The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon
Toccata in d minor
Johann Sebastian Bach
Performed by Boudewijn Zwart on the Westerkerk carillon in Amsterdam

Prelude
Fugue in D major, Op. 59
Max Reger

Welcome & Announcements
Kevin J. Lowry, Director of Joys and Concerns

Celebration of Community
All are invited to light a candle for the duration of the service as a symbol of our community of faith.

Introit
Case Concert Choir, Michael Peters conducting
Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal, arr. Alice Parker

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the rather shore,
As I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, Hallelujah to the great I AM!
And my soul through stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o’er those waters to the city far away.
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, Hallelujah to the great I AM!
Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, Hallelujah to the great I AM!

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.

Encounter
We receive the good news of God’s love, mercy, and justice revealed to us through the Bible.
Yes. It can happen. Yes. It can take place.

Yes. God can do it.
After all, the angel said "Do not be afraid."
After all, the tomb was found empty.
After all, the Spirit, "will pray for you."
After all, God wants peace and reconciliation
After all, God's name is "justice." After all, God is "liberation."
Yes. It can happen. Yes. It can take place.
Yes. God can do it. Let us come worship God.

Hymn 455 All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(Recorded 2018)

Vs. 1, 2, 6: All voices
Vs. 3: Upper Voices; Vs. 4: Lower Voices; Vs. 5: The Choir

Christ is risen, hallelujah!
After the absence of this text through the season of Lent, we celebrate our risen Lord with musical shouts of praise. America composer Alice Parker (b. 1925) set this arrangement of two Sacred Harp tunes during her collaborative work with Robert Shaw in the 1960s. This recording features the Case Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Michael Peters.

The season of “Alleluia” is also celebrated through our hymnody this week. The opening hymn with its famous words of St. Francis is a reminder to each of us of gratitude in a loving and gracious God that fills the earth with beauty. As you sing each alleluia, look to the world around and give thanks.

“The 23rd Psalm is dedicated to my mother. She was the driving force in my religious and spiritual education, and I have so many memories of her singing in church. But I wrote it because I’d been reading the Bible one morning, and I was thinking about God’s unconditional love, about how we crave it but have so much trouble believing we can trust it, and how we can’t fully understand it. And then I left my reading and spent time with my wife and our children.
Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that You exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world, and it is hard to see Your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear Your name do not walk in Your ways. Help us to see Your goodness in this world. Help us to know Your love. Fill us with Your love and goodness, so that we might love and be witnesses to one another, and lift up one another in faith.

Silent Confession of Sin

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the Good News, you do not wait alone. God has given us one another for this journey of faith, to help one another. Know that you do not wait alone; Be encouraged, and encourage one another. Friends, Believe the Good News.

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.

Hymn 579

Anna Skelton is an undergraduate music education major at CWRU. She conducted this performance of McFerrin’s 23rd Psalm in February 2020.

Charles Gounod (1818-1893) was a French composer whose music went on to inspire composers such as Fauré and Debussy. Gounod was a very religious man and briefly considered becoming a priest before deciding to be a composer. He composed the text and music for "Repentir" which begs the Lord to relieve him of the burden of his sins. You can hear the cries of regret weaving between the vocal line and the piano. - Madeline Yankell.

Madeline completed her undergraduate music education degree from CWRU last year. She has been teaching music in the Rocky Rivers schools this year.
Anthem

CWRU Chorale, Anna Skelton conducting
Bobby McFerrin

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need
She makes me lie down in green meadows
Beside the still waters, She will lead
She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs
She leads me in a path of good things
And fills my heart with songs
Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land
There is nothing that can shake me
She has said She won't forsake me
I'm in her hand
She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes
She anoints my head with oil
And my cup overflows
Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me
All the days of my life
And I will live in her house
Forever, forever and ever
Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter
And to the Holy of Holies
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World, without end

Our Lay Worship Leaders

This week we celebrate all the achievements and contributions of our Student Community at Covenant. Today’s service is led by some of our Covenant members and students that are active members of our campus ministry program. Anna Skelton from Morris Plains, NJ is a second year Music Education major. Audrey Lord from Westborough, MA is a second year Bio Mechanical Engineering major. Ben Fugate, from Erie, PA is a second year Chemical Engineering major. Drs. Kathy Farkas and Sam Senyo serve with Charles (Chip) Bromley and Mary Anne Bromelmeier as members of the Steering committee. Covenant Student Ministries serves the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of undergraduate and graduate students through faith, fellowship, and service.

