

The
Church of the
Covenant

Sunday, April, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day



*All who are able are invited to stand.

The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

Organ Prelude

Welcome

* Celebration of Community

Elements

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Mark Edwards, *Organist*

The Reverend Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

Ronnie and Autumn Bromelmeier

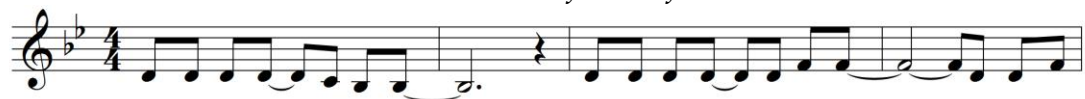
Youth: Why do we set the table?

Minister: Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper - A time when we remember
Jesus in a special way.

Child: But who is Jesus?

All are invited to sing: *Who do you say that I Am*

(there will be an interlude after the first verse)



Who do you say that I am? Who do you say that I am? am I a
Why do you think that I came? Why do you think that I came? to help the
What is my mean-ing to-day? What is my mean-ing to day? a call to



preach-er, a teach er, God or man? Who do you say that I am?
hun - gry, the poor, the blind and lame? Why do you think that I came?
jus - tice and peace, light to guide your way? What is my mean-ing to-day?



Who do you say that I am?

* Call to worship

Melanie Marsh Baum

One: Jesus asked his disciples, just as he asks each of us this day:

Who do you say that I am.

All: Who do we say that you are? We know the answer to this question has the power
to shape the people and the church that we are trying to be. As we worship you
this day, we seek to know, that in knowing we may truly be your people.

* Hymn 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Jesus as Teacher

Jesus was a teacher. He taught us through stories and he taught us through example how to be good, and loving and kind.

Scripture Ann Williams, Violet Marsh Baum
Matthew 5:14, 16; Matthew 5: 43–44; Matthew 7: 1–2; Matthew 19–21

Hymn 171 *A Sower Came from Ancient Hills* JOHN D. HORMAN
(verses 1, 2, 4)

Scripture Jenny Conner, Kaileigh Mitchell
Matthew 18:1–5; Matthew 19: 11–12, 14; Matthew:18: 21–22; Matthew 22: 34–40

* Hymn 358 *Help up Accept Each Other* BARONITA

* Litany and Prayer of Confession Autumn Bromelmeier, Violet Marsh Baum

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| 1 | Child 1: Who was Jesus? | 4 | Who was Jesus? |
| | Child 2: Jesus was our teacher | | Jesus was our teacher |
| | All: He taught us to be good. | | He taught us to forgive. |
| 2 | Who was Jesus? | 5 | Who was Jesus? |
| | Jesus was our teacher | | Jesus was our teacher |
| | He taught us to help others. | | He taught us to love. |
| 3 | Who was Jesus? | | |
| | Jesus was our teacher | | |
| | He taught us to be kind to one another. | | |

God, your lessons are simple and true. Jesus taught us to be good, to help others, to love kindness, to forgive, and most importantly, to love one another. But we are lost in our own hurts and don't want to hear the message you are trying to teach us. Help us to open our hearts and minds to God's ways, not our own, that we might enter into the fullness of life that God wants for each one of us. And now listen as we silently confess our sins:

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! Jesus said: God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Friends believe the good news of the Gospel.

Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Corporate Response *God is so good* SO GOOD



Jesus the Healer

Jesus was a healer. He healed the blind and the lame and cast out demons. But he did not restrict his ministry to physical healing. He also healed emotions and restored relationships. He cast out the demons of fear within us, which so often lead to misunderstanding and then hatred of each other. Jesus let the broken know, "you are forgiven. You are accepted by God".

Scripture Grace Cammarn and Jason Katsaros
Luke 18:35, 38, 40–43; Matthew 8:2–3; Matthew 8:5–8, 13; Matthew 8:14–16

* Hymn 181 *Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit* THOMAS J. WILLIAMS

Prayer for Healing Kaileigh Mitchell

My heart is broken, Jesus. Heal me with your love.
My heart is fearful, Lord. Give me your courage.
My soul is crippled and I feel lame. Give me strength for the journey.
My heart is filled with hate. Fill it instead with forgiveness.
My heart is blinded. Open my eyes to understand.
I am feeling like an outcast. Build within these walls an inclusive community.
Create in us a home of love.

Hymn 177 *I Will Come to You* DAVID HASS

Scripture Luke 8: 41-56 paraphrased Shawna Mitchell

Hymn 178 *The Woman Hiding in the Crowd* WILLIAM P. ROWAN

Jesus the Activist

Jesus was an activist. He fought for what was right. He refused to be silent in the face of injustice. He was an advocate for the outcasts of society.

Scripture Ronnie Bromelmeier and Jenny Conner
Matthew 15:10–14; Matthew 22:15–21; Matthew 21: 12–15

* Hymn 172 *Blest are They* DAVID HASS

Scripture Matthew 5:1–12 Camron Mitchell

Hymn 186 *Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table* JEEVA SAM

Scripture Matthew 25:31–46 (paraphrased) Justin Mitchell

Sermon *Who do You say that I am* Justin Mitchell

Joys and Concerns Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition

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.

