

The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**

Sunday, February 16, 2020  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Service of Worship  
for the Lord's Day



\* *Please stand as you are able*

*The Cragin Peal*

*The McGaffin Carillon*

*Organ Prelude*  
*Arietta*

*Welcome & Announcements*  
*Joys and Concerns*

\* *Celebration of Community*

*Introit*  
*Gabi Gabi*

*Gabi, Gabi, Bash' abazalwan'*  
Praise the Father, Liberator, Lord!

*Siyoshiywa khona Sidal' ubuzalwan'*  
He frees all the captives and gives the hungry bread.

\* *Call to Worship*

Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way  
of the Lord—

**the path of justice and mercy  
that draws us toward wholeness.**

Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law  
of the Lord—

**teachings that root us in love, sustain us  
in hope,  
and nurture generous spirits within us.**

Happy are our souls when we gather to worship  
the Living Lord—

**the Fountainhead of Grace,  
the Giver of Life.**

**Let us worship God.**

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Jonathan Moyer, organ  
Thomas H. Kerr

Rev. Shelley Nelson-Bridger

Chancel Choir  
Trad. South African

Shenica Tulloch

## 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.

## 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.

## CHILD CARE

Child care is provided for  
infants, toddlers and  
children in pre-K in our  
Creché, located in the  
education wing. See an  
usher for directions.

## MUSIC NOTES

We celebrate Black History  
month with many of our  
February musical  
selections.

The introit, *Gabi Gabi* is a  
traditional South African  
praise song, sung in Zwaii  
and English.

\* Hymn 482

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

\* *Call to Confession*

Bob Ault, *Lay Worship Leader*

\* *Corporate Prayer of Confession*

**Loving God, we know that your reconciling love breaks down every form of discrimination. Help us to abolish such discrimination and to care for those whom hatred has harmed. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said some five decades ago, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Lord help us to make that dream become a reality in our time. Help us to recognize the ways we have ignored or condoned senseless gun violence and been complicit in injustice and oppression by failing to do everything we can to work for peace. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.**

\* *Silent Confession of Sin*

\* *Declaration of Forgiveness*

If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just, forgiving and transforming our lives. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. **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**

*Anthem*

Children, Adults, & Handbells

*Praise Ye the Lord*

Victor C. Johnson

Praise the Lord, all ye people! Praise the Lord, rejoice and sing!  
Praise the Lord, all ye heavens! Lift your voice to God, our King!  
Alleluia! (*Refrain*)

Praise Him, all ye angels, praise Him in the heavenly heights.  
Praise Him, ye sun and moon. Praise Him all ye stars of light.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, ye mountains and hills. Praise Him all ye nations.  
Praise the Lord, ye rivers and seas. Praise Him all creation.

*Refrain*

African American composer Victor C.

Johnson (b. 1978) published his first choral arrangement as a sophomore in high school. He has written non-idiomatic pieces, like our anthem today for treble voices, and he has also arranged a number of spirituals; many of which are intended for adolescent voices.

This week's anthem, *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* is one of William Dawson's (1899-1990) most famous arrangements. Dawson was the Director of the Tuskegee Institute's School of Music for years, and the recording of many of his pieces, *Spirituals: Tuskegee Institute Choir*, provides great insight to conductors as to how he conceived and perceived these musical treasures. Associate Music Director Michael Peters is bass soloist.

The organ prelude is by Baltimore native, Thomas H Kerr (1915-1988). His evocative "Arietta" (Italian for "little song") was published in 1957 and is included in a multi-volume anthology of African-American organ music published by Morning Star Press. The postlude is a serene meditation on the spiritual "Swing Low" by North Carolina native Dan Locklair (b.1949) who teaches at Wake Forest University.

*Time for Young Disciples*

Elder Chris Langmack

**OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER** is Bob Ault.

*All children in Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to the Living Room in the education wing for singing, Bible lessons and creative activities.*

Bob, who with his wife Karen joined the Covenant in November 1997. He has served on Session, Clerk of Session, the Stewardship Committee, Ministry of Service, a Stephen Minister and a tutor at Daniel E. Morgan School. Bob serves on the board of God Before Guns, and has served on numerous Presbytery committees and was the Moderator of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. Bob and Karen have three married children and thirteen grandchildren.