Time for Young Disciples

Being Easter People

Kevin J. Lowry

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

Elder Kathy Farkas, CSM
Steering Committee
Old Testament Lesson  Pew Bible p.495-496 NRSV  Psalm 16
Benjamin Fugate, CWRU Student

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

Sam Senyo, CSM Steering Committee

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

Sermon  Witnesses  Kevin J. Lowry

Time for Quiet Reflection

Affirmation of Faith  Anna Skelton  (by John Birch)

Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mystery. Your word the only voice we hear that still small voice that leads us to the place where we should be. Your presence is the only company we need as we walk this narrow road. Your fellowship the warmth we crave to help us on our way. May the truth of Easter, the joy of Easter, and the blessings of Easter be with us this day and all days. Amen

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No Scheduled Activities Today.
Church Building Is Closed.
We Are Your People

1. We are Your people: Lord, by Your grace,
   Called to portray You, help us to live
   Glad of tradition, Help us to see
   Joined in community, breaking Your bread,
   Lord, as we minister in different ways.

2. You dare to make us closer than neighbors,
   Christ to our neighbors of every
   Closer than neighbors, open to strangers, able to
   In all life’s changing where You are leading, Where our best
   May we discover gifts in each other, willing to
   May all we’re doing show that You’re living, meeting Your

3. Nation and race, clash and forgive.
   Love with our praise. efforts should be.
   Love with our praise, efforts should be.
   Lead and be led.

Hymn 436

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God of redemption and resurrection, we come to you as we are, rejoicing that our Lord is alive, yet still afraid of the chaos around and within us. We cannot help but doubt your goodness when so much suffering surrounds us. The pandemic continues to cause sickness and take life. Resources are scarce in the places they are needed the most. People all over the world are desperate for life’s basic necessities. Our Easter alleluias get stuck in our throats when we survey the pain of your glorious creation.

Come, Risen Lord, walk among us, show us your wounds, give us your peace, breathe the Spirit into our weariness and worries.

God of pursuing grace and mercy, we come to you as we are, grateful for the gift of reconciliation, yet still unsure if we have the courage to go and extend your forgiveness to others. We are prone to hold grudges and too often find satisfaction in the downfall of our enemies. Partisanship continues despite our need to come together to defeat the scourge of injustice, ever growing inequity and the pervasiveness of poverty. Our Easter alleluias feel hypocritical when we look around at the systemic sin in which we participate.

Come, Risen Lord, walk among us, show us you are alive, grant us the peace that passes understanding, embolden us with the Spirit so that we might speak your Word and do your will.

God of loving kindness and relentless reconciliation, we come to you as we are, praising you for your unwillingness to leave us alone, yet tired in the face of the world’s overwhelming needs. We believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. We know he commands us to follow his example of servant leadership. We remember all he taught us about the least and the last, asking and receiving, moving mountains with mustard seed faith. Knowing that you come to us, just as we are, keeping your promises and never abandoning us, we shout our Easter alleluias echoing the heavenly chorus that spurs us on to run the race set before us.

We mourn, O God, the loss of those who have been affected by gun violence in our community. We lift up those families who grieve the loss of loved ones today. (Tolling of the bells)

You are here, risen Lord, wounded and standing before us. Your sure presence gives us peace. Your Spirit, our Advocate, Comforter and Teacher, will show us the way and accomplish your plans. We worship you, our Lord and our God, and we pray in your name and as you taught us, saying, Our Father...
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

Click here to visit the online giving portal.

Offertory

Repentir

Madeline Yankell, soprano

Charles Francois Gounod

Ah! ne repousse pas mon âme pécheresse
Ah! Do not shut out my sinning soul

Entends mes cris et vois mon repentir.
Hear my cry and see my repentance.

A mon aide Seigneur hâte-toi d’accourir
Hurry to me, Lord, in my time of need

Et prends pitié de ma détresse!
And take pity on my distress!

De la justice vengeresse détourn e les coups, mon Sauveur!
Divert your avenging justice from me, my Saviour!

O Divin Rédempteur!
O Divine Redeemer!

Pardonne à ma faiblesse,
Grand pardon to my weakness,

Dans le secret des nuits je répandrai mes pleurs
I shall pour out my tears in the secret of night
Je meurtrirai ma chair sous le poids du cilice
I shall hide my face beneath a veil

Et mon coeur altéré du sanglant sacrifice
And my heart, corrupted by self sacrifice

Bénira de ta main les clémentes rigueurs.
Will be blessed by the severity of your merciful hand.

Doxology

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 Creator

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Kathy Farkas
1. O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,
   This day at the creation The light first had its birth;
   This day God’s people, meeting, The Holy Scripture hear;
   That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way.

