The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

George Leggiero, Carillonneur

J. S. Bach

Performed by Janet Tebbel on the Carillon in Germantown, PA

Prelude

March on a Theme of Handel (recorded in 2013)

Jonathan Moyer, organ

Alexandre Guilmant

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark A. Medina

Joys and Concerns

Elder Kathy Farkas

Statement of Opportunity

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

Children’s Choir

Traditional Cornish Melody

To Jesus Christ the Children Sang

To Jesus Christ the children sang Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna!
Through city streets their voices rang, Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna!
To Jesus Christ the children sang Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna!
With joyful hearts our praise we bring; Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna!
Call to Worship  
Look! Your king is coming—humble and riding on a donkey.

Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Raise your voices. Lift your hearts.  
Rejoice—our Savior comes!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven! Let us worship God.

Hymn 90  Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!  

The King’s Majesty

Music Notes
The organ prelude comes from the late 19th century French composer and concert organist Alexandre Guilmant. His “March on a Theme of Handel” is based on the opening motif from the chorus “Lift Up Your Heads” from Handel’s oratorio Messiah.

We welcome members of the children’s choir who recorded today’s introit from their homes. We thank Marley and Ivy Goodman accompanied by their grandfather, Chris Langmack, and Christopher and Samuel Moyer accompanied by their mom, Kaori Hongo.

Continuing the themes of procession and triumphant arrival from Psalm 24, our anthem setting of this text was written by Welsh composer, William Mathias (1934-1992). Mathias is most famously known for Let the People Praise Thee, O God, an anthem sung at the 1981 wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana and two pieces performed for Queen Elizabeth II’s 1977 silver jubilee. His musical style embraced irregular rhythm in creatively joyful ways, and you will hear those ideas in today’s anthem.
Call to Confession
Deacon Julie Mailey, Lay Worship Leader

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we try to be good; forgive us when our goodness makes us judgmental. We try to be faithful; forgive us when our faithfulness makes us intolerant. We try to be helpful; forgive us when our helpfulness becomes condescending. Take our best efforts, O Lord, and transform them by your grace and goodness. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.

Silent Confession of Sin

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

Anthem
Chancel Choir OR Chapel Choir of Marlborough College

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

William Mathias

The offertory features an arrangement of the German chorale Herzliebster Jesu that is blended with the Gregorian Easter Hymn, Victimae paschali laudes. The arranger Fred Gramann is organist and music director of the American Church in Paris, which was the church home for Kaori Hongo during her studies at the Paris Regional Conservatory in 1998-2000.

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Julie Mailey.

Julie is currently co-moderator of the Deacons and has in the past served as an Elder, and in many of the Covenant’s Christian Education programs. She and her husband Fred live in Chesterland. She is currently transitioning to teaching visual arts on-line for Saint Anselm Elementary School near her home.
Time for Young Disciples

Kaori Hongo, Coordinator of
Children & Youth Ministry

Parting Response

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

Please pray for God’s word to speak to you.

Old Testament Lesson


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

Gospel Lesson

Pew Bible p.23 NRSV Matthew 21:1-11

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

Sermon

Now Enters the Savior Jesus Rev. Mark A. Medina

Time for Quiet Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

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 76
My Song Is Love Unknown
Love Unknown
(Service recording from Palm Sunday, 2018)

Samuel Crossman, 1664
John Ireland, 1916

1. My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me, Love
   to the loveless shown That they might love ly be. O who am
   I, That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
2. Christ came from heaven's throne Salvation to bestow, But
   people scorned and none The longed-for Christ would know. But O my
   Friend, My Friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend?
3. Sometimes they strew His way, And His sweet praises sing, Re-
   sound-ing all the way Hosannas to their King. Then "Cru-ci-
   He To sufferings goes, That He His foes From thence might free.
4. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made away; A
   never was grief like Thine. This is my
   Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend.
5. Here might I stay and sing. No story so divine: Nev-
   er was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my

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Lord, your word sustains the weary. You bind up the brokenhearted and bring good news to the poor. As you enter into the chaos of Jerusalem, we trust you come to us in whatever turmoil we are experiencing. Even as some of us shout our praises, others among us cannot even murmur a word of hope. You see us all, lined up by the road, isolated in our homes, incarcerated or incapacitated, worried about our loved ones and those who are ill, exhausted from caring for the sick and laboring at essential work, and you are moved with compassion. You come to Jerusalem, getting ever closer to the cross, pouring yourself out in order to bring forgiveness, reconciliation and salvation.