*Parting Response*

Hymn 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Old Testament Lesson* Pew Bible p.186 NRSV Deuteronomy 30:15-20

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson* Pew Bible p.4-5 NRSV Matthew 5:21-37

This is the word of the Lord. Natalily Kremes-Parks  
**Thanks be to God**

*Sermon* 44070 Rev. Shelley Nelson-Bridger

*Time for Quiet Reflection*

\* *Affirmation of Faith* Pew Hymnal p.14 The Apostles' Creed

**TODAY**

- 8:00 Music Rehearsals  
*Sanctuary*
- 9:30 Nursery  
*Education Wing*
- 9:45 Carillon and Organ  
Prelude
- 10:00 Worship  
*Sanctuary*
- 10:15 Music and Ministry  
*Education Wing*
- 11:30 Soul Food Lunch  
*Dowd Commons*
- 12:30 Science of Spirituality  
*Sonia Golden Room*
- 1:30 First Brazilian Church  
*Yost Chapel*
- 4:00 *Le Noir Pilgrimage*  
Sunday Artist Series  
*Sanctuary*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* *Hymn (see insert)* Will You Let Me Be Your Servant  
THE SERVANT SONG

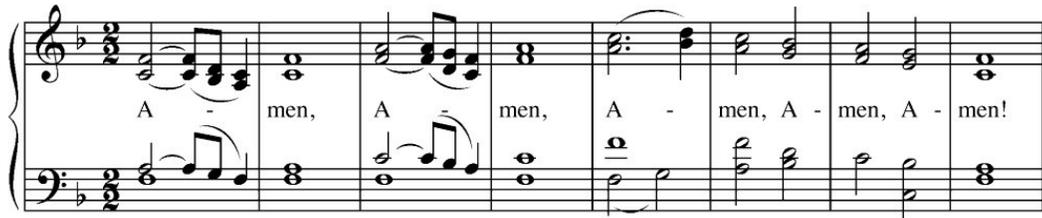
*Prayers of the People* Trustee Jim Mate

*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.



*Invitation to Offering*

*Offertory*

*Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

Chancel Choir  
arr. William L. Dawson

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray. (*Refrain*)

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,  
Our of His mouth came fire and smoke;  
Looked all around me, It looked so fine,  
till I asked my Lord if all was mine. (*Refrain*)

Jordan river is chilly an' cold,  
It chills the body, but not the soul;  
There ain't but one train upon this track,  
It runs to heaven an' right back. (*Refrain*)

\* *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      \*\*or Maker**

\* *Prayer of Dedication*

\* *Hymn 321*

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

SONG 13

\* *Benediction*

**WE WELCOME** the Rev. Shelley Nelson-Bridger, to our pulpit.

Rev. Shelley Nelson-Bridger is an ELCA Lutheran pastor and the Executive Director of UPCaM - the United Protestant Campus Ministries in Cleveland which serves students of Tri-C Metro Campus, Cleveland State University and Case Western Reserve University. After serving Lutheran congregations in Georgia's deep south and around Ohio, she celebrates UPCaM's ecumenical mission to invest in and equip college students to serve God's church and world.

Shelley currently resides in North Olmsted with her husband and two sons.

**Shenica Tulloch** is a graduate of Florida International University. She calls Miami, Florida home, as she pursues a master's degree in social work at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Sciences. UPCaM has been blessed by her gifts as our Ministry Associate since 2018.

**Natalily Kremes-Parks** currently studies at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) with plans to pursue a degree in social work. She learned about UPCaM and the opportunity to participate in *Rebekah's Circle* at the recommendation of her home church, Fairmount Presbyterian Church.

## Organ Postlude

*A Spiritual Pair: I. Swing Low*

Dan Locklair

## Carillon Postlude

*Reflection*

Gary C. White

*Thank you for being mindful of those who wish to stay and listen to the postlude.*

**Ushering Today** are: John Bromelmeier, Marilyn and Chris Langmack, and Sean Siswanto.

**Greeters Today** are: Renee Boykin and Liz Shriver.

**Our Sunday School Teacher Today** is: Kaori Hongo.

**The Flowers In The Chancel Urn** are given in loving memory of David B. Hopkins, by his sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Chris Langmack.

**Honor an event or a person** with a lovely bouquet of flowers! Simply contact the church office, sign up in the church office or conveniently pay on the website. The cost is \$85 per arrangement.

**We Keep in our Prayers:** Paul Begany, Thelma Everhart, Stephanie Howard (Willie Howard's niece), David Keltner, Greg Madison, Gene Papp, George Peters (Michael's father), Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski, Kim Voss, 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; and those who left prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

## **This Week at Covenant (February 17– February 22)**

*Office hours are weekdays from 9 am until 5 pm.*

**Monday:** No scheduled activities.

**Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am; Cache Resale Shop, 10 am; Tuesday Morning Handbell Ringers, Handbell Rehearsal Room, 10:45 pm; Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concert, Sanctuary, 12 pm; Theology On Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30 pm; Trustees Meeting, Library, 6:30 pm.

