

The CHURCH of the COVENANT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019, 10:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY



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,*
- ☞ Do justice in the world.*

Ministers

All the members of the church

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Welcome!

We are thrilled that you have chosen to join us for worship. For over one hundred years, we have sought to be a welcoming spiritual home, live God's inclusive love, express Christ's compassion, and do justice in the world. As a diverse community, we find unity in our shared identity as Jesus' disciples and in our desire to put God's love into action within and beyond these walls. Whether you are a student, here with a patient in the hospital, visiting from out of town, looking for a church home, or a decades-long member, may you experience God's transformative presence as we worship together! We welcome children and their parents to join us at the worship center in front of the lectern.

Melanie Marsh Baum, Associate Pastor

Please sign the red pad in the pews and share your email address so that a pastor can follow up with you. We pray that in this time of worship, through scripture, music, prayer, silence, and ritual, you encounter God in a way that inspires, energizes, or simply comforts you.



WE WELCOME DR. KENNETH W. CHALKER

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Kenneth Chalker to our pulpit. 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 has received a number of awards, most recently The Five Star Generals Award in the Army of Believers by the Cleveland Municipal School District in 2018. Dr. Chalker is a graduate of what is now The University of Mount Union. He serves on the Board of Trustees and received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in May 2018. He received 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.

MUSIC NOTES: We emerge from the season of Lent with Chancel Choir soloist Jelani Watkins's, *Alleluia!* The celebration of Christ's resurrection continues throughout our service with festival hymns and musical selections for choir, brass, and timpani. Afro-British composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor was the first major classical composer of African descent; his father was a doctor from Sierra Leone. Born in London in 1875, Coleridge-Taylor excelled as a violinist, conductor, teacher, and composer. His Easter anthem, *The Lord is My Strength*, exhibits his penchant for melody and love of choral music.

We welcome the Orion Brass Quintet—Ryan Buechele and Alex Lenhart, trumpet; Ryan Saathoff, horn; Nicholas Pogharin, trombone; Christian Querrey, tuba—and timpanist Jeremy Sreejayan as guest musicians today. Heart-felt thanks are extended to all of the Covenant Choirs and additional musicians who have helped to make our Holy Week services deeply meaningful.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

THE CRAGIN PEAL

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

PRELUDE

Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
Mark Edwards, Newberry Organ

Contrapunctus III
from *The Art of the Fugue, BWV 1080*

J. S. BACH
Orion Brass Quintet

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER, ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT
Handbells, Timpani, Brass, & Organ

PROCLAMATION AND WELCOME

The Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

One: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Alleluia!

JELANI WATKINS
The Covenant Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

One:

We gather,

We gather to celebrate...

to remember...

and to trust...

We gather,

All:

a community of faith in God's subversive world.

that no brokenness can suppress goodness,

that love will always be more powerful than death,

that peace will always be stronger than violence.

people of faith in the righteousness of God's world

to worship the risen Christ.

* HYMN 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Elizabeth Hagen, *Lay Worship Leader*

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that at times we do not share in the Joy of the Resurrection, but are caught in the worries of the world. Forgive us we do not always live to the spirit of the new life, but remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Open us to your Spirit. Renew us by the power of your love to find our joy in following your way. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*in silence*)

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the Good News! God shows divine love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died and rose from the dead for us. 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

ISAIAH 65:17-25

ANTHEM

On This Bright Easter Morn

CRAIG PHILLIPS

Chancel Choir, Instruments, & Organ

On this bright Easter morn from sleep's dark night we 'waken.
Our hearts no more forlorn for Death is overtaken.
Eternal morning springs from Death's dominion, singing "Alleluia!"
The stone is rolled away; light streams from all creation.
Now dawns that promised day of joyful exultation.
Sweet songs of triumph ring! Come, greet the morning, singing "Alleluia!"
That garden, choked with thorn since Adam, long lay hidden;
Now blooms a fresh, reborn by grace and love unbidden.
What joy this morning brings. We join the angels, singing "Alleluia!"
Let prayer and praise abound; unbound is death's dark prison.
All heav'n and earth resound for Christ the Lord is risen!
Praise our eternal King! Rise up and praise Him, singing "Alleluia!"

