

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday

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

O Mensch beweine deine Sünde groß, BWV 622

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

Statement of Opportunity

Matthew Garrett

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Handbell & Chancel Choir Members

Hosanna filio David

Chant

Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna to the Son of David:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis!

King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest!

* Call to Worship

The Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum

Associate Pastor

One: As we gather to worship, may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in with us

All: May our eyes be open to see Him

May our hearts be ready to be seen by Jesus

May our worship be worthy of His presence

May we be transformed

That we might see the world through His eyes

* Hymn 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

* Call to Confession

Harriet Wadsworth, *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.

OUR LAY WORSHIP

LEADER Harriet

Wadsworth has been a devoted member of Church of the Covenant since she joined in 1984. She has served continuously on Session or Trustees for twenty years. She is currently a Trustee and Trustee representative to the Personnel Committee. She also serves as chair of the Organ Committee and the Ministries Review Task Force.

MUSIC NOTES

For centuries, Christians have been gathering on Palm Sunday to celebrate the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Greeted like a king, He will soon be condemned as an insurgent, and crucified next to a common thief as well as a revolutionary. With this week's introit, we commemorate this jubilant, regal entrance with a brief

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of this church community and the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we become ensnared in a self-righteousness which confirms our own points of view, while discrediting the truths of others. Bless us with the mindfulness which can restore wholeness. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* 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!

* Corporate Response

God is so good

SO GOOD



Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Anthem

Hosanna to the Son of David

Chancel Choir
Daniel Moe

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is He the cometh in the name of the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Statement on Baptism

Melanie Marsh Baum

Congregational Commitment

Catherine Jarjisian, Elder

One: Our Lord Jesus Christ commissioned us to teach those who are baptized. Are you, speaking for the whole church, willing to make a commitment to Amelia?

All: We promise to do our part to tell Amelia the good news of the gospel, to help her to know all that Christ commands, to surround her with our love, and by our fellowship to strengthen her ties with the household of God.

Questions of Children

Kevin J. Lowry

shout for joy, marked by large leaps reminiscent of trumpets or horns calling the listener to attention.

American composer Daniel Moe sets this same text in a questioning manner, as if not everyone gathered in Jerusalem that day knew who this person was. The offertory is a joyful rendition of the hymn whose associated texts include "I sing the mighty power of God!" as well as (as the bell choir rendition is entitled), "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!" "Hosanna" is a biblical term that might simply be defined as an expression of adoration, praise, or joy.

This week, we take a moment to thank Covenant member Fred Mailey for his tremendous volunteer work with our audio systems. In addition, we welcome Ken Wendt as our new manager of audio-visual services. Please congratulate them during the reception, following our worship service.

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!

* Profession of Faith

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer over the Water

Baptism

HYMN 492 (verses 1 & 3)

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, Trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

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

Luke 19:28–40

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Everyday Revolutionary

Melanie Marsh Baum

* Hymn 497

With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing

ST. CLEMENT

Joys and Concerns

Kevin J. Lowry

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition

Includes the tolling of the bell for those impacted 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.

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, Dowd Commons

12:30 Science of Spirituality, Sonia Golden Room

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Congregational Amen

All are invited to sing.



Offertory

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Handbell Choir

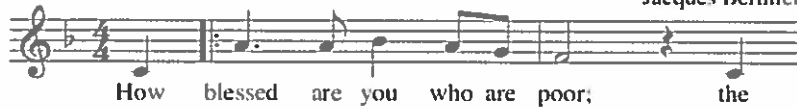
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* Offertory Response

How Blessed Are You

Taizé Chant

Jacques Berthier



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* Prayer of Dedication

Includes receipt of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering

* Hymn

For Forty Days

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

(see next page)

