

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day



* *Please stand as you are able*

The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

Keiran Cantilina, *Guest Carillonneur*

Organ Prelude

Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 582

Jonathan Moyer, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Mark A. Medina

Statement of Opportunity

Bob Ault

* *Celebration of Community*

Introit

Feet o' Jesus

Anna O'Connell, soprano

Florence B. Price

At the feet o' Jesus, sorrow like a sea.

Lordy, let yo' mercy come driftin' down on me.

At the feet o' Jesus, at yo' feet I stand.

O, ma little Jesus, please reach out yo' hand.

* *Call to Worship*

Come, open your hearts to the Lord!

**We are grateful to be here, remembering all that
Christ has done for us.**

Friends and family – all are welcome in the house of the Lord.

**Those who are new to our church, those who seek,
those who feel lost and alone.**

Christ meets us here; he breaks the bread of salvation for us.

**God embraces us with his transforming and
forgiving love.**

Dear friends, let us rejoice in God's love.

**We are called to receive that love and reach out in
compassion to others.**

Let us worship our Creator God!

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

As we enter Lent, you may notice a few changes in the music of our worship. Due to the penitent nature of this season, we refrain from singing "alleluia." Our introits will feature a different choir soloist each week to emphasize a time for individual contemplation. Finally, each service will conclude

* Hymn 83 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High DEO GRACIAS

* Call to Confession Elder Barb Clint, Lay Worship Leader

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, forgive us for falling victim to temptation in so many ways: a self-centered focus on our own wants and needs over the needs of those less fortunate; self-certainty in our own points of view over those of anyone else, rendering true conversation impossible and crowding out God's persistent call to do justice; our embrace of the belief that the world around us is a dangerous place, thereby giving fear a victory over Christ's message of radical love for everyone. For these and for the many other ways that we have been tempted to think of ourselves before others, we ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.

Silent Confession of Sin (please be seated as the choir sings the Kyrie)

Kyrie from Mass in C Chancel Choir
Ludwig van Beethoven

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! 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.**

Corporate Response CHRISTE SANCTORUM



Je - sus, we praise you, now the night is ov - er;
Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be - fore you; Sing - ing, we
of - fer prayer and med - i - ta - tion, Thus we a - dore — you.

with a choral postlude to help signify Christ's deep human connection to all disciples.

Florence B. Price (1887-1953) was an African American composer who broke racial boundaries and became internationally recognized for her music. With *Feet o' Jesus*, she sets words of the poet and social activist, Langston Hughes (1902-67).

Organ preludes throughout the season of Lent feature works based on *ostinato* or "repeating" bass lines or harmonic patterns with titles such as *ground*, *chaconne*, and *passacaglia*. Each musical variation is symbolic of our Lenten journey through repetitions of prayer that lead to spiritual awakening. These works parallel the "journey" oriented choral music that concludes each service.

Today's prelude features one of the most famous of organ *passacaglias* by J.S. Bach, composed when he was only in his twenties. 20 ingenious variations culminate in a grand fugue. The offertory comes from a less-known contemporary of Beethoven, Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770-1846), both of whom share the same birth year.

Beethoven's Mass in C, from which we hear the "Kyrie" and "Sanctus" today, is a deeply personal, even intimate, work. This year we are celebrating Beethoven's 250th birthday anniversary.

Time for Young Disciples

Dr. Jenny Conner

Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will remain in the service today. We invite children to join us up front in the Worship Center for various activities during the service. (See an usher for a child's bulletin if they wish to remain with their parents).

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Pew Bible p.3 NRSV

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Sermon

Temptations On The Christian

Rev. Mark A. Medina

Time for Quiet Reflection

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Allegro in G major

Christian Heinrich Rinck

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

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...

Sanctus from Mass in C

Chancel Choir

Ludwig van Beethoven

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

**OUR LAY WORSHIP
LEADER is Barb Clint.**

Barb is a serving Elder, member of the Ministry of Service and the Ministry of Faith Formation and Moderator of the 2019/2020 Nominating Committee. She first attended Church of the Covenant in 1994 and joined shortly thereafter with her husband Tom Denbow. She and Tom have raised three children: Cassie Denbow, who resides in Goa, India with her husband Pratyush Singh; Kayla Clint who lives in Cleveland Heights; and Collin Denbow, who is serving with the Peace Corp in Ethiopia. Barb is the founder of Clevelanders in Motion LLP which focuses on developing safe, stress-free environments within which to be physically active, especially bicycle facilities.

