

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, April 28, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter

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

Peter Bennett, *Organist*

Partita on *Auf meinem lieben Gott*

Georg Bohm

Welcome

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

Statement of Opportunity

Kitty Jarjisian

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Chancel Choir

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Katherine K. Davis

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth reply. Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King! Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
King of glory, King of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, Thy pow'r to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love. Alleluia.

* Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to God, who alone is good;

All: whose steadfast love is everlasting!

Let the gates of justice be opened for all

that we may enter through them and give thanks to God.

This is the gate to the City of God;

the righteous shall enter through it.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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 Libby Panhorst is an analyst with an international law firm and a Master of Public Administration candidate at Cleveland State. She began attending Covenant while living in Little Italy; she now lives on the near west side and enjoys driving through the Cultural Gardens on Sunday mornings. She serves on the Ministry of Finance and the Interim Pastor Search Committee and is an Elder elect.

FOOD COLLECTION

Today 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.

* Hymn 104 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY

* Call to Confession Libby Panhorst, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we acknowledge that we have fallen short of your calling. Forgive us for the ways our lack of faith hinders your work through us. Open us to your Spirit. Renew us by the power of your love to find our joy in following your way. Take our best efforts, O Lord, and transform them by your grace. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Gloria Patri

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

Psalm 118: 14–29

Anthem

Chancel Choir
William H. Harris

This Joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen. (refrain)

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:

Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
(refrain)

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus cross'd the river:

Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.
(refrain)

Second Lesson

Acts 5:27–32

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Witness

Kevin J. Lowry

MUSIC NOTES

Chancel Choir will continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection during Eastertide with songs and hymn tunes that you might associate specifically with the first Sunday of Easter.

This Joyful Eastertide is an Easter carol, set to a Dutch melody, by an Irish composer (Charles Wood) and an English Anglican priest (George Ratcliffe Woodward). All of that is to say that music can truly be a common tie that binds us together.

Soloist Yukiko Weinroth sings of Paul's rhetorical assurance of salvation to believers in Rome. Taken from the third and final section of Handel's *Messiah*, this is the last solo of the great oratorio.

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!



* Hymn 107 *Celebrate with Joy and Singing* Evelyn Chapel

Joys and Concerns

Recognition of Students

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.

CHORAL AMEN

Franz Biebl
Chancel Choir

Offertory

If God Be For Us from Messiah

Yukiko Weinroth, soprano
George Frideric Handel

If God be for us, who can be against us?
Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?
It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?
It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,
who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

* 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

Includes receipt of donations to support our Food Pantry.

* Hymn 354 *Guide My Feet* GUIDE MY FEET

* Charge & Benediction

Organ Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in E minor

Peter Bennett
Nicolas Bruhns

Carillon Postlude

Chaconne and Fugue on *O Filii et Filiae*

Albert de Klerk

We invite members of the congregation to remain for a Special Meeting for the purpose of electing officers to complete the slate elected in January.

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

1:00 First Brazilian Church
Yost Chapel

1:15 Guitar Society
Interfaith Center

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERING TODAY ARE Chris and Marilyn Langmack, Oleg Targoni, and Harriet Wadsworth. **GREETING IS** Kitty Jarjisian.

WE PRAY FOR Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), 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.

Melanie Marsh Baum will be on study leave at Princeton Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, from today through Thursday, May 2. She will be participating in a preaching workshop with seminary faculty.

COMMUNITY MEAL | SUNDAY, MAY 5 | 11:15 AM | DOWD COMMONS
Join us next Sunday for our monthly Community Meal! We provide the main dish; please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share to the Dowd Commons kitchen before our worship service. This meal is free and open to the public. Have questions? Contact Kevin Lowry at KLowry@CovenantWeb.org or call 216-421-0482, ext. 236.

COVENANT 8'S | FORMING NEW GROUPS

Covenant 8's is an opportunity to join with other Covenant members and friends in either a home or a restaurant to share one of our favorite pastimes - eating! Just complete the form in today's bulletin and put in the offering plate or the basket in the church office.

TUESDAY NOON CONCERT | APRIL 30 | SANCTUARY

Merav Eldan, section leader and soloist in the Covenant Choir, presents her farewell recital this Tuesday, April 30 before she departs Cleveland. Join us for this special event as we wish her well.

AUDIO SYSTEMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for volunteers to help operate our audio systems with guidance from Ken Wendt. You do not need to know anything about audio technology. Contact Ken KWendt@CovenantWeb.org or Matthew MGarrett@CovenantWeb.org to learn more.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Mon: Meditation, Interfaith Chapel, 12:15 pm. **Tues:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Resale Shop, 10 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Tuesday Noon Concert, Sanctuary, 12:05 pm. **Wed:** Women's Bible Study, Library, 10 am; 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; Interim Pastor Search, Library, 6:30 pm. **Thurs:** Connect, Living Room, 5:30 pm; Handbell Rehearsal, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm. **Fri:** Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm. **Sat:** Cache set-up, Activities Room, 9:30 am; Meditation Group, The Church of the Covenant ☞ 11205 Euclid Avenue ☞ Cleveland, Ohio 44106
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