* Charge & Benediction

Choral Postlude

What Wondrous Love is This

Walker's Southern Harmony

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

Carillon Postlude

Aria and Variations

Dietrich Buxtehude

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All the members of the church
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Associate Pastor
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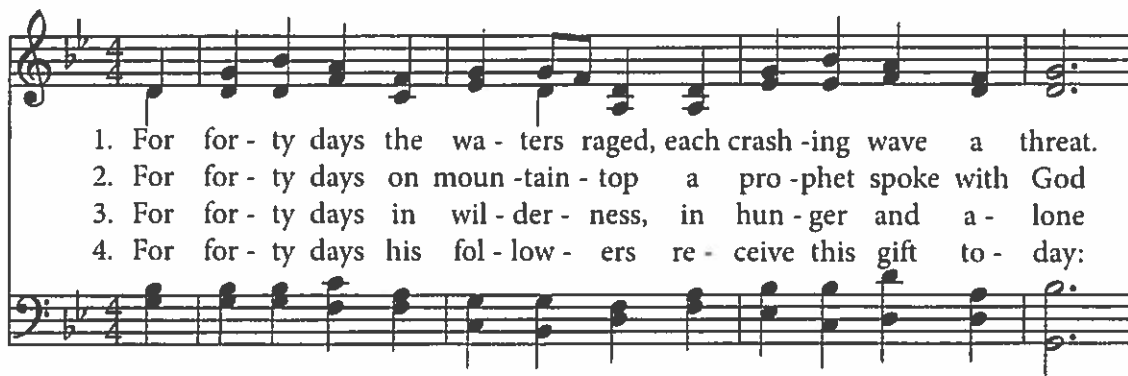
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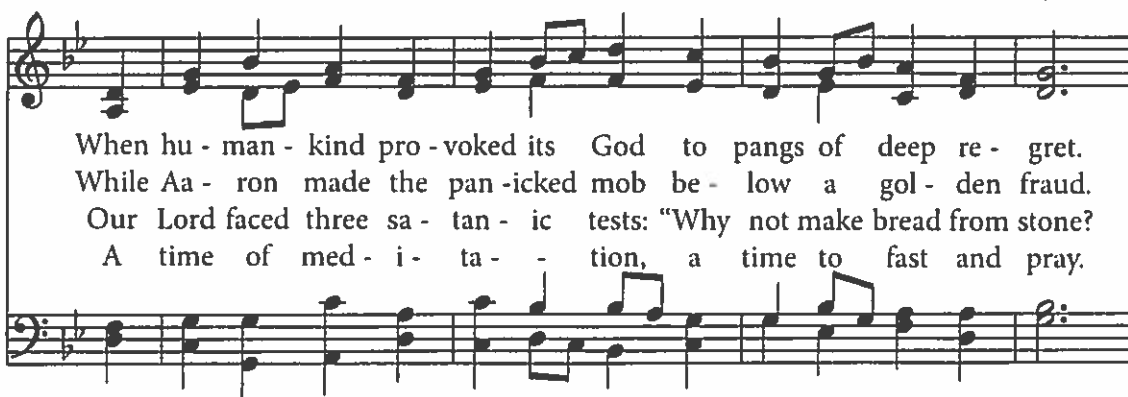
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Henry Pearce, 2019