**Wednesday:** Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, Beckwith Hall, 12:00 pm; Church Officer Training, Pastor's Office, 5:15 pm; 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Ministry of Service Meeting, Office, 6:00 pm.

**Thursday:** Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Rehearsal Room, 6:20 pm; Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room/Yost Chapel, 7:30 pm.

**Friday:** Lunchtime Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 12:15 pm;

**Saturday:** Church Officer Training, Pastor's Office, 9 am; Saturday Tutoring Program, Lower Level, 10 am.

## CONTACT

### LEADERSHIP

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### MINISTERS

*All the members of the church*  
Rev. Mark A. Medina,  
Transitional Interim Pastor,  
Head of Staff  
Kevin Lowry,  
Campus Chaplain & Dir.  
of Student Ministries  
Matthew Garrett, PhD,  
Music Director  
Jonathan Moyer, DMA  
Organist, Assoc. Music Dir.  
Michael Peters, PhD,  
Assoc. Music Director  
Kaori Hongo, DMA  
Coordinator of Children &  
Youth Ministry, Handbell &  
Children's Choir Director  
Ken Wendt, DMA,  
Audio Visual Services Mgr.  
Jennifer Conner, DMA,  
Music Librarian  
George Leggiero, MA  
Carillonneur

### 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!

## Food Collection

Today we collect food for our Food Pantry. Please place your food donations in the boxes at the entrance and financial donations in the offering, marked "food." We have changed the collection to the third Sunday so the food collected can be used in the bags distributed the last Wednesday and Friday of the month. The Pantry is also open Thursday afternoons for students, and for emergencies.

## Would You Like To Meet With Reverend Medina?

If so, stop in at the church or email him at [mmedina@covenantweb.org](mailto:mmedina@covenantweb.org) to set up a time.

## An Update on Lyn Tomaszewski

Lyn is currently residing at Richmond Heights Place, 562 Richmond Road, building 3, room 112. She happily receives visitors and the visitation hours are from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, 7 days a week.

*Lyn & Jim Tomaszewski*

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## Sanctuary Peace Cranes

In the Japanese tradition, these cranes signify "happiness," as symbols of peace, hope and healing in challenging times. Please take a crane from the red basket in the narthex. This is a gift from the staff to you. Please share the peace with others.

## Theology On Tap Is Back

and will meet every OTHER Tuesday, including **THIS** Tuesday, February 18th at The Jolly Scholar at 5:30. For more information, email John Marsh at: [marshes@ameritech.net](mailto:marshes@ameritech.net)

## Saturday Tutoring Is Back In Session!

Saturday Tutoring will continue February 22, 29, March 21, 28 and April 4, in the Lower Level at 10 am.

## Online Donations

Our website's Giving page is up and running. You can now make donations and pledges from your phone or computer. Check it out at: [covenantweb.org/giving](http://covenantweb.org/giving)

## SESSION

Will Klein, Clerk of Session,  
[clerk@covenantweb.org](mailto:clerk@covenantweb.org)

CLASS OF 2020: Mary Anne Bromelmeier, Kitty Jarjisian, Suchi Nelson, Norma Shuskey

CLASS OF 2021: Barb Clint, Dale Goode, Chris Langmack,

CLASS OF 2022: Heidi Braun, Kathy Farkas, Clint Fowler, Matthew Garrett, Sybil Marsh, Cathy Miller

## DEACONS

CLASS OF 2020: Tom Denbow, Stephanie Johnson, Julie Mailey,

CLASS OF 2021: Susan Klein, Lucy Matz, Ryan Szafraniec, Erin Tomko, Kate Williams

CLASS OF 2022: Ronnie Bromelmeier, John Marsh, Nancy Matz, Sue Prince, Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski, Nick Tomko

## TRUSTEES

CLASS OF 2020: Jim Prince  
Harriet Wadsworth

CLASS OF 2021: Patty Fowler,  
Nancy Smekal

CLASS OF 2022: Dennis Matz  
Ann Williams

## OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

Martha Goble, President  
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## **Covenant Callers Needed**

Become a Covenant Caller and reach out to a member you haven't seen in a while to reconnect or check on them. Covenant Callers contact members who are unable to attend church on a regular basis by phone or visiting their home/residence. To learn how rewarding this ministry is, speak with current Covenant Callers Gale Bromelmeier, Stephanie Johnson, Julie Mailey or Nancy Matz

## **Children Are Welcome Here**

Children are always welcome to fully participate in worship. We invite children to join us up front in the Worship Center for various activities during the service

## **Child Care and Activities**

All children in Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to the Living Room in the educational wing for singing, Bible lessons and creative activities.

