

The Cragin Peal

Carillon Prelude Adagio BWV 971

Prelude
Sheep May Safely Graze

Welcome & Announcements Joys and Concerns

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

Whether we stray like sheep or follow faithfully,

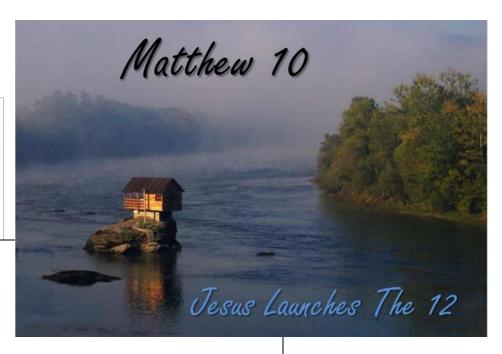
God welcomes us here.

Whether we seek healing and wholeness, or stand ready to extend compassion,

God welcomes us here.

Whether exhausted from journeys across rough terrain, or renewed and refreshed, our souls at peace, we gather to hear the good news:

The kingdom of heaven is at hand! Let us worship God.



J. S. Bach Richard de Waarde, Mechelen Belgium

> Jonathan Moyer, organ Johann Sebastian Bach

Rev. Mark A. Medina

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# **WELCOME**

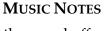
Convinced of God's grace, the Church of the Covenant seeks to be a welcoming spiritual home, live God's inclusive love, express Christ's compassion, and do justice in the world.

### **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.

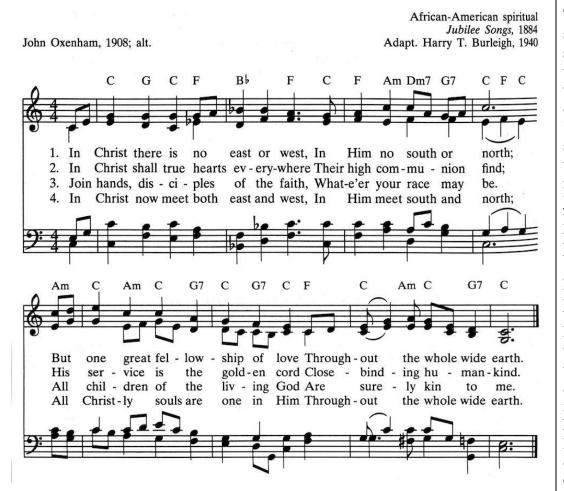
# **ENCOUNTER**

We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed to us through the Bible.



The anthem and offertory selections in this week's service connect our worship with the events unfolding in our communities. Wade in the Water is a traditional spiritual often associated with baptism and wading into a river or stream as Jesus did in the Jordan River. On a deeper level, however, the song was used to relay messages along the Underground Railroad. Harriet Tubman used Wade in the Water to lead escaping slaves into water so that trackers would not be able to follow a scent trail. The journey to freedom is further highlighted by Sweet Honey in the Rock, as they describe the variety of God's children hoping to find true freedom in the promised land. To learn more about this performance ensemble, rooted in African American history and culture, click HERE.

This week's offertory is a gift, a sharing of talent, to the Covenant Community from member of the Chancel Choir. *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* was recorded by choir members, in their homes, and assembled to represent a virtual ensemble of voices (thank you Michael Peters).



Call to Confession

Elder Matthew Garrett, Lay Worship Leader

# Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you send us to proclaim the good news of your kingdom to all who are lost, all who are afflicted, all who are captive, all who have been cast out, and all who seek justice and reconciliation. But too often we are content to proclaim the good news of your word within familiar communities where we know others will receive this news with nods of agreement.

Push us beyond what is comfortable and safe, and strengthen us to live your inclusive love, express the compassion of your Son, Jesus Christ, and to do justice in the world. Nourish and fortify our spirits, O Lord, so that we might be the laborers you call us to be. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.

# Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! As we come to God through prayer, the Holy Spirit answers our calls for the forgiveness of our sins and strengthens us to live each day as disciples of Christ's love. 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

Wade in the Water

Sweet Honey & the Rock Traditional Spiritual

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, Wade in the water God's a-gonna trouble the water.

See those children dressed in white, God's a-gonna trouble the water, Well, they must be the children of the Israelites God's a-gonna trouble the water.

See those children dressed in black, God's a-gonna trouble the water, They come a long way, ain't turnin' back God's a-gonna trouble the water.

See those children all dressed in blue, God's a-gonna trouble the water, God said "See my people, they're comin' on through" God's a-gonna trouble the water.

See those children dressed in red, God's a-gonna trouble the water, It must be the children that Moses led God's a-gonna trouble the water.