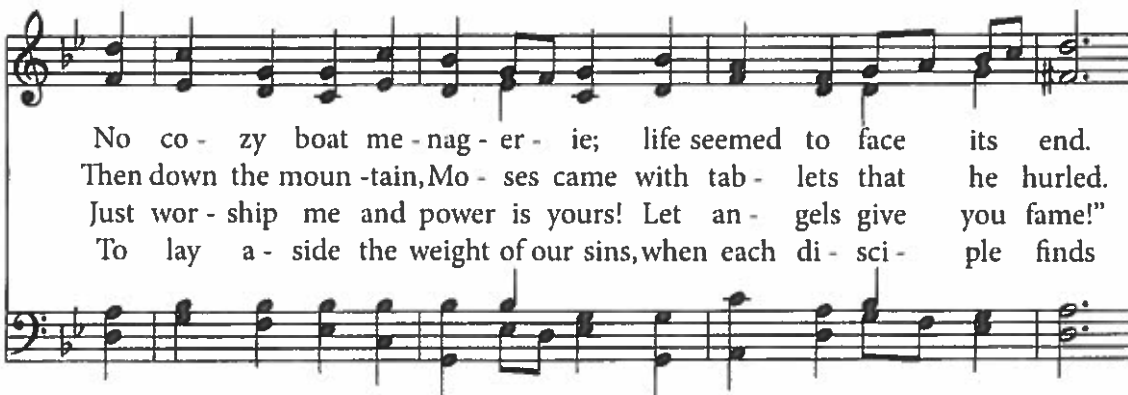
Annabeth McClelland Gay, 1952



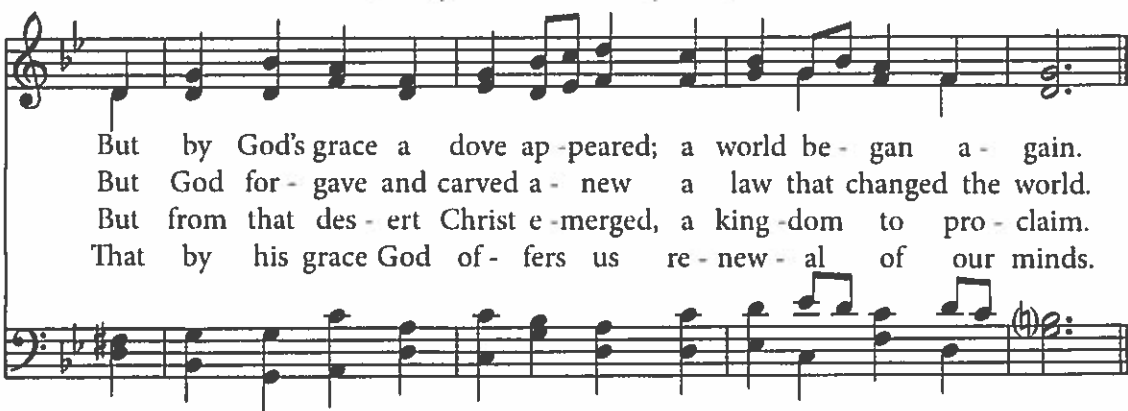
1. For for - ty days the wa - ters raged, each crash - ing wave a threat.
2. For for - ty days on moun - tain - top a pro - phet spoke with God
3. For for - ty days in wil - der - ness, in hun - ger and a - lone
4. For for - ty days his fol - low - ers re - ceive this gift to - day:



When hu - man - kind pro - voked its God to pangs of deep re - gret.
While Aa - ron made the pan - icked mob be - low a gol - den fraud.
Our Lord faced three sa - tan - ic tests: "Why not make bread from stone?
A time of med - i - ta - - tion, a time to fast and pray.



No co - zy boat me - nag - er - ie; life seemed to face its end.
Then down the moun - tain, Mo - ses came with tab - lets that he hurled.
Just wor - ship me and power is yours! Let an - gels give you fame!"
To lay a - side the weight of our sins, when each di - sci - ple finds



But by God's grace a dove ap - peared; a world be - gan a - gain.
But God for - gave and carved a - new a law that changed the world.
But from that des - ert Christ e - merged, a king - dom to pro - claim.
That by his grace God of - fers us re - new - al of our minds.

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

Welcome! We are grateful that you are sharing in this time of worship and community with us. Please sign the red pew pad in front of you so that we know you were here. If you would like to talk to someone, church leaders, pastors, and staff will be available following the service. We welcome children and their parents to join us at the worship center in the front on the lectern side of the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

USHERS ARE Tracy Blake, Patty and Clint Fowler, and Suchi Nelson. **GREETING IS** Liz Shriver.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Amelia Lise Genson Szafraniec, daughter of Ryan Szafraniec and Loren Gensen, granddaughter of Cynthia and Ron Szafraniec, and niece of Andrew Szafraniec. Amelia was born October 25, 2018

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING RECEIVED TODAY

Presbyterians make a difference throughout the world through gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information. Envelopes are in the pews or donate online at CovenantWeb.org/giving.

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

Stop by for your coffee and join the discussion for this final Living the Way discussion focusing on the topic explored in worship. We will take a deeper dive into the story of Jesus and our understanding of the Christian life.

THANK YOU TO THOSE PARTNERING WITH NORTH CHURCH TODAY

Thank you to everyone volunteering at North Church today. Our team is assisting in preparing and serving the meal following worship service. North Church is a Covenant mission partner.

EASTER PARKING

As we anticipate visitors, members are encouraged as they are able to use Ford Road Garage or the parking behind our church.

YESTERDAY'S DIALOGUE SESSION POSTPONED – NEW DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Due to a family emergency, our Dialogue Session scheduled for yesterday with Bill Appleton was postponed. Please keep Bill and his family in your prayers.

IN OUR PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Paul Dirksen, Gretchen Drushel (preparing for the Peace Corp), Rob Engel & Lynne Hoffman-Engel, Rolf (Crunch) and Marilyn Krotseng, Greg Madison, Shirley Roe-Stroup, 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 the family of Sachie Tanaka who died peacefully in Chicago on November 7, 2018. Mrs. Tanaka was a Covenant member and served as a Deacon. She was married for 59 years to Henry (Hank) Tanaka who died in 2006. A graveside memorial service is Saturday, April 13, at Lake View Cemetery at 1:00 pm.