## **Seeking Church Volunteers To Assist With Sunday Morning Childcare**

We are seeking volunteers of all ages from our church community to assist our Sunday morning childcare provider. If you plan to be in worship with us, and you are willing to be an additional set of eyes for childcare, please contact Kaori Hongo: [khongo@covenantweb.org](mailto:khongo@covenantweb.org)

## **Students Welcome Here**

Church of the Covenant is a welcoming and inclusive spiritual home as you navigate your educational journey. We are here to help you flourish during your time in University Circle. We would love to get to know you better! To connect with our student ministries opportunities contact us at [studentministries@CovenantWeb.org](mailto:studentministries@CovenantWeb.org).

## **Announcements For The Weekly E-news and Sunday Bulletin**

are due by 6:00 pm on Tuesday! You can submit your announcements to [dmatz@covenantweb.org](mailto:dmatz@covenantweb.org)

## **Generosity Is Sharing God's Gifts**

The Stewardship Committee announces that we have met our goal for pledges for 2020. Members of the congregation have promised \$233,317 in support of our budget for this year which was targeted at \$225,000. *We thank you for this very fine effort.*

You may remember that last year we initiated an "all member" Sunday in which together, we offered our money for the annual Per Capita commitment to the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. This annual assessment of \$33.00 per member of each household of Covenant's membership is part of money raised to support our Presbytery's operating budget. The Stewardship committee would like you to consider bringing your check to church on Sunday, February 16, 2020 to help the church fulfill its obligation. The Presbyterian Church USA is a connectional church and this is a way we may feel our connection.

## **Trustees 2019 Financial Summary**

Revenue exceeded expenses for the by \$84,393. Even though there was a shortfall in pledge income by \$20,744, other sources of revenue made up the difference. Total expenses were under budget by \$81,082, personal expenses making up \$77,727 of this variance. We thank everyone for their commitment and dedication to the church.

## Looking Ahead

### Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concerts

Join us **Tuesday, February 18th at 12:00 pm**, for our Organ Plus Concert, with Jonathan Moyer, organ. The coming season of concerts will extend through June 9, 2020, with occasional "Plus" concerts featuring other instruments and vocalists. Look for more details soon.

### The Deacons could use your help

The Deacons are looking for assistance with the reception after the February 16 concert. If you can help, please email Nick Tomko at: [nicholastomko@gmail.com](mailto:nicholastomko@gmail.com)

### Sunday Artists Series concert: Le Noir Pilgrimage, 4 p.m., Sunday, February 16

Join Dwight Fleming, music director at North Presbyterian church, and his vocal trio, Le Noir Pilgrimage, as they present an afternoon concert here in Covenant's sanctuary. The program will open with opera arias, followed by works of American and African-American composers. The vocal trio (soprano, tenor, baritone) will be joined by several guest instrumentalists. A light reception will follow the recital.

### Parent's Night Out

Saturday, February 22, 5-9 pm, the church is hosting Parent's Night Out. We are excited to be planning this evening with the kids as their parents take the night off. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Kaori Hongo at: [khongo@covenantweb.org](mailto:khongo@covenantweb.org)

### Be A SOUPer Star!

In February, March, and April, Covenant Student Ministries will be hosting a weekly community meal of Soup and Bread in the Lower Level to raise awareness and funds for food insecurity in University Circle. We are looking for members of the Covenant Community to provide soup and bread each week. **For more information or to sign up to bring soup and bread please contact Kevin Lowry at [klowry@CovenantWeb.org](mailto:klowry@CovenantWeb.org) or see the flyer in the weekly ENews.**

### Covenant Lecture Working Group

The Ministry of Faith Formation is seeking volunteers to plan for future Covenant Lecture speakers. If you would like to participate in the planning process or if you have individuals you would like to recommend as a potential Covenant Lecturer, please contact MoFF [faithformation@covenantweb.org](mailto:faithformation@covenantweb.org)

### Congregational Meeting

Following Worship on Sunday, March 1, there will be a congregational meeting for the purpose of nominating and electing Ruling Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members to the Class of 2023 and filling the remaining unexpired terms for the classes of 2021 and 2022.

### YOUTH SUNDAY May 10!!

We are excited to announce that our 2020 Youth Sunday will be on Mother's Day!! We are looking for some helping hands as we prepare for this very important day! Dr. Jenny Conner is working with the kids and we are exploring the many possibilities of our theme for this year! Please contact Kaori Hongo at: [khongo@covenantweb.org](mailto:khongo@covenantweb.org) if you are interested!!

# ***ZIP CODE: A Product of Your Environment*** **In Celebration of Black History Month 2020**

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**Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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Young+ Adult Forum: Dr. Renee Willis – *Zip Code and the Education System*

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