

The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**

Sunday, February 9, 2020  
Fifth 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

*Sonata No. VI, Op. 65*

Felix Mendelssohn

Chorale: Andante sostenuto. Allegro molto

*Welcome & Announcements*

Rev. Mark A. Medina

*Joys and Concerns*

\* *Celebration of Community*

*Introit*

Chancel Choir

*Singabahambayo*

Trad. South African

*Singabahambayo thina kulomhlaba*

On earth an army is marching, we're going home

*kepha sinekhaya eZulwini. Sithi haleluya!*

Our longing bears a song, so sing out strong. *Sithi Halleluya!*

\* *Call to Worship*

We are called to follow —  
to walk in the way of justice and righteousness,  
**for we are children of God!**

We are called to serve —  
to be Christ with and for one another,  
**for we are the salt of the earth!**

We are called to shine —  
to be beacons of hope and witnesses to truth,  
**for we are the light of the world!**

Come, you who are claimed as children of God,  
salt of the earth and light of the world.

**Let us worship the Lord!**

## 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, *Singabahambayo*, is a traditional South African freedom song, sung in Zulu and English.

The Old Testament scripture this week includes a portion of the

\* Hymn 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

\* Call to Confession

Deacon John Marsh, Lay Worship Leader

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Dear Lord,**

**At times we become disheartened by the pain and injustice in the world as well as loss in our lives. We forget that you are with us and share in our strife and anxiety.**

**Help us as we struggle against the forces of pessimism and apathy. We don't do all we can to make the world a better place. Please strengthen us to work diligently for a more just world.**

**We sometimes forget to seek your support through prayer and meditation. Remind us continually that your sacrificial love toppled the barriers that separate us from each other and you.**

**Help us to accept and share this love.**

**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

*And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth*

Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

And then, shall your light break forth  
as the light of the morning breaketh,  
and your health shall speedily spring forth in you;  
And the glory of the Lord evermore shall guard you and keep you.  
Lord, our Creator, how excellent Thy Name is in all the nations!  
Thou fillest heaven with Thy glory! Amen!

prophecies from Isaiah. Mendelssohn incorporates this text in the final chorus of his oratorio, *Elijah*. At the conclusion of the story, Elijah has been received into heaven, riding on a fiery chariot, and songs of praise ensue. The choir sings of what will occur when the righteous worship not by going through the motions of religion, but by praising with spirit and truth.

*This Little Light of Mine* is often recognized as a children's tune, however, as a spiritual, it was often sung by slaves who had converted to Christianity. During the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s, the song was commonly performed at protests and marches. It was also sung spontaneously at the Vigil for the Charleston Nine on June 18, 2015.

The organ prelude by Felix Mendelssohn is the last of his 6 sonatas for organ published in 1845. The opening movement of the sonata is a set of variations on the chorale "Vater unser im Himmelreich" (Our Father who art in heaven). The organ postlude by Czech composer Petr Eben (1929-2007) was composed in the early years of communist occupation following WWII. According to the composer, the work represents a clash of armies on a medieval battlefield, and further typifies the struggle of the religiously oppressed.

*Time for Young Disciples*

Dr. Jenny Conner

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

*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.688-689 NRSV*      Isaiah 58:1-12

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

*Gospel Lesson*      *Pew Bible p.4 NRSV*      Matthew 5:13-20

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

*Sermon*      *What It Means to Embrace the Christian Life*  
Rev. Mark A. Medina

*Time for Quiet Reflection*

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

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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)*      *Together We Serve*      SAN ANSELMO

*Prayers of the People*

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

**OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER** is John Marsh.

John joined the Church of the Covenant in the 1990's after an invitation from his then fiancé and now wife Sybil. He was immediately drawn in by the warm reception he received and appreciates all the opportunities to serve, learn and worship here with everyone.

## 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 Sustainability Meeting

*Pastor's Office*

11:30 Young+ Adult Forum

*Dowd Commons*

12:30 Science of Spirituality

*Sonia Golden Room*

1:30 First Brazilian Church

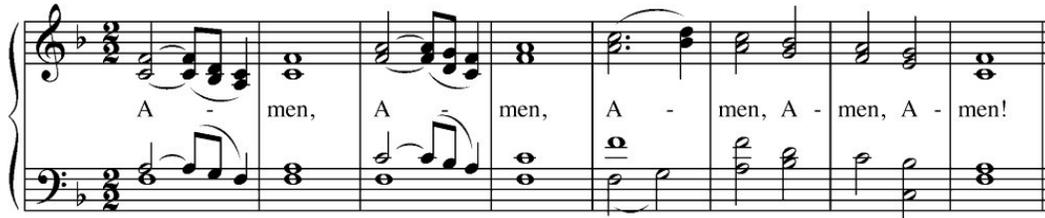
*Yost Chapel*

*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*

*This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All through the night I'm gonna let it shine.  
My God gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.  
In my home, all over the world, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Chancel Choir  
arr. Moses Hogan