   O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
   This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
   Christ’s living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.
   At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.

2. This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined in tune,
   This day our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heaven.
   We journey on, believing, Renewed with heavenly might,
   We sing to You our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son.

3. Sing “Holy, holy, holy” To the great God triune.
   And thus this day most glorious A triple light was given.
   From grace more grace receiving On this blest day of light.
   The church its voice upraises To You, blest Three in One.
**Benediction**

**Postlude**
- Symphony No. 2, Finale  
  Jonathan Moyer, organ  
  Charles-Marie Widor

**Carillon Postlude**
- Opening and Closing  
  Philip Glass  
  Performed by Boudewijn Zwart on the Westerkerk carillon in Amsterdam

*Please extinguish the candle.*

**Update**
The church is closed and all worship services are cancelled until April 30th. This is in response to the Coronavirus pandemic that’s affecting our country.

**We Keep in our Prayers:** Thelma Everhart, Theodis Fipps, David and Edward Houry (relatives of David Gressley), David Keltner, Pat Owen-Keltner, Greg Madison, Reathel McWhorter, Gene Papp, George Peters (Michael’s father), Liam Stewart, Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski, Erin Tomko, Kim Voss, Kate and 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.

**Rev. Medina**
Rev. Medina made a request (which Session has approved) to return to his home in Chambersburg, PA during this time of “shelter at home.” This puts him near his primary care doctor. He is contributing all work remotely and staying in close touch with Ruling Elders, Deacons, staff and members of the church. You are welcome to contact him at mmedina@covenantweb.org or his cellphone at 269-303-2205. Thank you.

**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; 1,307 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, 18 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Robert Kraig, Martize T. Battle, Todd William Gauntner, Kevin Douglas Boyd III, Davon Lashore Johnson, Jerry R. Brown, Darius M. Lee, Mary K. Harmon, James Harmon, John Elwood Hagey, Shirley Mahovsky, Vera Johnson, Tessa Kathryn Betori, Abraham De’Marco Penn, Kurt Cooney, Lee A. Dickson, and Andre Perez Pritchett Jr. Eight of those who died were by suicide including an elderly suicide/homicide married couple. One homicide victim was seventeen years old.
Go to GodBeforeGuns.org to see how to become engaged.
Annual Meeting Rescheduled:
Session has voted to postpone the congregational annual meeting from its normal date of the first Sunday in May to May 17th, and to conduct the meeting via Zoom if social distancing guidelines continue to warrant it. Please check future bulletins and e-news for more information on how to participate.

This Week at Covenant (April 20 – April 25)

Monday: No scheduled activities. Church Building is Closed.
Tuesday: Trustees Meeting, by Zoom, 6:30 pm. Church Building is Closed.
Wednesday: Session Meeting, by Zoom, 7 pm. Church Building is Closed.
Thursday: No scheduled activities. Church Building is Closed.
Friday: Lunchtime Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 12:15 pm. Church Building is Closed.
Saturday: No scheduled activities. Church Building is Closed.

Ways to Help Feed The Hungry

From the Ministry of Service and the Hunger Action Network: Ways to Address Hunger... from a distance.

1. Consider providing financial support for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland, Feeding America.

2. Make a Donation to the Church of the Covenant Hunger Fund. https://onrealm.org/covenantweb/-/give/now

3. Join the Ministry of Service OFFERING OF LETTERS on May 17, 2020. Presbyterians have partnered for years with Bread for the World, and your voice is needed now more than ever. Visit Bread’s page about Hunger and Coronavirus to see how you can support those most drastically affected by our current situation.

4. Embrace Meatless Mondays cutting back on our consumption of meat is good for us and good for the planet! There are abundant resources on going meatless, but may we suggest starting with the Meatless Monday website, and seeing where that takes you.

5. Donate to Centsability Offering: We may not be gathering weekly for coffee fellowship after church, or any of our usual meetings, but that doesn’t mean that we can’t collect funds for the Centsability/2 Cents-a-Meal offering. These small amounts of change become large donations when we all contribute! The Presbytery uses our Centsability Offering funds to support three groups doing important hunger justice work: City Rising Farm, an urban garden in the Hough neighborhood of Cleveland; Bread for the World; and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), a worker-based human rights organization internationally recognized for its achievements in fighting human trafficking and gender-based violence at work.
Coronavirus NOT Stopping Carillonneurs!
Greater Cleveland carillonneurs, including our own George Leggiero, continue to provide free
music as a solace to a coronavirus-worn public. The outdoor nature of carillon listening supports
Governor DeWine’s plea for social distancing as well as his urging to get outside for our mental
health.

