

The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**

Sunday, July 7, 2019  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
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

Prelude

*Two Arabesques*

Chris Neiner, piano

Claude Debussy

The McGaffin Carillon

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Welcome

The Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

\* Celebration of Community

\* Call to Worship

Melanie Marsh Baum

One: What shall we return to God for all the good things  
that God has done for us?

**ALL: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call  
on the name of our God.**

What does the Holy One require of us?

**To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly  
with our God.**

Holy, Holy, Holy is the God of all creation

**The whole earth is full of God's glory!**

\* Hymn 262 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

\* Call to Confession

Marie Jones, *Lay Worship Leader*

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and Merciful God, we confess that we often use the  
busyness of our lives to drown out Your call to be in the place of  
Love with You. We confess that all too often we use our  
religious traditions as a substitute for authentic relationship  
with you and the world around us. Forgive us for our sins, and  
open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. Renew us by the power of  
Love that we may serve You with our whole heart. We ask this  
of you as we silently confess our sins.**

\* Silent Confession of Sin

## 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 Marie Jones.

Marie is a native Clevelander. She grew up in the Glenville neighborhood. Marie and her family came to Covenant by the prompting of a friend and the friendly invite of their neighbors Lyn and Jim Tomaszewski. Marie has worked for health equity in birth outcomes for Cleveland area residents for over 20 years. Marie & Craig celebrated 18 years of marriage on June 30 and their children are Keasia and Raymond.

## MUSIC NOTES

We welcome pianist and composer Chris Neiner (b. 1994) to our service today. His music is infused with a rich sense of harmony, clarity of ideas, and energy described as engaging, exciting, and fresh. These qualities originate from his

Kyrie

John Merbecke

*All are invited to sing.*



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

\* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! If we confess our sins, God who is Love forgives and restores us to right relationships forever transforming our lives and the world around us. 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

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 107:1–9

Story Sharing

Marie Jones

Hymn 210

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

All Voices: vs. 1, 4, 5

High Voices: vs. 2

Low Voices: vs. 3

Second Lesson

1 Kings 19:1–8

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Running For Your Life*

Melanie Marsh Baum

\* Affirmation of Faith

**This is the good news Which we have received, In which we stand, And by which we are saved, If we hold it fast: That Christ died that we may be reconciled According to the scriptures, That he was buried, That he was raised on the third day, And that he appeared First to the women, Then to Peter and to the twelve, And then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, The Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, The beginning and the end; He is our Redeemer and our God. Amen.**

passion to foster collaborative works with instrumentalists. His latest collaboration, *Playtime*, is a new work for horn, violin, and piano commissioned by a consortium of collegiate horn professors across the United States. Currently, he is the associate director and composer-in-residence for Music in the Circle, a CIM student-run organization offering concerts across University Circle in July 2019.

**Music in the Circle:**

We are a group of musicians from around the world who are passionate advocates for the arts. Our mission is to increase the accessibility of classical music to wider audiences through community engagement. Our programs include concerts for children and seniors as well as a festive gala performance at the Gartner Auditorium at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

A celebration of long-established partnerships between Cleveland's leading musical institutions, Music in the Circle hosts a distinguished roster of world-class artists from Germany, Switzerland, Israel and the United States, performing in various locations around University Circle. Our artists are committed to exploring innovative ways of engaging with different sectors of our community. They will be offered residency at Judson Manor.

Offertory

*Prelude in C, BWV 846*

Chris Neiner, piano  
Johann Sebastian Bach

**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 Melanie Marsh Baum

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

John Merbecke

*All are invited to sing.*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are  
full of Thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

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.**

Congregational Amen

*All are invited to sing.*

A - men, A - men A - - - - men.

The Words of Institution

Melanie Marsh Baum

**TODAY**

- 8:00 Music Rehearsals  
*Sanctuary*
- 9:30 Nursery, *Beckwith Hall*
- 10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*
- 10:15 Music and Ministry  
*Beckwith Hall*
- 11:00 Punch & Fellowship  
*Front Lawn*
- 1:30 First Brazilian Church  
*Yost Chapel*

**ENCOUNTER**

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

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**MINISTERS**

- All the members of the church*
- Melanie Marsh Baum, Assoc. Pastor/Head of Staff
- Matthew Garrett, PhD, Music Director
- Jonathan Moyer, DMA Organist, Assoc. Music Dir.
- Ken Wendt, DMA Audio Visual Services Mgr.
- George Leggiero, Carillonneur
- Kevin Lowry, Campus Chaplain and Director of Student Ministries

# Agnus Dei

John Merbecke

*All are invited to sing.*



## Prayer after Communion

Melanie Marsh Baum

## Hymn

*This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

Soloist, Kaori Hongo

### Soloist:

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
 a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
 This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
 here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
 but other hearts in other lands are beating  
 with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

### All Voices:

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
 And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
 But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
 And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
 So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
 A song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
 Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
 Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
 And hearts united learn to live as one.  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
 Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

Text: Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness Music: Jean Sibelius

## \* Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

*Blumenlied*

Chris Neiner, piano  
Gustav Lange

## Carillon Concert

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

## SESSION

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Garrett, Libby Panhorst,  
Norma Shuskey

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Kate Williams

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Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski,  
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