

# For Forty Days

SHEPHERDS' PIPES CMD

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](http://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/](http://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](mailto: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](http://CovenantWeb.org) for an extended biography.

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