See those children dressed in green, God's a-gonna trouble the water, They're movin' down to that Jordan stream God's a-gonna trouble the water.

Some say Peter and some say Paul,

May we all "trouble the waters," with God's help and guidance, to bring our communities to a place of peace.

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Elder Matthew Garrett.

He has been making music with Covenant for more than ten years, and he became a member of the church in 2011. Originally from South Carolina, Matthew moved to Cleveland with his partner, Dr. Michael Peters, to join the Music Education faculty at Case Western Reserve University in 2009. He serves the church as Moderator of the Ministry of Faith Formation and as Music Director.

### TODAY

10:00 Carillon Concert *McGaffin Carillon* 

11:00 Juneteenth Celebration Click HERE to join via Zoom

CHURCH BUILDING
IS CLOSED

COVENANT
COMMUNITY IS
ALWAYS OPEN

God's a-gonna trouble the water, Ain't but one God that made us all God's a-gonna trouble the water.

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, Wade in the water God's a-gonna trouble the water.

Time for Young Disciples

Nancy Acree

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.

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

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

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:35-10:1-8

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

Sermon

The Lord in All Circumstances

Rev. Mark A. Medina

Time for Quiet Reflection

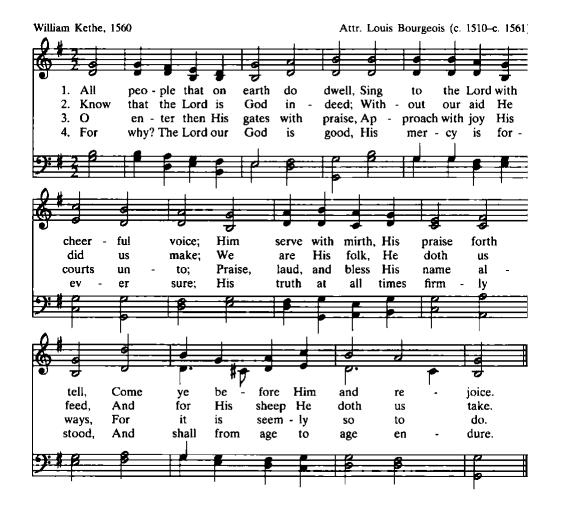
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### **MINISTERS**

All the members of the church Rev. Mark A. Medina, Transitional Interim Pastor, Head of Staff Matthew Garrett, PhD, Music Director Jonathan Moyer, DMA Organist, Assoc. Music Dir. Michael Peters, PhD, Assoc. Music Director Kaori Hongo, DMA Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry, Handbell & Children's Choir Director Ken Wendt, DMA, Audio Visual Services Mgr. Jennifer Conner, DMA, Music Librarian George Leggiero, MA Carillonneur



### **SESSION**

Deni Horstman, Clerk of Session, clerk@covenantweb.org

CLASS OF 2021: Barb Clint, Theodis Fipps, Dale Goode, Chris Langmack, Cindy Szafraniec

CLASS OF 2022: Heidi Braun, Kathy Farkas, Clint Fowler, Matthew Garrett, Sybil Marsh, Cathy Miller

CLASS OF 2023: Mary Anne Bromelmeier, Jenny Conner, Anne Wombwell deConingh Susan Dahm, Rod Keen, Erica Stubbs

### **DEACONS**

CLASS OF 2021: Lucy Matz, Ryan Szafraniec, Janet Takeyama, Erin Tomko, Kate Williams CLASS OF 2022: Ronnie Bromelmeier, John Marsh, Nancy Matz, Sue Prince,

Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski,

Nick Tomko, Liz Shriver CLASS OF 2023: Tom Denbow, Joan Drushel, Julie Mailey, Nicole Murray, Norma Shuskey, Paul Williams

### **TRUSTEES**

CLASS OF 2021: Patty Fowler, Nancy Smekal CLASS OF 2022: Dennis Matz Ann Williams CLASS OF 2023: Jim Prince

Harriet Wadsworth

### **OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY**

Martha Goble, President Keith Kallay, Treasurer Jim Mate, Secretary Includes ringing of the Prayer Bell for those impacted by gun violence.

From Long and Winding Road

Compassionate God, You have compassion enough for all. Lord in your mercy,

Have compassion for us.

Jesus, out of your compassion for us, you invite us to come away with you to a place of rest and quiet.
Help us to say yes and then to be able to come away with you.

Lord in your mercy,

Have compassion for us.

Lord, out of your compassion you care for Those who are harassed, helpless, and Lost. Sometimes we feel that way ourselves.

Lord in your mercy,

Have compassion for us.

Lord God, let your comfort surround those who lost loved ones to gun violence.

Tolling of the bell Lord in your mercy,

Have compassion for us.