SINCE A GUNMAN OPENED FIRE at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012, killing 26 people, 20 of them children; 1,122 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, 14 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Kimberly Y. Willingham, Ernest Joseph Forte Jr, James F. Davidson, Willie G. Ivey II, Julius George Henry Moore Sr, Fred F. Norman Jr, DeAngelo Smith, Daniel Joseph Jeske Jr, Nathaniel Lamon Edwards, Dewey M. Walls, Phillip A. Minite, Adriante R. Moore, Dasean Dawjuan Williams, and Dominick Dwayne McGiania. Eight of those who died were by suicide. Believing God calls us to be peacemakers, by Session action, each month we pray for people affected by gun violence and address the evil of gun violence in our nation, marked by the tolling of the tower bell. Our church partners with God Before Guns, a multi-faith coalition created in the wake of the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary.

GOD BEFORE GUNS sponsoring "Beating Guns" Thursday, April 16, 6:30 pm
Pilgrim Congregational Church, W 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113. Go to GodBeforeGuns.org/ announcements to learn more and register for this free event.

THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS!



I just want to express my extreme gratitude to all of the hardworking children and youth and the wonderful members of the Youth Sunday team. The service they prepared was a truly worshipful experience for all. I want to particularly note my thanks to Shawna Mitchell who was an important part of our team, but inadvertently left off the list of participants in the bulletin. Jenny Conner

STILL TIME TO DONATE WRAPPED CANDY FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Please bring small wrapped candies for plastic eggs to the office by this Tuesday, April 16.

MEETING JESUS AROUND THE TABLE: WEDNESDAY, 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.*

TUESDAY CONCERT, APRIL 16, 12:05 PM, SANCTUARY

Heinrich Biber: *Mystery Sonatas* for violin and continuo

Performed by musicians from the CWRU Historical Performance Practice program

Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber's (1644-1704) *Mystery*, or *Rosary*, sonatas were most likely composed as meditations on important events in Christ's life that correspond to the 15 mysteries of the Rosary. Most apt for this Lenten season are the two "sorrowful" sonatas depicting Jesus Carrying the Cross and his Crucifixion.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Monday: Weekly Meditation, Interfaith Chapel, 12:15 pm. **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Resale Shop, 10 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Tuesday Noon Concert, Sanctuary, 12:05 pm; Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7 pm. **Wednesday:** Ohio Fair Lending, Beckwith, 12 pm; 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; Ministry of Service, Office, 5:30 pm; Personnel Committee, Library, 6pm; Meeting Jesus, Dowd Commons, 5:30 pm; Maundy Thursday rehearsal, Sanctuary, 6:30 pm; Interim Pastor, Library, 6:30 pm. **Thursday:** Connect, Living Room, 5:30 pm; Music Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 6 pm; Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary, 7:30 pm. **Friday:** Easter flower decoration, Sanctuary, 2 pm. **Saturday:** Music rehearsal, Sanctuary, 10 am.

WHAT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY?

This Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 pm we observe a special Lord's Supper service in remembrance of the Last Supper, when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. Jesus' celebration of this Last Supper instituted what we know as Communion ([Luke 22:19-20](#)). At this same Passover meal, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility ([John 13:3-17](#)). This service is a solemn presentation of the events leading up to the crucifixion on Good Friday. The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word for "command," referring to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another. Please plan on attending and invite family and friends as we reflect on the sacrifice of Christ the culmination of the Lenten season. *Patty Fowler, Maundy Thursday Coordinator*

Holy Week at Covenant

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Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Holy Communion and service of Tenebrae.

Experience Jesus' journey from the last supper to crucifixion.

Easter Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Service, 7:30 am, Interfaith Center

Great the Easter morning with worship and celebration.

Breakfast, 8:30 am, Dowd Commons

All are welcome!

Worship, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

Come celebrate the risen Lord with music for organ and brass.

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Chalker is preaching.

Children worship with their families. Easter egg hunt to follow on the lawn.

THE REVEREND DR. KENNETH CHALKER PREACHING ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 10 AM
We are pleased to welcome the Reverend Dr. Kenneth Chalker to our pulpit Easter morning. Prior to his retirement in January 2018, Dr. Chalker served as a United Methodist pastor for 43 years; 32 of those years as the Senior Pastor of University Circle United Methodist Church. Dr. Chalker has been active in numerous civic activities and urban ministry as well as with the United Methodist denomination. He is a commentator, author, and the recipient of a number of awards. Dr. Chalker is a graduate of what is now The University of Mount Union where he serves on the Board of Trustees and received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in May of 2018. He earned his Masters Degree from Duke University and his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. He has been married to the love of his life, Grace, for 47 years. They have two grown children and are the very proud grandparents of four grandchildren. Visit CovenantWeb.org for an extended biography.

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