Music in today’s service is offered in memory of

Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski
November 27, 1948 – May 26, 2020

and

Louis (Lou) R. Salvator
June 6, 1935 – May 24, 2020

Carillon Prelude
Grave e Recitando
Ronald Barnes
Performed by Jon Lehrer in Lier, Belgium

Prelude
Jonathan W. Moyer, organ
David Kasper, saxophone

Creator Spirit
Jazz Improvisation on Gregorian Chant

Welcome & Announcements
Joys and Concerns
Rev. Mark A. Medina

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

Call to Worship
The Day of Pentecost is here!
God’s children have gathered in this place:

We are transformed into God’s family
by God’s Spirit joining with ours.

Come, Spirit of adoption,
and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:
Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, Spirit of peace,
and calm our trembling hearts:
Come, Holy Spirit!

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.
Come, Breath of God,
and overturn our conventional lives:
   Come, Holy Spirit!
   Let us worship God the Spirit

Hymn 126  Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove  ST. AGNES

Isaac Watts, 1707

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quick-ening powers;
In vain we strive to rise;
Dear Lord, and shall we ever live At this poor dying rate?
Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quick-ening powers;

ST. AGNES  CM

John Bacchus Dykes, 1866

Kin-dle a flame of sacred love In these cold hearts of ours.
Ho-san-nas languish on our tongues, And our de-votion dies.
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee, And Thine to us so great!
Come, shed abroad a Sav-ior’s love, And that shall kin-dle ours.

Deacon Nancy Hribar Matz, Lay Worship Leader

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Oh Holy Lord, You showed your apostles your powerful presence with sounds of wind and amazing tongues of fire, filling them with your holy spirit. With awe and wonder, they witnessed the omnipresent presence and power of God. We too sometime experience your divine presence. But our ego and pride cause us to doubt and ignore you, like you’re not really there. Still, you watch over us and guide us, like a loving father or mother.

As we journey back home toward you, we ask for grace to help us realize how great thou truly are and that you’re always present with us in your sanctuary full of love, peace and protection. Merciful Lord, we ask for your forgiveness as we privately confess our sins.

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Music Notes

Both the prelude and postlude are pre-recorded from some of our past jazz-style Pentecost services. The improvisatory nature of jazz is a beautiful demonstration of the illumination we receive through the Holy Spirit. Just as musicians listen and respond to each other as inspiration guides them, so “the spirit” calls us to listen for the unexpected. The prelude is an improvisation based on the ancient Gregorian hymn Veni Creator Spiritus (Come, Creator Spirit) and the postlude is based on the African-American Spiritual “Every Time I Feel the Spirit.”

African American composer Moses Hogan (1957-2003) ignites the fire of the Holy Spirit in this week’s anthem, I’m Gonna Sing ‘til the Spirit Moves in My Heart. A graduate of Oberlin Conservatory, Hogan heralded a new wave of concerted spirituals in the 1990s.

Our community recently suffered two losses with the passing of Lou Salvator and Lyn Tomaszewski. In celebration of their lives and the jazz music that they both loved, we feature an offertory prayer for them and their families by Norwegian composer Olav Gjeilo [Yay-loh] (b. 1978).
Silent Confession of Sins

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.

Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

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

MetroSingers, Hyattsville, MD

Moses Hogan

I’m Gonna Sing ‘till the Spirit Moves in My Heart

I’m gonna sing ‘till the Spirit moves in my heart
I’m gonna sing ‘till the Spirit moves in my heart
I’m gonna sing ‘till the Spirit moves in my heart
I’m gonna sing ‘till Jesus comes

It was grace that brought me
It was grace that taught me
It was grace that kept me
And it’s grace that will lead me home

I’m gonna pray ‘till the Spirit moves in my heart
I’m gonna pray ‘till Jesus comes

Can’t you feel the spirit moving?