Lord in your compassion teach us to follow you, to trust you, to love you and to love as you love.

Lord in your compassion feed us who are hungry;

Physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Lord in your compassion heal us in the places we need healed.

Lord in your mercy, **Have compassion for us.** 

And Lord in your having compassion for us Teach us to have compassion for others as you do. Help us to show compassion in action the way you did., And remind us when it is time to come away with you for quiet and rest.

Lord in your mercy,

Have compassion for us.

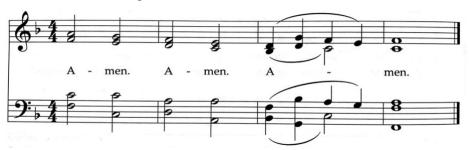
Hear us now, O God, as we join together in the prayer your Son taught us to say. **Our Father...** 

# 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 donate to Covenant online

Offertory

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Covenant Chancel Choir Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious; the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. 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



# Responsive Benediction

Go forth from this time together

With our hearts open to the surprising, inexhaustible love of God.

Greet friends and strangers with the gifts of Christ:

May mercy, and justice, and joy reign in our lives.

Expect the Spirit to meet us wherever we are, in struggle, in grief, and in peace.

May we ponder: Is anything too wonderful for God? We truly have an awesome God!

Postlude Improvisation on "Go Down Moses"

Jonathan Moyer, organ African-American Spiritual

Carillon Postlude
Deep River

David Christensen University of California, Riverside

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.

A Reopening task force has begun exploring possibilities to gather again, in person, at some point in the future. Task force participants include: Erin Tomko, Fred Braun, Barb Clint, Sybil Marsh, and Matthew Garrett.

We Keep in our Prayers: Thelma Everhart, Theodis Fipps, Fritz Haiss, David Keltner, Pat Owen-Keltner, Greg Madison, Reathel McWhorter, Tatianna Moss, Susan Moyer (Jonathan's mother), Nicole Murray, Gene Papp, George Peters (Michael's father), 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 and friends of Jean Arnold who died on May 5th and Robert (Bob) Arnold who died on May 10th. **Our Prayers** are also with Venerine Branham and her family and friends on the death of her daughter Cheryl L. Branham on June 12th. Arrangements are pending.

# 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; 1,345 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, 23 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Andrew J. Langford, Kurt R. Lenz, Miles Anderson, Lawrence Greene, Jamil Logan, Xavier Travis, Curtis E. Legg, Vernon Raymond Norman, Bryan Gregory Edwards, Michael De'Angelo Smith, Dewayne Carroll, Damon Eric Lasante' Moore-Porter, John Bojnansky Jr., Todd Joseph Bojnansky, Jason R. Goodspeed, Odell Johnson, Darell Lawson, Rory L. Kalan, Khari Alonzo Thomas, Charles Edward Louis, and Jason Lavelle Pulley Sr. Eight of those who died were by suicide. Go to godbeforeguns.org to see how to become engaged.

### Covenant Celebrates JUNETEENTH with national treasure "Mississippi" Charles Bevel

Euclid, OH resident and nationally recognized singer, multi-media artist, writer, actor and lecturer "Mississippi" Charles Bevel will engage with us *live* on Sunday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m., through a Zoom forum with our Covenant Community (see link below).

Charles Bevel has a Masters Degree in Legal Studies, a Bachelor of Arts and is an unofficial Cultural Anthropologist from his diverse studies of Humanity by way of his professional endeavor and journey as a traveler. Bevel is a multi-media artist, lecturer, and civil rights activist. He has acted in such plays as "The Piano Lesson", "Home", and "It Ain't Nothin But the Blues" which he co-wrote and for which he was nominated for a Tony award. Performing under the stage name "Mississippi Charles" he has released albums and CDs in the genre of Blues and Folk under the A&M Records label. The first of which is the album "Meet Mississippi Charles" in 1973. Having lived in Liberia, Africa Mr. Bevel worked in Mexico on the 1968 Olympics. After the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy he was compelled to return to the United States with his young family and be active in the Civil Rights movement.

An early ambition to include traveling as a major part of his life's journey Mississippi Charles has a distinction of living and/or working in all 50 states. He also can boast of residing in 11 foreign countries. Bevel espouses that our lifetime on this here Earth is a gift.

"Mississippi," as he likes to be called, created a video for the Sesquicentennial celebration of the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation. In the video, he provides helpful background information about the times, before, during and after the Civil War that set the stage for what has become an annual celebration of "emancipation" from slavery, referred to as Juneteenth. Even the name "Juneteenth" reflects not an ignorance of slaves about when and how emancipation occurred or didn't occur in certain regions of the country, but a twist and turn with picturesque language that can reflect a joy often filled with irony.