Here is a link to WCPN ideastream’s stories about the “coalition of carillonneurs” (and stories from
2014 and 2017): https://www.ideastream.org/news/northeast-ohio-carillons-provide-musical-relief-
during-pandemic. The Friday concerts are sponsored by the Friends of the McGaffin Carillon in
University Circle. Plans may be enlarged for Holy Week and Easter.

Here are additional details:

**Church of the Covenant**
George Leggiero & guests
Fridays 12:15–12:45 p.m.
Sundays 10–10:15 a.m.

**Church of the Saviour** (2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Hts.)
Sheryl Modlin
Saturdays 10–10:20 a.m.
Sundays 11:30–11:50 a.m.

**St. Paul’s Episcopal Church** (2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts.)
David Osburn
Sundays 11–11:30 a.m.

**St. Christopher By-the-River** (7601 Old Mill Road, Gates Mills)
Becky Everett
Sundays 10:15–10:35 a.m.

**One Great Hour Of Sharing**
The ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Special Offering is usually received during the SEASON
of LENT. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians join
together to share God’s love with our neighbors –in-need around the world. Each gift helps to
improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs:
**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), and**
**Self-Development Of People (SDOP).** We hope that you will all give generously to this
wonderful and effective Special Offering, the **One Great Hour Of Sharing.**

**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

**Send Us Your Photos**
This is an invitation to Covenant members to share photos of you and your family (or a selfie)
worshipping at home as we continue to deal with the pandemic that’s affecting our country.
Email your photos to dmatz@covenantweb.org
Family Promise Needs Our Help.

In this time of such uncertainty, Family Promise Continues to Need Our Help. Their Volunteer and Donor Relations Coordinator Lisa Fritz recently updated Bob Ault on their current needs: paper towels, non-perishable pantry food items, frozen foods, Pull-Ups (size 2T/3T), diapers (size 4, 5, 6), Ziplock bags (gallon and quart), new bed pillows, and women’s body wash. If you would like to donate any of the above items, please call Bob Ault (440-565-7710) who will arrange to pick up your donations from your home, physical contact-free, and deliver them to Family Promise. If you would rather make a cash donation, you can either send a check made out to Family Promise of Greater Cleveland and mailed to: 3470 East 152nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44120 or donate online via the following link: https://familypromisecle.org/Donate

The Ministry of Service thanks you for your continued generosity.

Saturday Tutoring Offering Online Help.

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic forced an early closure for The Saturday Tutoring Program’s 2019-2020 school year. Deciding to close was not an easy decision but a necessary one. Although we were originally scheduled to end the school year on April 4, we have remained committed to our students and their families. Many school districts have designed distance learning plans for students, but this new way of learning is presenting new challenges for students and their families.

That is why we have made the decision to offer free online tutoring to students. However, this new endeavor will not be a success without you. If you are interested in providing online tutoring, we ask that you complete a registration form that can be found using the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdl8Lt8P0XcmWEPfoXtwnHECjtBKUJ4kDD9TzOPA8wyXuLasg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Online tutoring will begin on Monday, April 20, 2020. Similar to Saturday mornings, once you complete a registration form, we will pair you with a student based on your preferences. Once you are paired, you will receive an email which will include the date and time of your session (no more than 1 hour), the student’s name/needed subject area and a link to the meeting room. All you have to do is show up at your scheduled time! Sessions will accessible by smartphone but a computer/tablet is recommended.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at saturdaytutoring@gmail.com. Thank you for helping our students reach their fullest potential!

Covenant Student Ministries has moved online.

Due to the COVID19 pandemic CSM has moved online with Virtual Gatherings on Sundays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm. (contact Kevin for login information). In addition Kevin is available for individual conversations and spiritual care in-person or virtually. You can connect with Kevin by texting or calling 330-988-0490 or by email klowry@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.
MoFF has three ideas for our Covenant Community as we worship and engage in fellowship remotely:
1. Consider lighting a candle as you begin worshipping with our Interactive Bulletins. The light is another way we can remind ourselves that we are united together through faith.
2. Visit THIS LINK to learn about resources from the PCUSA for remote and online devotional materials, bible study materials, and ideas for faith fellowship gatherings.
3. Consider gathering remotely through group telephone calls or videoconferencing applications as a way to stay-in-touch. Covenant 8 groups could easily gather using a little bit of technology, and enjoy hearing or seeing other members of our Covenant Community!
If you need some help accessing technology to engage with one another, please send us an email at faithformation@covenantweb.org. MoFF members are ready and willing to help with technology access or challenges so that we can still fellowship from the comfort of our homes.