

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, February 2, 2020
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day



* *Please stand as you are able*

The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Organ Prelude

Jonathan Moyer, organ

Improvisation on "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark A. Medina

Joys and Concerns

* *Celebration of Community*

Introit

Chancel Choir

Haleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona

Trad. South African

*Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona,
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,*

di thabile kaofela.

all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Ke Morena Jeso, ya re dumeletseng,

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,

ya re dumeletseng ho tsamaisa evangedi.

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.

* *Call to Worship*

We give praise to our God who knew us before we had breath

People: We delight in the Lord who guides us still

God, help us to live as you would have us live

People: Give us obedient hearts

As we gather today to worship, we know injustice
rains down on your people.

People: Disturb us, God, so that we may act justly

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.

ENCOUNTER

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

As we celebrate this day, we know so many who suffer needlessly

People: Use us, God, as your hands of mercy

As we move through our day, following our own agendas

People: Remind us, God, to walk humbly with you.

We are here to worship you with our lives.

* Hymn 405

What Does the Lord Require

SHARPTHORNE

* *Call to Confession*

Elder Kathy Farkas, *Lay Worship Leader*

* *Corporate Prayer of Confession*

Gracious God, whose goodness extends even beyond our imagining, we confess to smallness of faith. We shrink back from the demands of your discipleship because we fear our needs won't be met. You offer us the liberation of self-giving servanthood, and we worry more about acquiring and accumulating things for ourselves. Forgive us for the ways our lack of faith hinders your work through us. Open us to your Spirit. Renew us by the power of your love to find our joy in following your way.

Silent Confession of Sin

Kyrie

from *Mass: A Celebration of Love and Joy*

Chancel Choir
André J. Thomas

Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy on us.

Sinner please don't let this harvest pass.

Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy on us.

Where you gonna be when the trumpet sounds?

Lord have mercy. Oh, Lord!

Christ have mercy.

In a world of disarray, in a world wracked with pain,
we need your help, O Christ! We need your help, Christ!

Christe, eleison! Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us!

* *Declaration of Forgiveness*

Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

MUSIC NOTES

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

The introit, *Haleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona*, is a traditional South African praise song, sung in Sotho and English.

Chancel Choir sings two movements from André Thomas's *Mass*. Written in a gospel style, the work was completed and premiered in 2019. Cleveland State student Mist'a Craig is the soloist in both the *Kyrie* and *Agnus Dei* movements. Conductor educator, and prolific composer, he has also written a book, *Way Over in in Beulah Lan'*. In this text, Thomas addresses the struggles he faced becoming a Black classical composer and the challenges of performing spirituals and gospel music with integrity.

OUR LAY WORSHIP

LEADER is Kathleen Farkas. Kathleen J. Farkas serves as an Elder and is active with the Ministry of Service and with the Steering Committee of Covenant Student Ministries. She is a member of the tenured faculty at the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, the graduate school of social work at CWRU, where she chairs the faculty for Substance Use Disorders and Recovery. She and her husband, David, are the parents of two adult daughters.

* *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*

GLORY

Choir first, then all invited to sing.



Time for Young Disciples

Kevin J. Lowry, *Director of Student Ministries*

The Life and Legacy of The Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon

Katie Geneva Cannon (1950-2018) was an American Christian theologian and ethicist associated with womanist theology and black theology. In 1974 she was the first African-American woman ordained in the United Presbyterian Church (precursor to the PCUSA before 1983), and served as a distinguished professor at Union Theological Seminary.

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Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Pew Bible p.866 NRSV

Micah 6:1-8

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Difference Between Electives and Requirements

Dr. Sullivan

Time for Quiet Reflection

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Improvisation on "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

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 Young+ Adult Forum

Dowd Commons

12:30 Healing Circle

Sonia Golden Room

1:30 First Brazilian Church

Yost Chapel

WE WELCOME the Rev.

Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr. to our pulpit.

Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr. is the Executive Director of the, Ohio Council of Churches in Columbus, Ohio. He is an international renown speaker, social justice advocate, ecumenism, and death penalty abolitionist. He is a native of Cleveland.

SEND

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

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

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...

Hymn 140

Holy, Holy

HOLY, HOLY

All invited to sing from your pews, verse 1 only.

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

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread

Please take of the bread whenever it is appropriate for you.

Gluten free bread is in the paper cup.

Distribution of the Cup

Please hold the cup so that we may drink together.

As you pass the tray of cups say, "May the Spirit of God be with you."

As you are served, please respond, "And also with you."

The wine of communion is unfermented grape juice.

