

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day

The Cragin Peal

Carillon Prelude
Andante

Prelude

"Summertime"
from Porgy and Bess

Jonathan Moyer, organ
George Gershwin
arr. Jonathan Moyer

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

Ministry Matters

Sometimes we just don't understand
what God wants us to do.

**We hide in our chains of fear
away from God's call.**

God calls us to service and freedom,
and it won't necessarily be an easy life.

There is so much that needs to be done.

We can't do it all.

That's the beauty of it. We don't have to do it all.

We just have to try and do something to help those in need.

Our example will inspire others to service, and so on it goes.

Lord, make us ready to be your disciples.

Free us from our fears. Let us worship God.



Do Not Be Afraid

Matthew 10:24-39

C P. E. Bach arr. D. Christensen

Duet David Christensen/Gary Barnett
University of California, Riverside

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.

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove;
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

MUSIC NOTES

Organ music in today's service celebrates the official start of summer with a transcription of "Summertime," a beautiful aria from George Gershwin's opera *Porgy and Bess* composed in 1935.

We turn to music without words in this week's anthem and offertory as a way to quietly reflect on these moments in our worship, in our day, and in our lives. The anthem showcases a concerto originally for strings and oboe by little-known Baroque composer Alessandro Marcello (1673-1747). J.S. Bach was aware of Marcello's music and he "admired" this piece so much, he transcribed it for harpsichord. In this 2016 recording, [John Bullard](#) performs the instrumental feature on banjo.

The offertory is performed on another acoustic string instrument, the hammered dulcimer. Teacher and musician [Timothy Seaman](#) has collected over 200 Appalachian hymn tunes. This setting of the tune LANCASTER has been published with Charles Wesley's text "O Glorious Hope of Perfect Love."

Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of the hymn 'A Song of Sunshine'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!'.

The organ postlude “A Song of Sunshine” is by the blind British organist, Alfred Hollins (1865-1942) and utilizes some newly installed flute stops on the chancel organ. These pipes were refurbished and “brought back to life” from the decommissioned 1922 Austin pipe organ in Harkness Chapel.

Call to Confession

Jim Tomaszewski,
Lay Worship Leader

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Jim Tomaszewski.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Compassionate God,

We know that You have sent Your Word to us and we have not listened. An ungrateful people, we are prone to pay attention to that which is convenient and easy, not that which You require. Help us to hear.

You have sent preachers to us in everyday situations who only expect that we do what we know, deep in our hearts, is right; yet we choose wrong. Help us to choose.

You have sent Your only Son to show us how to live; yet we find ways to ignore His example. Help us to live.

Lord, we ask forgiveness for these failings, not because we deserve it, but because You are always forgiving. We promise, knowing that because we are human we will fail, to hear your Word, listen to your preachers, and to follow Christ’s example.

Listen, as we silently petition for forgiveness from our failings.

Jim has been a member of the Church of the Covenant for over twenty six years. Currently retired, he is an ordained deacon and elder, works in the food pantry and compiles the monthly gun death list. He is a father of two and a grandfather of two. Jim lives in North Collinwood. The only request he asks of God is to someday grant the Cleveland Indians a World Series title.

TODAY

10:00 Carillon Concert
McGaffin Carillon

11:00 ZOOM Coffee Hour
[Click HERE to join via Zoom](#)

Silent Confession of Sins

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good News! The Apostle Paul declares: "He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Friends, believe the good news.
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

Concerto in D minor

John Bullard, banjo
Alessandro Marcello

Time for Young Disciples

Ann Williams

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

Jeremiah 20:7-13

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

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:24-39

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

**CHURCH BUILDING
IS CLOSED

COVENANT
COMMUNITY IS
ALWAYS OPEN**

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Time for Quiet Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Confession of Belhar

We believe

- that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged
- that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Glory To God Hymnal

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Rev. Anne Patton. The Church of Scotland

Lord Jesus Christ, you tell us not to be afraid of what the future holds, not to worry about tomorrow, but you know how difficult we find it to heed your words. For we worry about so many things, our families, our friends, our circumstances, some worries big worries, most worries tiny niggles. We come before you this day with these big and tiny worries, and with confidence we know we can lay them all at your feet.