SECOND LESSON

LUKE 24:9-11

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Do You Have Your Passport?

Dr. Kenneth W. Chalker

* HYMN 120

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

SALVE FESTA DIES

Verse 1: Choir

Verse 2: Tenors & Basses

Verse 3: Sopranos & Altos

Verse 4: Tenors & Basses

Verse 5: Sopranos & Altos

Verse 6: ALL

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Melanie Marsh Baum

PRAYER 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.

CHORAL AMEN

FRANZ BIEBL
Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Lord is My Strength

SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR
Chancel Choir

The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of God.

CHORALE:

O Lord of all with us abide, in this our joyful Eastertide,
From ev'ry weapon death can wield Thine own redeem'd forever shield.
All praise be Thine, O risen Lord, from death to endless life restored,
All praise to God the Father be, and Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.

* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY (HYMN 455, VERSE 6)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness.

O sing ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 108

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Symphony No. 5, Opus 42
V. Toccata

CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR

CARILLON POSTLUDE

Easter Sequence
Victimae Paschali Laudes
Christ Lag in Todesbanden

H. DAVID HERMAN



*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.

Please join us for punch and fellowship in the Narthex by the front doors.

All children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERING TODAY ARE Dan Carroll, Jim and Nancy Smekal, and Nick Tomko. **GREETING IS** Helen Kunsman.

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Elizabeth Hagen, who joined Church of the Covenant after moving to Cleveland to be a pediatrician. She lives in Cleveland Heights with her husband David and two daughters, Katherine and Victoria. She is currently a member of Session.

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.

The church office is closed Monday, April 22. **On Tuesday and Wednesday**, electricians will be doing some wiring in the Reception Room and main hallway as part of a lighting project.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you have flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones, you may pick up your flower in the front of the Sanctuary following the service. The flowers to be delivered to home bound may be picked up in All Saints Chapel (west of the Sanctuary). Thank you to Cathy Miller and her crew for decorating our Sanctuary, to the Deacons for coordinating delivery to those who are homebound, and to all who are making visits today.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION | APRIL 28 AFTER WORSHIP

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Session has called a special meeting of the congregation immediately after worship on Sunday, April 28, for the purpose of electing officers to complete the slate elected in January.

DIALOGUE SESSION RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 12 – 2 PM, DOWD COMMONS

As a church that is ever transforming and evolving, Session invites you to participate in our final Dialogue Session on **Saturday, April 27, 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.

FOOD COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 28

Next Sunday we collect food for our Food Pantry. Please place your food donations 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. **The Pantry is in need of Spam (canned meat), canned soup, fruit cups, jelly (no peanut butter), corn muffin mix, chili, mac and cheese, pasta, spaghetti sauce.**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Monday: Church closed. **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Resale Shop, 10 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am. **Wednesday:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am; Ohio Fair Lending, Beckwith Hall, 12 pm; 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; Ministry of Service, Office, 5:30 pm; Session, Dowd Commons, 7 pm. **Thursday:** Connect, Living Room, 5:30 pm; Theology on Tap, off site, 5:30 pm; Handbell Rehearsal, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm. **Friday:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am; Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm. **Saturday:** Guitar Society, Interfaith Center, 9:30 am; Dialogue Session, Dowd Commons, 12 pm.

The lilies and other flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of the following:

Presented by

Adams, Ted

Branham, Venerine

Brown, Zoe Ann

Burt, Karen Curtis

Burtner, Hugh W.

Dahm, Arnie and Susan

deConingh, Anne Wombwell

Demeter, Marilyn Prettyman

Dress, Henry

Denbow, Tom & Barb Clint; Kayla

Clint; Collin & Cassie Denbow

Fipps, Theodis and Eunice

Ganger, Jean

Garrett, Matthew and Michael Peters

Greene, James A.

Goble, Martha

Harpst, Jerry A.

