

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Trinity Sunday

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.

* *Please stand as you are able*

The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Organ Prelude

Mark Edwards, *Organist*

Prelude in Eb, BWV 552

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

Statement of Opportunity

Matthew Garrett

Ministry of Faith Formation

* Celebration of Community

* Call to Worship The Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

One: Our God—we, your people, stand ready and open to receive the flame of your Spirit. Give us the ability to speak your truth so that others may hear.

Come, Spirit of Truth, fill our hearts.

All: May that which was of stone be now transformed into life.

Come, Spirit of Life, change our hearts.

May we who receive your light dwell together in Your love.

Come, Spirit of Love, soften our hearts.

Bestow your compassion on those who suffer in mind, spirit, and body.

Come, Spirit of Hope, heal our hearts.

Make us bold to bring light to the dark places, warmth to the cold places, and love to the empty places.

Come, Spirit of Faith, strengthen our hearts.

Spirit of the Living God, fill our hearts, minds, and souls to overflowing.

Come, Spirit of God, move in our hearts.

Our God—we, your people, celebrate the mystery of your never-ending love.

* Hymn 326

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart MORECAMBE

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.

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Jim Tomaszewski who has been a member of the Church of the Covenant for over twenty five years. Currently retired, he is an ordained deacon and elder and currently serves on Session. He is chair of the Ministry of Service, tutors at Daniel E. Morgan School, helps the youth of the church create the Youth Sunday service and works in the food pantry. He is a father of two and a grandfather of two. Jim lives in North Collinwood with his wife Lyn and a very human cat, Regie. Someday, the Cleveland Indians WILL win the World Series.

MUSIC NOTES

Composer Dan Gawthrop explains that his well-known work, *Sing Me to Heaven* was commissioned by a community choir director who wanted "a piece to describe the way that we, as singers, feel about music in our lives." Gawthrop combined this

* Call to Confession Jim Tomaszewski, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory. You have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit upon us, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart. We are selfish and proud, ignoring you, and neglecting others. We do not truly trust and obey you, and are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear, and worry. In Christ you have given us sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. Father, through your Word and Spirit transform and renew us to follow you with joy and confidence. Now hear us as we silently ask forgiveness for all our transgressions.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! The Apostle Paul declares: "He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

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

Romans 5:1-5

Anthem

Vocal Quartet

Sing Me To Heaven

Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss. Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.

In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices, and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.

If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.

If you would morn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure, touch grief and comfort; love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.

Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:

Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

charge with original text by his wife, Jane, and musical inspiration from Brahms's *German Requiem* (often referred to as Requiem for the living, due to a focus on comfort and hope from faith in God) to write this work. As many of us are moved by music in worship, this particular piece has affected many a singer since it was created in 1991. May it help bring our faith community together, and closer to God.

Johann Sebastian Bach's aria, "Ich folge dir gleichfalls mit freudigen Schritten" describes Simon Peter's initial willingness to follow Jesus after his capture in the Garden of Gethsemane. Bach illustrates this idea of following by creating a musical dialogue between the soprano and, in our case, the organ, in which one part imitates (or follows) the other.

This Sunday is guest organist Mark Edward's final week with us in worship. Please join us at the reception following worship to celebrate Mark's time with us this spring!

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERING TODAY ARE Bob Ault, Patty Fowler and Jim Prince.

GREETING IS Liz Shriver.

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Barb Clint, Gretchen Drushel (who is preparing for the Peace Corp), Rolf (Crunch) and Marilyn Krotseng, Greg Madison, Shirley Roe-Stroup, June Tomko (Nick Tomko grandmother) 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 left prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

Willie Howard is away through Tuesday, June 18.

SUMMER HYMNS | TELL US YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS!

This summer, our music staff invites members of the Covenant community to suggest a favorite hymn or two and why they are special to you. Please contact Matthew Garrett with your songs and your stories! Email MGarrett@CovenantWeb.org.

YOU ARE INVITED! | MINISTRY OF FAITH FORMATION (MOFF)

BRAINSTORMING SESSION | TUESDAY, JUNE 25 | 7 PM | OFFICE AREA

You are invited to get involved in shaping our faith formation. MoFF is an umbrella ministry that includes many facets of faith participation and practice. Former committees and groups vital to MoFF include: Worship and Music, Adult Education, Family Ministries, The African-American History Task Force, Youth Sunday, and Pageant Task Forces. Join us on June 25th to help generate ideas for small groups to “dig in” and “think big” for the 2019–2020 program year. Look for Matthew Garrett or contact him via email: MGarrett@CovenantWeb.org.

CARILLON CONCERTS & TOWER TOURS | FRIDAYS | 12:15 – 12:45 pm

Bring a lunch - bring a friend! Free parking in the Covenant lot.

Tower tour following the concert. Program at ucbells.org.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT (JUNE 17–22)

Summer office hours are weekdays from 9 am until 4 pm.

Tuesday Bible Study is taking a summer break.

Monday: No scheduled activities. **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Resale Shop, 10 am; Interim Pastor Search, Library, 6:30; Trustees, Office, 6:30. **Wednesday:** 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm; Ministry of Service, Office, 5:30 pm, Personnel, 6 pm; Session, Dowd Commons, 7 pm. **Thursday:** Interim Pastor Search, Library, 6:30 pm. **Friday:** Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm. **Saturday:** No scheduled activities.

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