

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, August 11, 2019
Ninth 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

The McGaffin Carillon

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Prelude

Six Bagatelles, Op. 126, Nos. 3-4

Jonathan Moyer, piano

Ludwig van Beethoven

Welcome

Rev. Ken Jones, *Acting Head of Staff*

* Celebration of Community

* Call to Worship

One: Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

All: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Together, let us worship God.

* Hymn 411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

* Call to Confession

Dr. Jennifer Conner, *Lay Worship Leader*

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Lord, we seek your loving guidance as we, a broken and imperfect people, travel this wilderness together. Forgive us when our moral compass fails, when we create excuses to go our own way, justifying pathways that lead us away from you. Forgive us when we grow weary and impatient as the promises we seek elude our immediate grasp. As we walk this road together, forgive us when our own insecurities cause us to judge ourselves and others harshly, when we fail to temper justice with mercy and anger with love. We ask your forgiveness 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 Dr. Jennifer Conner

Jenny joined the church in 1985. Through the years, Covenant has given her a home to actively explore and practice her faith in a supportive and open community. Ordained in 1990, she has chaired MOFF and CE, led the children's choirs, directed Pageants and Youth Sunday Services, and worked with the Youth. Jenny teaches music, and has composed numerous works for the church. She is a longstanding member of the both the Chancel choir and Beckwith bells.

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

Deuteronomy 3:23–29

Anthem

Ashlyn Herd, soloist

Simple Song

Leonard Bernstein

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laudē.

Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laudē.

Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things,

For God is the simplest of all, For God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song

To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.

I will sing His praises while I live, All of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,

Blessed is the man who praises Him.

Lauda, Lauda, Laudē, And walks in His ways.

I will lift up my eyes To the hills from whence comes my help.

I will lift up my voice to the Lord, Singing Lauda, Laudē.

For the Lord is my shade, Is the shade upon my right hand,

And the sun shall not smite me by day, Nor the moon by night.

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Ken Jones

Second Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-26

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Let me cross over and see the good land.* Rabbi Roger C. Klein,
Temple-Tifereth Israel

* Hymn 404 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Ken Jones

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition

Includes ringing the Prayer Bell for those impacted by gun violence.

WE WELCOME Rabbi Roger C. Klein to our pulpit this week. He has served congregations in Indiana and Columbus, Ohio and has taught at The University of Kentucky, Wesleyan University in Connecticut, and at The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. Rabbi Klein grew up in Shaker Heights and graduated from Shaker Heights High School. He played varsity baseball in high school and in college and is a life-long, avid tennis player. He has three grown children and two grandchildren.

MUSIC NOTES

Our soloist Ashlyn Herd is a second year Master's student studying with Dina Kuznetsova at the Cleveland Institute of Music. She received her Bachelor's degree from the San Francisco Conservatory. At CIM she has performed the roles of Cook in Stravinsky's *Le Rossignol* and Phédre in Rameau's *Hippolyte et Aricie*. She has attended summer programs such as Oberlin Academy, AIMS, and the German Vocal Arts Academy. Ashlyn currently sings under a fellowship for the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus.

Our closing hymn, "God of the Sparrow," is member Nancy Smekal's "all time favorite." The poet, Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008) was born in Lorain, Ohio, and sought to create a text that described how and why God's creatures and God's children should serve God.

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.



Offertory

Bußlied

*An dir, allein an dir hab ich gesündigt,
Against You alone have I sinned,
Und übel oft vor dir getan.*

and have often done evil before You.

Du siehst die Schuld, die mir den Fluch verkündigt;

You see the guilt that deserves Your curse;

Sieh, Gott, auch meinen Jammer an.

see also, God, my suffering.

Dir ist mein Flehn, mein Seufzen nicht verborgen,

From You I do not hide my prayers and sighs,

Und meine Tränen sind vor dir.

and my tears are before You.

Ach Gott, mein Gott, wie lange soll ich sorgen?

Ah, God, my God, how long should I suffer?

Wie lang entfernst du dich von mir?

How long will You leave me?

Herr, handle nicht mit mir nach meinen Sünden,

Lord, treat me not according to my sins,

Vergilt mir nicht nach meiner Schuld.

Treat me not according to my guilt.

Ich suche dich, laß mich dein Antlitz finden,

I seek for You; let me find Your face,

Du Gott der Langmut und Geduld.

God of forbearance and patience.

Früh wollst du mich mit deiner Gnade füllen,

May you fill me early with Your grace,

Gott, Vater der Barmherzigeit.

God, Father of Mercy.

Ashlyn Herd, soloist
Ludwig van Beethoven

TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsals
Sanctuary
9:30 Nursery, *Beckwith Hall*
10:00 Worship,
Dowd Commons
10:15 Music and Ministry
Beckwith Hall
11:00 Punch & Fellowship
Activity Room
11:00 Carillon Concert
12:30 Science of Spirituality
Sonia Golden Room
1:30 First Brazilian Church
Yost Chapel

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*Erfreue mich um deines Namens willen,
Help me for Your name's sake,
Du bist mein Gott, der gern erfreut.
You are my God, who gladly helps.*

*Laß deinen Weg mich wieder freudig wallen
Let me once again happily walk your path
Und lehre mich dein heilig Recht
and teach me Your sacred law
Mich täglich tun nach deinem Wohlgefallen;
so that I can mold myself daily to Your will;
Du bist mein Gott, ich bin dein Knecht.
You are my God, I am Your servant.*

*Herr, eile du, mein Schutz, mir beizustehen,
Lord, hurry to my aid, my Protector,
Und leite mich auf ebner Bahn.
and lead me on the right path.
Er hört mein Schrei'n, der Herr erhört mein Flehen
He hears my cries, the Lord hears my prayer
Und nimmt sich meiner Seele an.
and takes my soul in charge.*

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all
creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 272

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

Verses 1, 3, 5, and 6

* Congregational Sending

Shalom Chaverim

SHALOM

Shalom chaverim, shalom chaverot, Shalom, shalom.

L'hit-rah-oat, L'hit-rah-oat, Shalom, shalom.

Peace my friends, till we meet again.

Postlude

Jonathan and Kaori Moyer, piano

March in C for Four Hands, Op. 45

Ludwig van Beethoven

Carillon Concert, 11:00

Patrick Macoska

*During July and August, the Friday Lunchtime Carillon Concert will be repeated on
Sunday morning rain or shine at 11:00 am. Look for programs at the refreshments
table. The tower will be open to visitors. These concerts are presented by the Friends of
the McGaffin Carillon through a grant from Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.*

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.

SESSION

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