"I'm looking forward to a spirited conversation Sunday that will reflect not only our awareness on the continuous path that descendants of slaves have had to travel, but (given the hopeful responses being display by a ground swell of citizens of all backgrounds to the present issues of violence toward minorities) some insights and answers from all of us can be voiced."

"Mississippi" Charles Bevel

# A Brief History of Juneteenth

On June 19, 1865, two months after the surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House in Virginia, Union General Gordon Granger and approximately 1,800 federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to take control of the state and enforce the Emancipation Proclamation.

Granger read General Orders No. 3, which declared in part: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free." Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") is a holiday commemorating this day, which marked the effective end of slavery in the United States.

More than two years before Granger's announcement, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation (on January 1, 1863), which made known that all enslaved people in Confederate states in rebellion against the Union "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free."

In reality, the Emancipation Proclamation didn't instantly free any slaves because it only applied to places under Confederate control and not to slave-holding border states or rebel areas already under Union control. However, as Northern troops advanced into the Confederate South, many slaves fled behind Union lines (Elizabeth Nix writing for History.com. <a href="https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth">https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth</a>)

# Covenant Continues a Celebration of JUNETEENTH in an interactive Young+ Adult Form Sunday, June 14, 11:00 a.m., by ZOOM

The Ministry of Faith Formation is thrilled to host "Mississippi" Charles Bevel at the 11:00 a.m. hour, as he engages our community with stories about the Juneteeth holiday and how that event intersects with the ongoing challenges of racism in our country. Mr. Bevel was born and raised in Mississippi, has lived and worked all over the world, and now resides in Euclid. You will not want to miss this special opportunity to learn from and engage with this Tony-nominated artist. <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a> for this week's after worship Young+ Adult Forum.

Please email Elder Matthew Garrett for additional information: <a href="mailto:mgarrett@covenantweb.org">mgarrett@covenantweb.org</a>.

### Please Update to Zoom 5.0

Zoom has released a mandatory security update that you must download before participating in more Zoom meetings. <u>Click here</u> for Zoom's instructions on completing this task. If you do not download the update before joining a meeting, you will be prompted to do so before you are allowed to join. Allow some time to follow the instructions provided, if this is the case for you.

### 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 <u>no donations be bought in to the church</u> until further notice. Thank you, and stay well.

### Ways to Help Feed The Hungry.

The Ministry of Service and Hunger Action Network have put together a document outlining ways you can help feed the hungry in our community.

It's located on the Giving page of our website, so you can access it any time, or refer others to it.

### **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: <a href="http://www.covenantweb.org/giving/">http://www.covenantweb.org/giving/</a>

# This Week at Covenant (June 14– June 20)

Sunday: Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 10 am;

JUNETEENTH Celebration with "Mississippi" Charles Bevel, 11 am.

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: Service (Ministry of Service), by Zoom, 6 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.

### 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!

# View the Film Just Mercy for FREE This Month.

Presbyterian pastor and film critic Edward McNulty provides discussion questions for the acclaimed film *Just Mercy*. Click on the link below for more information.

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/the-film-just-mercy-can-be-viewed-free-this-month/

### **Summer Hymn: Share Your Favorites With Us!**

Do you have a favorite hymn that you have not heard in a while? This summer, our music staff invite you to suggest a favorite hymn or two and why they are special to you. We will feature a "Congregational Favorite" each week. Organist Jonathan Moyer is also offering to create an organ or piano improvisation of a favorite hymn as well. Likewise, if you have an organ favorite for Jonathan, please let us know. You can submit your request in one of two ways:

- 1. Click **HERE** to share your ideas in a Google Form.
- 2. Send us an email at <a href="music@covenantweb.org">music@covenantweb.org</a>

### 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 <a href="mailto:sailorlorien@yahoo.com">sailorlorien@yahoo.com</a>.

### **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): <a href="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</a>. 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.

### **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 here.

# **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. <u>Click here for more information or to register.</u>

### **Information From The PCUSA**

Friends, as part of the activities at the 224th General Assembly, you will be able to participate in a joint activity with the PCUSA and the Poor Peoples Moral March in Washington DC on June 20th. Follow the link below to learn more about it.

https://www.pcusa.org/news/2020/6/2/synergy-between-pcusa-assembly-and-poor-peoples-ca/

### **Anti-Racism Resources**

Please find below a link to PCUSA's selected resources for anti-racism education.

"As part of an ongoing campaign to address racial injustice, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is sharing a wealth of antiracism resources — including studies, books and training — to equip the greater church to work against racism."

PCUSA Anti-Racism Resources

### 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 <a href="mmedina@covenantweb.org">mmedina@covenantweb.org</a> or his cellphone at 269-303-2205. Thank you.



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