Agnus Dei

from *Mass: A Celebration of Love and Joy*

Chancel Choir

André J. Thomas

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

You died on Calvary, just to set the captives free.
You died on Calvary, to save a sinner like me!

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us Thy peace!

The Lamb is worthy. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
The Lamb is worthy, redeemed by his precious blood.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain!

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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!

God's given us power and riches and wisdom and strength,
power and riches and glory and blessing.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain! Amen!

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world. Amen.

* Hymn (see insert) *O God, You Call for Justice* AURELIA

* *Benediction*

Organ Postlude

Improvisation on "I'm Gonna Live, So God Can Use Me"

Carillon Postlude

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

Ushering Today are: John Bromelmeier, Jim and Nancy Smekal, and Paul Williams.

Greeters Today are: Dan and Karin Garland.

Communion Servers are: Arnie and Susan Dahm, Kitty Jarjisian, and Ann Williams.

The Flowers In The Chancel Urn are given in loving memory of Judy Bourne with heartfelt condolences to John from his Covenant 8 friends.

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.

SESSION

Will Klein, Clerk of Session,
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CLASS OF 2020: Mary Anne Bromelmeier, Kitty Jarjisian, Suchi Nelson, Norma Shuskey
CLASS OF 2021: Barb Clint, Dale Goode, Chris Langmack,
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We Keep in our Prayers: Paul Begany, Collin Denbow (who is working in Ethiopia with the Peace Corp), Thelma Everhart, Iris A. Harvie (friend of Susan & Arnie Dahm), 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 3– February 8)

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, 12 pm; Theology On Tap, The Jolly Scholar, 5:30.

Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, Library, 10 am; Church Officer Training, Pastor's Office, 5:15 pm; 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm; Deacons Meeting, Dowd Commons, 6:30.

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

Friday: Lunchtime Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm.

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

An Update on Lyn Tomaszewski

First we would like to thank all the members and staff of the Church of the Covenant who have reached out with their cards, calls, gifts, prayers, and other expressions of support for us in this difficult time. Lyn is currently residing at Richmond Heights Place, 562 Richmond Road, building 3, room 112. She is working hard on physical and occupational therapy to recover from the effects of complications from her chemotherapy. She still has problems with oral intake of food and this is a serious issue. She happily receives visitors and the visitation hours essentially are from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, 7 days a week. Thank you so much for all your encouragement, prayers, and support. *Lyn & Jim Tomaszewski*

Meet JW Keckley

JW Keckley is a current graduate student in voice at CIM, and serves as a tenor section leader in the Chancel Choir. He is a Midwesterner through-and-through, having lived in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Missouri. He will be leading the Covenant's website updates and redesign. You can bring any website suggestions or tech questions to jkeckley@covenantweb.org

ZIP CODE: A Product of Your Environment

"Love your neighbor as you love yourself." Matthew 22:39

As our Covenant Community celebrates Black History Month, the Ministry of Faith Formation invites you to consider what it means to live within specific zip codes in the greater Cleveland area. See the insert in this week's bulletin for a schedule of events and information about our guest preachers and Young+ Adult Forum speakers.

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 4th at The Jolly Scholar at 5:30. For more information, email John Marsh at: marshes@ameritech.net

Saturday Tutoring Is Back In Session!

Saturday Tutoring will continue February 8, 15, 22, 29, March 21, 28 and April 4, in the Lower Level at 10 am.

Would You Like To Meet With Reverend Medina?

If so, stop in at the church or email him at mmedina@covenantweb.org to set up a time.

Ministry of Faith Formation Membership Reach-Out Team

The Ministry of Faith Formation provides opportunities through worship, education and music to nourish the spiritual development of God’s people engaged with the Covenant Community. As a part of that mission, a Membership Reach-Out Team is being formed to contact Covenant members. Our team will be calling to check-in, and to ensure that our members’ contact information and communication preferences are accurate. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

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

If You Would Like A Copy Of The Kairos Report,

they are available at the church office, or you can access it at this link:

bit.ly/KairosReport2019

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

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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

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.

Custodial Update

Interviews are on-going for both a full-time and part-time position.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concerts

Join us **Tuesday, February 4th at 12:00 pm**, for our Organ Plus Concert, with Jillian Gardner, organ. The coming season of concerts will extend through June 9, 2020, with occasional "Plus" concerts featuring other instruments and vocalists. Look for more detailed information to come soon.

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.

Church Officer Training

New Deacons and Ruling Elders are invited to participate in a time of Church Officer Training. This is a five week event every Wednesday or Saturday, from January 29 through February 29. Contact Rev. Medina at mmedina@covenantweb.org

