

# The Church of the Covenant

May 26, 2019  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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.

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

## **Gather**

*We gather to worship today because the Gospels testify  
that Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week.*

The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Organ Prelude

*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731*

Mark Edwards, *Organist*  
J.S. Bach

Welcome

The Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

\* Celebration of Community

Introit

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

Chancel Choir  
LIEBSTER JESU

Blessed Jesus, at Your word we are gathered all to hear You;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and fear You;  
By Your teachings true and holy, drawn from earth to love You solely.

\* Call to Worship

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

One: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

**ALL: and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.**

We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,  
**we gather as people who have been called to see the world  
from a different viewpoint.**

God has called us together, God has called us to be part of a community.  
**God challenges us to question the conventional wisdom as we engage  
with one another and the world. Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn 343

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

\* Call to Confession

Melanie Marsh Baum

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Giver of Life, hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ. Hear us as we silently confess our sins.

\* Silent Confession of Sin

\* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

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

*Encounter*

*We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice  
revealed to us through the Bible.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1–13

Anthem

Chancel Choir

*Christ is Now Risen Again*

adapted by Alan J. Wilson

Christ is now ris'n again from his death and all his pain;  
Therefore will we merry be, and rejoice with him gladly. Alleluia.  
Since he is ris'n indeed, let us love him with all speed;  
Therefore glad now will we be, and rejoice in him only. Alleluia.  
Christ is now ris'n again from his death and all his pain;  
Therefore will we merry be, and rejoice with him gladly. Alleluia.

Second Lesson

Acts 16:9–15

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Called*

Kevin J. Lowry

\* Hymn (See Insert)

*Come! Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED

Choir: Verse 1: Congregation: Verses 2 & 3

*Deacons to be ordained and installed:*

*Ronnie Bromelmeier, John Marsh, Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski, Nick Tomko*

*Deacons previously ordained to be installed: Ann Stark*

*Elders to be ordained and installed: Matthew Garrett, Libby Panhorst*

*Elders previously ordained to be installed:*

*Mary Anne Bromelmeier, Kathy Farkas, Norma Shuskey, Louis Stark*

### Litany for Ordination and Installation

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

### Statement on Ordination and Installation

### Ordination and Installation Questions

### Questions to the Congregation

Jim Tomaszewski

Do we, the members of the church, accept these brothers and sisters in the faith as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond, **"We do."**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church? If so, please respond, **"We do."**

### Recognition of Trustees and Officers of the Society

Officers: President, Martha Goble; Secretary, Jim Mate; Treasurer, Keith Kallay

Trustees: Dennis Matz, Ann Williams

### Prayer

### Charge

### Joys and Concerns

Kevin Lowry

### 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. Amen**

## 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!*

Offertory

*Jesus Loves Me*

Chancel Choir  
Bradbury, arr. John A. Ferguson

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

*Refrain:* Yes, Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. (*Refrain*)

Jesus love me, he will stay close beside me all the way.  
He calls children to his side, saying, "Come with me abide." (*Refrain*)

\* 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

Melanie Marsh Baum

\* Hymn 434

*Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

## Send

*Having been nurtured and nourished through worship,  
we are sent from this place to glorify God in the service of our daily lives.*

\* Charge & Benediction

Kevin J. Lowry

Organ Postlude

*"Gigue" Fugue in G, BWV 577*

J.S. Bach

Carillon Postlude

*Second Sonata*

Baldassare Galuppi

*Thank you for being 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.*



## Ministers

*All the members of the church*

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## TODAY

8 am Music Rehearsals, Sanctuary; 9:30 am Nursery, Beckwith Hall; 10 am Worship, Sanctuary, 10:15 am Music and Ministry, Beckwith Hall; 11 am Coffee & Fellowship, Reception Room

USHERING TODAY ARE Suchi Nelson, Jim Prince, Ann Williams and Paul Williams. GREETING IS Helen Kunsman.

### THANK YOU TO OUR RETIRING OFFICERS!

**Elders** Jenny Conner, David Finkenthal, Denise Horstman, Virginia Kallay, LaShawna Adams Mitchell, Jim Smekal; **Deacons** Stacey Booker, Dan Carroll, Matthew Garrett, Marjie Heines, Beth Holbein, Pat Owen Keltner, Cathy Luck, Mildred Russin, Liz Shriver, Lynda Starr; **Trustee** Russell Hack, Tom Keys.

### MUSIC NOTES

We gather as a faith community this week to ordain and install siblings in Christ as servant leaders for our church. The Chancel Choir opens our service with the text *Liebster Jesu wir sind hier, Dich und dein Wort anzuhören*, "Blessed Jesus, we are here to listen to you and your word," set by Chaplain Tobias Clausnitzer in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. As a chaplain, Clausnitzer had occasion to preach in what would become one of J.S. Bach's churches, the St. Thomaskirche in Leipzig. The hymn harmonization of our introit was created by Bach for use in one of his many church cantatas. Eastertide celebrations continue with an anthem based on a 12<sup>th</sup> century melody that is one of the oldest liturgical songs in German. A long history of textual expansion and harmonic adaptations led to the 1979 arrangement sung by the choir today. Following the ordination and installation litany, the choir offers a musical reminder that we are all children of Christ, and that Jesus has love for all, for all time.

### WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Barb Clint, Gretchen Drushel (who is preparing for the Peace Corp), Rob Engel and 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. **Este Pozza**, Manager of Finance and Operations, is on vacation through June 7.

### CHURCH WORK DAY | SATURDAY, JUNE 1 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Join in our work day. We will be weeding and mulching areas of the church. Please bring your own gardening tools and gloves, if possible. Some tools will be available. Bagels and coffee will be provided by the Trustees to start us off! Come for an hour or two. Stay for hot dogs. This a great opportunity to meet and work together and make a new friend!

### COMMUNITY MEAL MOVED TO JUNE 9 | 11:15 AM | DOWD COMMONS

Our Community Meal and Annual Meeting will be in Dowd Commons following worship on June 9. We provide the main dish; please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share to the Dowd Commons kitchen before worship service. This meal is free and open to the public.

### THIS WEEK AT COVENANT (MAY 27–JUNE 1)

**Monday:** Closed for Memorial Day. **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Resale Shop, 10 am; Bible Study, Library, 11 am; Interim Pastor Search, Library, 6:30 pm.

**Wednesday:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am; Ohio Fair Lending, Beckwith, 12 pm; 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm. **Thursday:** Theology on Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30 pm.

**Friday:** Food Pantry, Office, 10 am; Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm. **Saturday:** Church Work Day, 9 am; Meditation Group, off site, 4 pm.