We bring our big worries about health and happiness and security for ourselves and for our loved ones. We bring big worries about the world we live in and its future existence as we continue to fail to address so many ecological problems. We bring big worries about the way people in our world are treated as less than human, exploited, tortured, helpless and abused.

Creator God, we know that you are concerned with every aspect of our lives, so we also bring the little things that concern us, the worries which keep us awake at night, the worries which only you know.

Living God, reach out to all those for whom the future brings fears and uncertainties. Assure then that you are with them, even when that future seems dark and circumstances feel like they are spiraling out of control. Remind them that you are able to transform even the bleakest of situations, bring healing and wholeness.

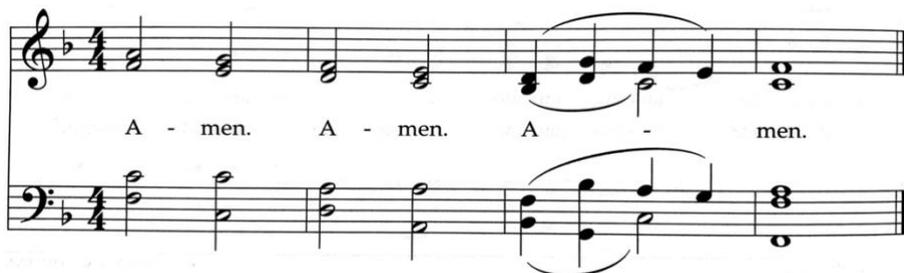
Ever present God, you sent your Son Jesus to be with us for all times and in every circumstance. As we live our lives today, we affirm our Savior as the companion who is always there for us in fearful times and in joyous time. Even in these days of pandemic and racial reckoning, Jesus taught us to draw us ever closer to you by 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.



Offertory

Timothy Seaman, hammered dulcimer

O Glorious Hope of Perfect Love (American folk hymn)

LANCASTER

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

Hymn 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
 And our eternal home.

Responsive Benediction

Even if the whole world does not understand,
**we go in God's peace to bring
the news of hope and healing to this world.**
Be at peace, for God is with us wherever we go. **Amen.**

Postlude

A Song of Sunshine

Jonathan Moyer, organ
Alfred Hollins

Carillon Postlude

Toccata

Johann Ernst Eberlin arr. D Christensen
Duet David Christensen/Gary Barnett
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: Venerine Branham, 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.

Covenant After-Worship Coffee Hour, by ZOOM

The Ministry of Faith Formation hosts a virtual coffee hour and fellowship time each week, at 11:00 a.m. [CLICK HERE](#) to join our Coffee Hour this week, hosted by our own Jonathan Moyer.

MoFF is looking for coffee hour hosts through the summer months. If you feel comfortable with Zoom and you like to talk with people, this could be a great opportunity for you! Don't be bashful if the technology piece is a challenge, MoFF can help charge those batteries with a couple of short training sessions. Please email Elder Matthew Garrett for additional information:

faithformation@covenantweb.org.

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.

A Promised Hope For Racial Justice

The Interreligious Council is offering an interfaith service on Thursday, June 25, from 3-3:30 pm. A tree will be planted in the Interfaith Plaza as a symbol of commitment to address racial injustice. Here is the Livestream link to participate: www.case.edu/livestream/s1

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: <http://www.covenantweb.org/giving/>

This Week at Covenant (June 21– June 27)

Sunday: Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 10 am;

[After-worship ZOOM Coffee Hour, 11 am.](#)

Church Building is Closed.

Monday: Reopening Task Force Meeting, by Zoom, 7:30 pm.

Church Building is Closed.

Tuesday: Staff Meeting, by Zoom, 9:30 am; Trustee Meeting, Off-site, 5:30 pm.

Church Building is Closed.

Wednesday: Food Pantry, Tower Doors, 10 am; Session Meeting by Zoom, 7 pm.

Church Building is Closed.

Thursday: No scheduled activities. Church Building is Closed.

Friday: Food Pantry, Tower Doors, 10 am;

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 music@covenantweb.org

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.

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.

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. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)

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 mmedina@covenantweb.org or his cellphone at 269-303-2205. Thank you.



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