways in which we are called to be disciples of our living God.

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. Thank you for your generous response to God’s gracious love!

Congregational Amen

All are invited to sing.



Offertory

Ubi caritas

Chancel Choir
Maurice Duruflé

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

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where there is charity and love, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Let us revere and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincere

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

* Offertory Response

How Blessed Are You

Taizé Chant

Jacques Berthier



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* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 325

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

* Charge & Benediction

Choral Postlude

Ah, Holy Jesus

Chancel Choir
Johann Crüger

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,

That mortal judgement has on You descended?

By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation,

Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation,

Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion, For my salvation.

Carillon Postlude

Image No. 2 for carillon

Emilien Allard

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.

A 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 Youth Sunday Prep.,
Sanctuary

12:00 Dialogue Discussions,
Dowd Commons

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DIALOGUE SESSION, TODAY OR APRIL 13, 12:00–2:00 PM, DOWD COMMONS

As a church that is ever transforming and evolving, Session invites you to participate in one of two Dialogue Sessions, **either today or Saturday, April 13, 12:00–2:00 pm**. Bill Appleton of Kairos Consultants will facilitate our conversations. Unable to attend one of these dates? Contact Clerk of Session Will Klein at Clerk@CovenantWeb.org to learn how you can participate.

WE PRAY FOR Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Paul Dirksen, Gretchen Drushel, Rob Engel & Lynne Hoffman-Engel, Lorna Kelly, 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; our Interim Pastor Search Committee, and those who have left prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

Our prayers are with Alex Lowry and her family on the death of her uncle, Bob Lorentz, in Alabama. Kevin Lowry will be away through Tuesday.

Congratulations to our own Dr. Matthew Garrett on his appointment as director of the University Center for Innovation in Teaching and Education (UCITE). He has been interim director since August, 2017.

MEETING JESUS AROUND THE TABLE: WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 PM, DOWD COMMONS
Explore who Jesus was and who Jesus has become. Share dinner, discussion, and communion. **RSVP by Tuesday to Kevin at KLowry@CovenantWeb.org.**

YOUTH SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK! *Who do You say that I am*

Don't miss Youth Sunday, done in the style of Lessons and Carols. We will celebrate Communion. Senior Justin Mitchell will be preaching.

EASTER LILIES IN MEMORY / TO HONOR LOVED ONES DUE SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Order forms are available in the office and can be printed from the e-news.

PARTNERING WITH NORTH CHURCH SUNDAYS, APRIL 7 & 14, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Assist in preparing and serving the community meal.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: Mon: Weekly Meditation, Interfaith Chapel, 12:15 pm; Interim Pastor Search, off site, 6:30 pm. **Tues:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Resale Shop, 10 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Deacons, Office, 6 pm; CUCM Board, Library, 6 pm. **Wed:** Women's Bible Study, Library, 10 am; 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; Meeting Jesus, Dowd Commons 6 pm. **Thurs:** Theology on Tap, off site, 5:30 pm; Connect, Living Room, 5:30 pm; Handbell Rehearsal, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm; **Fri:** Carillion Concert, 12:15 pm; **Saturday:** Saturday Tutoring, Lower Level, 10 am; Meditation Group, off site, 4 pm.

MUSIC AT COVENANT IN APRIL – FREE / FREE PARKING

Friday, April 12, 8:00 pm—Case Men's Glee Club

Saturday, April 13, 8:00 pm—University Chorale & Case Concert Choir

Tuesday, April 16, 12:05 pm—CWRU Historical Performance Practice Program

Friday Carillon Concerts, 12:15 pm (except Good Friday)

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