*\* 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 143*

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

DIADEM

*\* Benediction*

*Organ Postlude*

*"Moto Ostinato" from Sunday Music*

Petr Eben

*Carillon Postlude*

*Suite Archaique (for carillon)*

Géo Clement

Rigaudon – Pavane – Menuet

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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!

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

**Ushering Today** are: Tracy Blake, Suchi Nelson, Jim Prince, and Oleg Targoni.

**Greeters Today** are: Nessa and Dave Gressley.

**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, Iris A. Harvie (friend of Susan & Arnie Dahm), Stephanie Howard (Willie Howard's niece), David Keltner, Greg Madison, Gene Papp, George Peters (Michael's father), Donna Prease, 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.

**Our Prayers** are with the family of Martha (Marty) Vinborg on her death on January 30th, 2020.

**This Week at Covenant (February 10– February 15)**  
*Office hours are weekdays from 9 am until 5 pm.*

**Monday:** Ministry of Faith Formation-Worship Planning, Office, 7 pm.

**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; Bereavement Group, Herrick Room, 6 pm.

**Wednesday:** Church Officer Training, Pastor's Office, 5:15 pm; 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 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; The Village Garden Club, Beckwith Hall, 2 pm.

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

**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.

## 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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## **Believing God Calls Us To be Peacemakers**

Since a gunman opened fire at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012, killing 26 people, 20 of them children; 1,280 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, 12 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Dalion Mendoza, Donald William Sebastian, Michael George Galbincea, Terrill Tyrike Jackson, William O. Hoskins, Robert Eugene Cain, De'Andre Cortez Johns, DeMarco L. Millsap, Nathan C. Wilson, G'Morrow Distance Harden, and Erika Marie Miranda. Four of those who died were by suicide and one was a seventeen year old.

Go to [GodBeforeGuns.org](http://GodBeforeGuns.org) to see how to become engaged.

## **Food Collection | Next Sunday February 16 (Third Sunday)**

Next Sunday we collect food for our Food Pantry. *Please note, Our Food Panty is Almost Empty!* This is the third Sunday so 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. **We can use peanut butter, beef stew, canned vegetables, chili, canned soup, fruit cups, pudding cups, tuna fish, pasta, spaghetti sauce, jelly or jam, corn muffin mix, and spam or canned chicken.**

## **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 is a current graduate student in voice at CIM, and serves as a tenor section leader in the Chancel Choir. He will be leading the Covenant's website updates and redesign. You can bring any website suggestions or tech questions to [jkeckley@covenantweb.org](mailto: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 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 15, 22, 29, March 21, 28 and April 4, in the Lower Level at 10 am.

## **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

## **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.

## **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).

## **Looking Ahead**

### **Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concerts**

Join us **Tuesday, February 11th at 12:00 pm**, for our Organ Plus Concert, with Sara Daneshpour, piano. 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.

### **Anna O'Connell Recital**

You are invited to attend Chancel Choir member, Anna O'Connell's Lecture-Recital for her masters degree next Tuesday, February 11 at 7:30pm in Harkness Chapel at CWRU. The topic is medieval German monophonic song!

### **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.

### **Soul Food Community Meal and Spiritual Hymn Sing after worship February 16**

As our celebration of Black History Month continues, we will have a special Soul Food Community meal... and we need YOUR help to make it complete! You are invited to try your hand at one of the traditional African-American dessert recipes available in the church office. These include: Alabama Pound Cake; Red Velvet Cake or Sweet Potato Pie. Stop by the office, sign up to let us know what dessert you will be sharing, and pick up your copy of the desired recipe. Questions can be referred to Renee Boykin or Nancy Acree, both of whom who have cooked all three recipes many times over the years!

### **Parent's Night Out!**

On Saturday, February 22, 5-9 pm, the church will be hosting Parent's Night Out! There will be dinner, games and crafts. Free parking in the church parking lot. Contact Kaori Hongo at: [khongo@covenantweb.org](mailto:khongo@covenantweb.org) by February 14<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot

### **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 \$232,717 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.

### **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.**