Seeing you, humble, riding on a donkey, vulnerable and unwilling to turn away from suffering, we are bold to pour ourselves to you, crying, “Hosanna!” and “God, help us!” We do not know how to voice our deepest needs or fears or hopes or longings, yet you know them all before a word is on our tongues. We cast everything before you, Lord of all, trusting your promise of an easy yoke and a light burden.

We call out for healing for the sick, relief for the suffering, justice for the oppressed, relief for the exhausted, hope for the downtrodden and comfort for those who mourn. As we wonder what will come next, as we struggle with countless uncertainties and mounting anxieties, we look to you, the blessed One who comes in the name of the Lord, for help, for assurance and for the peace that passes understanding.

As we draw close to you and attempt to follow, even to the cross, we rejoice in your near presence. We give thanks for your selfless sacrifice. We give thanks for the health care professionals, the grocery store workers, the frontline responders. We remain grateful for all of those on the Way with us. United in you, Lord Christ, we will stand together and stand up for those who have fallen by the wayside and walk with those who fear they have been forgotten. Strengthen us for the days ahead so that we will remain faithful to you, your will and your call, until we see you face to face. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to say when we pray,

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 church’s online giving page

Anthem
Prelude on “Herzliebster Jesu”
Beckwith Handbell Choir
arr. Fred Gramann
(recorded in 2013)

Offertory Response
How Blessed Are You
Taizé Chant

Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
(Service recording from Palm Sunday, 2018)

Theodolph of Orleans, c. 820
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1859
Melchior Teschner, 1611
Arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Is-ra-el, Thou Da-vid's roy-al Son,
2. The peo-ple of the He-brews With palms be-fore Thee went;
3. To Thee, be-fore Thy pas-sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
4. Thou didst ac-cept their prai-ses; Ac-cept the prayers we bring,

Who in the Lord's name com-est, The King and bless-ed One.
Our praise and prayers and an-thems Be-fore Thee we pre-sent.
To Thee, now high ex-alt-ed, Our mel-o-dy we raise.
Who in all good de-light-est, Thou good and gra-cious King!
Benediction
(from the Book of Common Worship)

Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous and strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Choral Postlude
Stay With Me
Chancel Choir
Jacques Berthier

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray.

Carillon Postlude
Fugue in C major
Matthias van den Gheyn
Performed by David Christensen on the Carillon at Univ. of California, Riverside

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.

Virtual Communion on Maundy Thursday.
As part of the service this Thursday, communion will be celebrated and we invite you to participate. Preparing for communion means for you to place bread of your choice on a plate and a partially filled cup of unfermented or fermented juice for each of you. A short liturgy includes the words of institution at which time Rev. Medina will invite you to partake of the bread followed by drinking of the cup. A short musical interlude is played to give you time to partake of the elements and to reflect on the Lord’s Supper. Please join us.

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.
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 received during the SEASON of LENT, especially on Palm Sunday, April 5th. 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

Easter Lilies  
Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Easter Lily orders have been cancelled. The decision has been made to place any money received for the lilies into the flower fund.

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. REMEMBER, no groups larger than 10 people. Email your photos to dmatz@covenantweb.org
This Week at Covenant (April 6 – April 11)

**Monday:** No scheduled activities. Church Building is Closed.

**Tuesday:** No scheduled activities. Church Building is Closed.

**Wednesday:** No scheduled activities. 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.

**Family Promise Needs Our Help.**
Lisa Fritz, the Volunteer and Donor Relations Coordinator for Family Promise wrote a letter indicating how people can provide support, during these difficult times, for the 20 families housed at Family Promise at E. 150th St. and Kinsman Ave. She indicated that the items of greatest need are as follows: hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray cleaner, paper towels, toilet paper, disposable vinyl or latex gloves, non-perishable food items and diapers (size 4,5,6 only).

Family Promise is a Mission Partner of the Church of the Covenant. For additional information contact Bob Ault at 440-565-7710.

**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.

**Ministry of Faith Formation Shares Remote Worship and Fellowship Resources AND Extends a Helping Hand to Access Technology for our Covenant Community**
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.
Palm Sunday Coloring Page
This year we cannot be together in our beautiful church space for Palm Sunday and Easter. So if you can, please print this coloring page and cut it out for Palm Sunday and wave it from your home. For Easter, visit the church’s Facebook page and view Kaori’s tutorial for making origami Easter Lilies. If you have any questions, contact khongo@covenantweb.org