I’m gonna shout ‘till the Spirit moves in my heart
I’m gonna shout ‘till Jesus comes
I’m gonna sing till my Jesus comes

Time for Young Disciples

Elder Chris Langmack

Parting Response

Hymn 535

Christopher Moyer, soloist

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

Rekindling of the Spirit in Uncertain Times
Rev. Mark A. Medina

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, ”Come, Lord Jesus!”
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn 322  Spirit of the Living God  LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me;
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me.

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O holy Spirit, source of creation,
    come to those who are ill or in trouble
to heal them in body, mind, and soul,
    that they may return to abundant life.

O holy Spirit, mind of God,
    come to those in power
to enlighten their minds with your mercy and wisdom,
    that their work may reflect and extend your will for all creation.

O holy Spirit, presence of Christ,
    come to those you call your own
to enlighten their minds with your grace and truth,
    that we may be your hands and feet in this world you love.

O holy Spirit, comforter and companion,
    come to all of us
to guide our actions and words
    that we may rejoice in your presence
and make this world your home.

O holy God, who is Father, Son and Spirit,
we pray these and all of our prayers for the glory of your name
in the Spirit of the one who taught us to pray, 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.
Offertory
Phoenix Chorale, conducted by Charles Bruffy
Ola Gjeilo

Evening Prayer
Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,
or watch or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Jesus Christ;
rest your weary ones; bless your dying ones;
soothe your suffering ones; pity your afflicted ones;
shield your joyous ones; and all for your love’s sake. Amen.

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 Creator

Prayer of Dedication
1. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, Come with Pentecostal power; Give the church a stronger vision,

2. We would raise our alleluias For the grace of yesterday; For tomorrow’s unknown pathway,

3. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; Give us words of fire and flame. Help our feeble lips to praise You,

Help us face each crucial hour. Built upon a firm foundation,

Hear, O Lord, our humble prayers. In the church’s pilgrim journey

Glorify Your holy name. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone, Still the church is

You have led us all the way, Still in presence

Three in one: what mystery! We would sing our
Responsive Benediction

In our moments of chaos…

**God is with us.**

In our moments of calm…

**God is with us.**

In our moments of life.

**God is with us. Alleluia!**

We go as a Pentecost people,
touched by fire,
stirred by wind,
to mend the world.

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

**Jazz Improvisation on “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”**  
Spiritual

Recorded on Pentecost 2013

David Kasper, saxophone

Kristopher Morron, trombone

Matthew Hadaway, drums

Jonathan Moyer, organ

Carillon Postlude

**Choral Fantasie**

Kristian Van Ingelgem

Performed by Jan Wisse in Mechlen, Belgium

Please extinguish the candle.

An Update From Session

With heavy hearts, the Session of our church agreed unanimously this week to continue the closure of our building for Sunday worship indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our building remains open only to mask-wearing essential staff, officers, and service persons. Session will reevaluate this at each monthly meeting.
**We Keep in our Prayers**: Thelma Everhart, Theodis Fipps, David Keltner, Pat Owen-Keltner, Greg Madison, Reathel McWhorter, Susan Moyer (Jonathan’s mother), Nicole Murray, Gene Papp, George Peters (Michael’s father), 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.

**Our Prayers** are with the family of Lou Salvator who died on May 24th. Our prayers are also with Jim Tomaszewski and his family on the death of Lyn who died on May 26th.

**Covenant After-Worship Coffee Hour, by ZOOM, May 31**

The Ministry of Faith Formation is hosting a virtual coffee hour and fellowship time at 11:00 a.m. [CLICK HERE for today’s Coffee Hour]

If you are interested in hosting one of these online fellowship gatherings, please email Elder Matthew Garrett for additional information: mgarrett@covenantweb.org.

**Investment Committee**

There will be an investment committee meeting on Tuesday, June 2 at 6:00 pm at the home of Martha Goble. For those who wish to attend via Zoom or need Martha’s home address, contact Keith Kallay keithkallay@sbcglobal.net

**Get Ready for Pentecost!**

Did you know that the color red is the liturgical color for the Day of Pentecost, which occurs 49 days after Easter or the Seventh Sunday of Easter? The symbol of the Dove is also associated with the descent of the Holy Spirit. Here are some simple things you can do in preparation for Sunday’s service to celebrate this special season.