Congregational Amen

All are invited to sing.



Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Improvisation on Jesus Loves Me

Mark Edwards

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Church of the Covenant observes open communion. All are invited to participate.

Invitation to the Table

Melanie Marsh Baum

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give both thanks and praise . . .

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread

Please take of the bread whenever it is appropriate for you. Gluten free bread is in the paper cup.

Distribution of the Cup

Please hold the cup so that we may drink together. As you pass the tray of cups please say, "May the Spirit of God be with you." As you are served, please respond, "And also with you." The wine of communion is unfermented grape juice.

Prayer after Communion

Kevin J. Lowry

* Hymn 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

* Benediction

Justin Mitchell

Carillon Postlude

Preludio

Matthias van den Gheyn

TODAY'S YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE is in the words of our children and youth, as they have explored the meaning of Jesus in their lives. The thanks of the Covenant community is extended to the Covenant children, youth, and their families and to the Youth Sunday team: Jennifer Conner (Youth Sunday director), Grace Cammarn, Marjorie Heines, Jason Katsaros, Lauren Mailey, John and Sybil Marsh, Cathy Miller, Jim Tomaszewski, and Ann Williams. Thanks also to our pastors and our custodial staff for their support.



YOUTH SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS

Autumn Bromelmeier	K	Camron Mitchell	10 th
Violet Marsh	2 nd	Veronica Bromelmeier	11 th
Kaileigh Mitchell	8 th	Victoria Hagen	11 th
	Justin Mitchell	12 th	

We are pleased to welcome Justin Mitchell to our pulpit. Justin grew up at Church of the Covenant and was recently confirmed. He is a senior at Benedictine High School and is a freelance photographer who will be studying in the visual communications and technology program at Bowling Green State University this fall. Some of his photographs can be found on the Benedictine website. Please congratulate participants, families, and youth leaders at Sunday's celebratory reception.

TODAY

8:00 am Music Rehearsals, *Sanctuary*
 9:00 am Stephen Ministries, *Herrick Room*
 9:30 am Nursery, *Beckwith Hall*
 10:00 am Worship, *Sanctuary*
 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, *Reception Room*
Celebrate with our youth!
 11:00 am Music equipment build, *Sanctuary*
 11:30 am Community Meal, *Dowd Commons*
 12:30 am Healing Circle, *Sonia Golden Room*

MUSIC AT COVENANT

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, 12:00 pm
CWRU Historical Performance Practice Program
Friday Carillon Concerts, 12:15 pm
 (except Good Friday)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERS TODAY ARE Bob Ault, John Bromelmeier, Jim Prince, and Nick Tomko.
 GREETING ARE Dan and Karin Garland.

COMMUNITY MEAL, TODAY, 11:30 AM, DOWD COMMONS

On the first Sunday of each month we invite the community to gather together and share a meal with one another. This meal is free and open to the public.

EASTER LILIES IN MEMORY OF / TO HONOR LOVED ONES DUE TODAY

Each Easter our Sanctuary is transformed by beautiful lilies and flowers. Order forms are available in the office and can be printed from the e-news.

YOU ARE INVITED! DIALOGUE SESSION, SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 12:00–2:00 PM, DOWD COMMONS

As a church that is ever transforming and evolving. Session invites you to participate in a Dialogue Session on Saturday, April 13. Bill Appleton of Kairos Consultants will facilitate our conversations. Unable to attend? Contact Clerk of Session Will Klein at Clerk@CovenantWeb.org to learn how you can participate.

CANDY NEEDED FOR OUR EASTER EGG HUNT

We will have our traditional Easter Egg hunt following our Easter service. We could use small wrapped candies to put in the plastic eggs. Please bring to the office by Tuesday, April 16.

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, Lorna Kelly, 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.

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.

PARTNER WITH NORTH CHURCH, Sunday April 14: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm – Spaces still open.

Thank you to everyone who is serving at North Church today. You can still sign up in the church office to assist in preparing and serving the meal following worship service.

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.

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;

Bereavement Group, Herrick Room, 6 pm; Ministry of Faith Formation, Office, 7:30 pm.

Wednesday: 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; Meeting Jesus, Dowd Commons, 6:00 pm; Interim Search, Library, 6:30. **Thursday:** Connect, Living Room, 5:30 pm; Theology on Tap, offsite, 5:30 pm; Handbell Rehearsal, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm.

Friday: Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm; Case Men's Glee Club, Sanctuary, 8:00 pm. **Saturday:**

Saturday Tutoring, Lower Level, 10 am; University Chorale & Case Concert Choir Spring Concert, Sanctuary, 8:00 pm.

Join us throughout Holy Week

Palm Sunday Worship, April 14, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

Celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We will receive offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing.

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

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. Easter egg hunt to follow on the front lawn.