Holbein, Beth

Howard, Willie

Jarjisian, Catherine

Larson, Susan and Lee

Mierke, Lorna and Harvey

Moon, David

In Memory of

Jane Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Macmillan,

Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Adams

Raymond L. Branham, Vivian L. (Eanes) Dickson

Ray Brown

Donald and Audrey Curtis

Marilyn S. Burtner

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dahm, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dickey

Gilbert Lowe Smith Jr., Mildred Shank Smith,

Robert David Wombwell, Mary Frances "Ky" Wilson

Thomas Paul Demeter, Carol Prettyman Christie,

Clinton Elmer Prettyman II, Kathleen Phyllis Prettyman,

Kgotsupo Ephraim Leputu

Marvin and Trudy Dress

Wanda and Bernard Clint, James and Jane Lightner

Patricia Natchuk

Callie DeBerry, Charles Fipps, Bertha Prater, Jesse Prater,

Milton E. Ganger Jr, Mimi and Jack Henry,

Marge and Dutch Ganger

Helen and Charles Richards, Linda B. Peters

John L. and Evelyn B. Greene

Bob Goble

Bethalee J. Harpst, her parents Mr. & Mrs. F.W. Brandenberger,

Mr. & Mrs. H.E. Harpst (father & brother) and their families

Gary P. Holbein, Robert M. Eaton

The Reverend Jonyrma Singleton

Gustav and Suzanne Strese, Julianne Baker,

Kay Hardesty Logan, Mark Brown

Kermit and Ruth Anderson, Edith Larson, Fred Larson

Ferdinand W. and Dora Hall, Harvey O. and Prudence W.

Mierke, Dudley and Bernice Wardwell Pollock, Melville H.

and Mary Louise Wardwell, and Elizabeth A. Mierke

Miss Alice M. Cole, Miss Ella G. Cole



Presented by

Prince, Susan and James

Richardson, James A.

Roe, Carol

Russin, Mildred

Shuskey, Norma and Gary

Smith, Portia Miles

Takeyama, Janet F.

Thompson, Shirley

Tomko, Erin and Nick

The Shriver Family

The Watson Family

Wadsworth, Harriet

In Memory of

Robert Prince, Margaret St. John, David St. John

Betty Rose

Carolyn G. Teare-Richardson

Gerald W. Layton, John Layton Jr, Mildred and George Layton, Amel and Juanita Roe, Dwight Roe, Lennie Roe

John and Irene Hercl, Joseph and Clara Dunay, Gayle Russin Barry, Mary Brown, Frank Svoboda

Irene Shuskey, Frank Shuskey, Marjorie Crone Hale and F. Frederick Crone

The Reverend Kenneth L. Smith

Melvin and Josephine Nelson, Judy Doerschler

German and Elizabeth Thompson, Dolores T. Acree, Marjorie L. Thompson, Emmett Saunders

Helen Kaweeki, John Connor

David Shriver

Jane W. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wyckoff Sr,

Mr. and Mrs. L. Gordon Watson

Homer & Alice Wadsworth, John & Ann Orlock, Chuck Gatson, Vera Anne Orlock, Fritz & Marjorie Deutsch, Marjorie Jane Wadsworth

Presented by

Everhart, Gayle

Garrett, Matthew and Michael Peters

Howard, Willie

Prince, Susan and James

In Honor of

Thelma Everhart

Covenant Choirs

Reander Howard

Laura Prince



MCGAFFIN MEMORIAL CARILLON FRIDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS | 12:15 – 12:45 PM

Concerts are performed by Covenant and University Circle Carillonneur George Leggiero and guests on the 15,000 lb. McGaffin Carillon of 47 bronze bells. Free parking in the Covenant parking lot. Go to ucbells.org for program information.

TUESDAY NOON CONCERTS | APRIL 30 & MAY 21 | FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Merav Eldan, section leader and soloist in the Covenant Choir, presents her farewell recital on April 30 before she departs Cleveland. Join us for this special event as we wish her well. The final Tuesday Noon concert for this spring season on May 21 features Covenant's Associate Music Director *Michael Peters* as organist and singer.

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