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

11:15 Covenant Ministry

Mini-Fair

Reception Room

11:30 Sustainability Meeting

Pastor's Office

12:30 Healing Circle

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, 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.*

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 81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

* *Benediction*

Choral Postlude

Chancel Choir

Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Joris van der Herten

I am a poor wayfaring stranger,
traveling through this world of woe,
Yet there's no sickness, toil, nor danger
in that bright land to which I go.
I'm going there to see my father,
I'm going there no more to roam!
I'm only going over Jordan,
I'm only going over home.

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Children's Choir Director
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Audio Visual Services Mgr.
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SEND

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

I know dark clouds will gather 'round me,
I know my way is rough and steep
But golden fields lie out before me
where souls redeemed their vigils keep.
I'm going home to see my mother,
she said she'd meet me when I come
I'm only going over Jordan,
I'm only going over home.

Carillon Postlude

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

Ushering Today are: John Bromelmeier, Martha Goble, Keith Kallay and Janet Takeyama.

Greeters Today are: Dan and Karin Garland.

Communion Servers are: Patty and Clint Fowler, Jim Mate, Nancy and Jim Smekal and Ann Williams.

The Flowers In The Chancel Urn are given to the glory of God.

Honor an event or a person with a lovely bouquet of flowers! Contact the church or sign up in the office. Pay by cash, check on the website. The cost is \$85 per arrangement.

Congregational Meeting

Following Worship **TODAY** 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.

We Keep in our Prayers: Paul Begany, Thelma Everhart, David and Edward Houry (relatives of David Gressley), David Keltner, Greg Madison, Reathel McWhorter, Elizabeth Roccoforte, Judith Kilmer Weiss and family, Gene Papp, George Peters (Michael's father), Liam Stewart, Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski, Kim Voss, Paul Williams 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.

Kevin Lowry is recovering from emergency surgery and is resting comfortably at home. He will be away for the next several weeks.

SESSION

Will Klein, Clerk of Session,
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

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Our Prayers are with the family of Daniel Alan Orlock who died unexpectedly on February 21st. Daniel is the brother of John Orlock, Harriet Wadsworth's husband. Our prayers are also with George Leggiro and his family on the death of his mother Emma who died on February 25th.

This Week at Covenant (March 2– March 7)

Office hours are weekdays from 9 am until 5 pm.

Monday: Friends of the McGaffin Carillon Meeting, Library, 5 pm.

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

Wednesday: Woman's Bible Study, Library, 10 am;
Church Officer Training, Pastor's Office, 5:15 pm;
12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm;
Session Meeting, Office, 7 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;
Gabe Roccoforte Memorial Service, Sanctuary, 4 pm.

Saturday: Church Officer Training, Pastor's Office, 9 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.

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.

Covenant Ministry Mini-Fairs, Starting this Week!

Have you ever wondered what our Ministries and leadership bodies "do?" Do you know who leads these groups, on behalf of our Covenant Community? Starting this Sunday, you'll have an opportunity to learn more about our leadership through Ministry Mini-Fairs. This week, representatives from the Ministry of Service and the Ministry of Faith Formation will be present in the reception room, following our worship service. Please say "hello," pick up some information, ask questions, and maybe learn how you might get involved with Covenant's mission & ministry!

Theology On Tap Is Back

and will meet every OTHER Tuesday, including **THIS** Tuesday, March 3rd at The Jolly Scholar at 5:30. For more information, email John Marsh at: marshes@ameritech.net

Saturday Tutoring Will Be On Break The Next Two Weeks!

Saturday Tutoring will continue on March 21, 28 & April 4, in the Lower Level at 10 am.

Thank You!

Our first Parent's Night Out was a big success!! We would like to thank Ann Williams, Nancy Smekal and Martha Goble for all their help in preparing the event and supervising the kids. We had 14 children, ages 6 months to 10 years old. With the requests of the families we will be planning another PNO this Spring. Please let Kaori know if you would be interested in helping with the event!!

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

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. Learn how rewarding this ministry is, speak with current Covenant Callers, Gale Bromelmeier, Stephanie Johnson, Julie Mailey or Nancy Matz.

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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.

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

Looking Ahead

Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concerts

Join us **Tuesday, March 3rd at 12:00 pm**, for our Organ Plus Concert, with Brian Wentzel, 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.

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 an individual you would like to recommend as a potential Covenant Lecturer, please contact MoFF faithformation@covenantweb.org

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 if you are interested!!

Part-time Custodial Help

Covenant's Personnel Committee continues to search for a part-time custodian (20-25 hours weekly with benefits) to complete the church's custodial team. If you or someone you know can assist with this important search, please notify Willie (WHoward@covenantweb.org) or Kitty (cjarjisi@gmail.com). We appreciate your help!

