

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, May 5, 2019
Third 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

Patrick Macoska, *Carillonneur*

Organ Prelude

Passacaglia in c, BWV 528

Mark Edwards, Organist

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

Statement of Opportunity

Libby Panhorst

Interim Pastor Search Committee

* Celebration of Community

* Call to Worship

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

One: Sing praises to the LORD,

All: and give thanks to God's holy name

for the LORD our God has healed us

when we cried for help

and restored us

in times of deepest despair.

The LORD has turned our sorrow into dancing;

taken our sackcloth from us, and clothed us with joy.

Sing to the LORD without end,

and give thanks to the LORD forever.

* Hymn 483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

* Call to Confession

Ben Fugate, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of Forgiveness, open our eyes so we might see how our greed and our lust for power creates enemies where we should find friends. Forgive us when we fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beaten down by the burdens and systems of life. O God We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades. Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with your eyes, that we may bring hope and peace to our world as we silently confess our sins.

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.

WE WELCOME the Reverend David Fugate who is the Chief Chaplain at the Erie VA Medical Center. Prior to coming to the VA 11 years ago, he served six churches in the Presbytery of Lake Erie as a pastor, interim pastor or staff member. He was in private practice as a Licensed Professional Counselor from 1996–2010. He and his wife Amy are celebrating 25 years of marriage and are the proud parents of Katherine, a junior at the University of Notre Dame and Benjamin, a freshman at CWRU.

OUR LAY WORSHIP

LEADER Ben Fugate, the son of David (today's preacher) and Amy Fugate, is from Erie Pennsylvania. Ben is completing his first year at CWRU where he is a Chemical Engineering major. Ben has been an active member in Covenant Student Ministries, UPCaM, and the Handbell

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! The Lord forgives our shortcomings and sends deliverance through Christ, just as the Lord forgave Saul and used him to spread the gospel to all the nations. Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Kyrie and Gloria
from *Kleine Orgelmesse*

Chancel Choir
Franz Josef Haydn

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 47:1-9

Recognition of Students

Melanie Marsh Baum

Twelfth Grade Graduates

Justin Mitchell Jinle Glover

Eighth Grade Graduates

Trinity Barnes Layla James Keasia Jones

Kaileigh Mitchell Kate Tracanna

Fifth Grade Graduate

Christopher Moyer

Second Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Change For the Better The Rev. David Fugate

* Hymn 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God--Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church. We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family. We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world. We believe that the sin of division, separation, and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ. We commit ourselves to protect the unity of the church universal. We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts, and deeds.

Offertory

Choir. He has been a lay worship leader a number of times over the past year.

MUSIC NOTES

We celebrate communion this week through sacrament and through music. Our service music features a *missa brevis*, or short mass, by Austrian composer Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). The *Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo* (short mass for St. John of God) was written for the Eisenstadt house of the Barmherzige Brüder (Order of the Brothers of Mercy). Read more in today's insert.

WE WELCOME the Netherlands American Society of Ohio who is once again visiting with us this weekend to commemorate two important days in the Dutch calendar: The Day of National Remembrance (Memorial Day), May 4, and Liberation Day, May 5. The group is joining us in worship and the carillon postlude will be a program of Dutch music played by Patrick Macoska, guest Carillonneur.

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!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Church of the Covenant observes open communion. Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper by intinction. Ushers will release pews from back to front. Servers will bring the elements to those who wish to remain seated. The communion wine is unfermented grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup.

Invitation David Fugate

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving Melanie Marsh Baum

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

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

Sanctus Chancel Choir
from *Kleine Orgelmesse* Haydn

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 Chancel Choir
Haydn

The Words of Institution Melanie Marsh Baum

Benedictus Anna O'Connell, soprano
from *Kleine Orgelmesse* Haydn

Prayer after Communion David Fugate

Agnus Dei Chancel Choir
from *Kleine Orgelmesse* Haydn

* Charge and Benediction

Organ Postlude J.S. Bach
Fugue in c, BWV 528

Carillon Concert Patrick Macoska, Carillonneur

Today's Carillon Concert is mainly a Dutch program in honor of Dutch Remembrance Day May 4 and Liberation Day May 5. Programs are available in the Narthex.

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.

A Stephen Minister will be in Christ Chapel after worship to talk or pray.

TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsals,
Sanctuary

9:00 Stephen Ministries
Herrick Room

9:30 Nursery
Beckwith Hall

10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*

11:15 Community Meal
Dowd Commons

12:30 Healing Circle,
Sonia Golden Room

1:00 First Brazilian Church
Yost Chapel

1:15 Guitar Society
Interfaith Center

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY MEAL | TODAY | 11:15 AM | DOWD COMMONS

Join us today for our monthly potluck Community Meal! We provide the main dish; sides and desserts are provided by members of the Covenant community. This meal is free and open to the public.

CACHE MINI-SALE TODAY | 11 AM – 12 PM | DOWD COMMONS

Special Gift Items for Mother's Day . . .or any occasion!
Shop on your way to the Community Meal!

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.

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 at KWendt@CovenantWeb.org or Matthew at MGarrett@CovenantWeb.org to learn more.



USHERS TODAY ARE John Bromelmeier, Jim Prince, Harriet Wadsworth, and Paul Williams. **GREETING ARE** Dan and Karin Garland.

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

Kevin Lowry will be on family leave from May 9 through May 12.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: Monday: no scheduled activities.

Tuesday: Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Resale Shop, 10 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Deacons, Dowd Commons, 6 pm.

Wednesday: 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; Bereavement Group, Herrick Room, 6 pm; Interim Pastor Search, Library, 6:30 pm.

Thursday: Theology on Tap, off site, 5:30 pm; Handbell Rehearsal, Conference Room, 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm;

Friday: Carillion Concert, 12:15 pm; **Saturday:** Guitar Society, Interfaith Chapel, 9:30 am.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Session has set the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, June 9, following worship.

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