1. Make an origami “Pentecost Dove.” [Click here](#) to see video instructions prepared by Kaori Hongo.
2. Light a red candle.
3. Wear something red or decorate your room with something red.
4. Draw a picture of a Dove or of Flames, symbolizing the "tongues of fire."

**Cache Resale Shop Update**

A date for reopening the Cache has not yet been set. The shop may not be open for some time. “The Cache Ladies” respectfully request that no donations be bought in to the church until further notice. Thank you, and stay well.

**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: [http://www.covenantweb.org/giving/](http://www.covenantweb.org/giving/)

**A Happy Announcement From Kathy and David Farkas:**

Our grandson arrived on May 25th. His name is Duncan Thomas Phillips and his parents, Chloe and Brian Phillips were married at Covenant in 2015. They also have a two year old daughter, Twyla Mary Phillips. Chloe was active in the youth group throughout high school and still maintains many friends she met at Covenant.
This Week at Covenant (May 31– June 6)

Sunday: Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 10 am; 
Covenant Coffee Hour, by Zoom, 11 am; 
Youth Meeting, by Zoom, 2 pm. 
Church Building is Closed.

Monday: No scheduled activities. Church Building is Closed.

Tuesday: Staff Meeting, by Zoom, 9:30 am. 
Church Building is Closed.

Wednesday: Deacons Meeting, by Zoom, 6:30 pm; Special Session Meeting, by Zoom, 7pm. 
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.

Food Pantry Update From Ministry of Service
Session has approved the limited operation of the church’s food pantry during the building closure. However, we cannot accept food donations at this time. You can support this important ministry by making a monetary donation to the COTC hunger fund. Your generosity will help those in our neighborhood who are hungry and need help during this pandemic. Thank you!

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](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.

Supplies Needed
Covenant member Dale Goode is looking for donations of any old paint, polyurethane, varnish or shellac you may have. He’s also looking for all kind of old bed linens such as blankets, pillow cases, comforters and sheets, in any condition. He is working on a very large project and needs the supplies. Call Dale at: 216-229-7906 and he will pick up your donation.

Help The Deacons Create Masks
The Deacons are looking for members who want to help create masks for visitors to Church of the Covenant once we return to worship in person. You can donate your time, materials and sewing skills as our team providing masks for visitors. If you want to be part of this team, please contact Joan Drushel at sailorlorien@yahoo.com.

Presbyterian Peace Camp:
The Presbyterian General Assembly, like all things, has been affected by COVID-19 and GA will meet online for a small amount of institutional business. The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship is offering some alternatives to provide some of the joy, community and important issue advocacy that is the heart and soul of General Assembly. During the week of June 19-27, please join virtually for Presbyterian Peace Camp. Each day of Peace Camp will begin with a devotional for all who have registered and the options of teach-ins, virtual vigils, music and lectures. You can participate in Peace Camp as little or as much as you choose.
Registration is free. [Bit.ly/ppl-peacecamp](https://bit.ly/ppl-peacecamp)

Presbyterian Peace Breakfast:
Always one of the highlights of the General Assembly, the Peace Breakfast will be on Wednesday, June 24 at 11 AM EDT. The keynote speaker is Rev. José González-Colón, pastor of the Synod of Boriquén, Puerto Rico. The Peace Breakfast is free and you can register for both the Peace Camp and the Peace Breakfast at [Bit.ly/ppl-peacecamp](https://bit.ly/ppl-peacecamp)
Carillon Bells Honor First Responders

Last Sunday, May 24, was First Responders’ Appreciation Day in Ohio. Thanks to Covenant and University Circle Carillonneur George Leggiero, the McGaffin Carillon rang out over University Circle at 2 pm to honor all the first responders who risk their own safety daily, especially during the current pandemic. Covenant member and Friends of the McGaffin Carillon supporter Anne Wombwell deConingh brought this practice to the attention of the coalition of carillonneurs who are continuing to give their churches a voice to the Northeast Ohio community while their doors remain closed. Thank you!

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.