The Cragin Peal

Carillon Prelude
Adagio for Strings
Vera and Joey Brink, Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, Springfield, IL

Prelude
There Is a Balm in Gilead
African American Spiritual

Welcome & Announcements
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
(Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God,)
we come to worship one, holy God.

O God, our own God,
how wonderful is your name in all the earth.
Your majesty is the music of the starry skies,
yet even children of dust can sing your praises.

In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler let your gratitude and joy be made known.

O God, our own God,
how wonderful is your name in all the earth!
Let us worship an ever present God!

Matthew 28:16-20

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.
On May 29th, the Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA), recorded a message calling for justice and reconciliation, “We who believe in God Almighty and Jesus Christ cannot believe that the races in the United States makes us different and segregates us, but that race actually lifts up the diversity of who we are.” To celebrate strength in difference as we come together at Christ’s table, we return to movements from André Thomas’s Mass, two of which were performed by Chancel Choir in February. The recording links shared this week feature Thomas conducting his community choir and orchestra in Tallahassee, FL. You will hear applause at the end of these movements, and perhaps you will consider that audible symbol as another form of celebrating and lifting up community, filled with diversity, unified through music.
Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we close the doors of our mind, shutting out your truth. We lock the gates of our hearts, pretending to be self-sufficient. Help us to sense your presence and to taste your grace, that we may fling wide the portals of our hearts, making them temples set apart from selfish use for your service. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.

Silent Confession of Sins

Kyrie Tallahassee Community Chorus & Orchestra, André Thomas conducting from Mass: A Celebration of Love and Joy André J. Thomas

Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy on us.
Sinner please don’t let this harvest pass.
Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy on us.
Where you gonna be when the trumpet sounds?
Lord have mercy. Oh, Lord!
Christ have mercy.
In a world of disarray, in a world wracked with pain, we need your help, O Christ! We need your help, Christ!
Christe, eleison! Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us!

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
Time for Young Disciples

Kaori Hongo, Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry

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

Gospel Lesson
Matthew 28:16-20
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Sermon
The Church’s Journey in The World
Rev. Mark A. Medina

Time for Quiet Reflection

A Prayer For a Time As This
Willie Howard
Administrative Services Manager

Loving God, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right.

May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred.

We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead us to commit injustice, nor to bring suffering to others.

Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all humanity were created. Amen
Stanzas 1-4

Hymn 6 I Bind unto Myself Today

Glory to God Hymnal

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Virtual Communion will take place today. As part of the service, 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 have 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.

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Sanctus

TCC & Orchestra, André Thomas conducting

from Mass: A Celebration of Love and Joy

André J. Thomas

Above him stood the seraphim.
And one cried to another,
"Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
heaven and earth are full of thy glory."

In the year that King Uzziah died I also saw the Lord.
He was sitting on his throne, high and lifted up,
and his train filled the temple.
Above it stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings;
with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet,
and with two he did fly.

And one cried to another,
"Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord God of hosts."

Like the seraphim I want two wings to cover my face.
Oh Lord, I want two wings to fly away,
so the world can’t do me no harm.
We’re crying holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
heaven and earth are full of thy glory!

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, Amen.
Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Drinking of the Cup

Agnus Dei
from Mass: A Celebration of Love and Joy

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
    have mercy on us.

You died on Calvary, just to set the captives free.
You died on Calvary, to save a sinner like me!

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
    grant us Thy peace!

The Lamb is worthy. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
The Lamb is worthy, redeemed by his precious blood.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain!

God’s given us power and riches and wisdom and strength,
    power and riches and glory and blessing.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain! Amen!

Prayer After Communion.

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing
of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us.
Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news
to the world. Amen.
Hymn 429  
Lord, You Give the Great Commission  

Stanzas 1-3

1. Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, And the gospel go unheard, Help us witness to your purpose.

2. Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, Life abundant meant for each. Give us all new fervor, draw us lift life heavenward, Ask that the world around us you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us

3. Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, Daily do, forgive. Yet we hoard as private treasure All that With renewed integrity.

4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they closer in community; Share your children's liberty; To a just society; gifts empower us For the work of ministry. With the Spirit's
Responsive Benediction

As people of faith we have gathered for worship.

As people of faith we now return to the world.
Go out to share the story of faith,
the story of life, with the world around you.

We share the faith in word and in deed,
in speech and in action.

As you go out to give a living witness,
as you go out to testify to God's love active in the world,
go knowing that God goes with you,
sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

We Shall Overcome

Civil Rights Anthem

Recorded MLK Sunday, 2012

R. Nathaniel Dett Choir, Cleveland School of the Arts
Dr. William Woods, director
Robert Cantrell, baritone
Kelli Young, soprano

Carillon Postlude

Toccata for 42 Bells

Robert Moore
Joe Brink, Clemson University Carillon

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. In addition to these precautions, a ReOpening task force will begin meeting this week to explore 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, 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 and friends of Jane S. Jenkins who died on April 29th.

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 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.

Congratulations 2020 Graduates!
Please come and join us as we celebrate our graduates this year!! We will meet during our normal coffee hour (11:00 AM) after service this coming Sunday. Come and bring your words of wisdom for the graduates! (Please make sure you have Zoom 5.0) Here are the graduates of 2020: Reander Howard, Ronnie Bromelmeier, Jack Dowd, Kyle Dowd, Alexys Jensen, Gwendolyn DeLaney, Sam Dowd, Ben Dowd, Mike Dowd, Ashlyn Herd, Aidan Klemm, Naomi Marsh.

Please Update to Zoom 5.0
Zoom has released a mandatory security update that you must download before participating in more Zoom meetings. Click here 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 no donations be brought 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/

This Week at Covenant (June 7– June 13)

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

Monday: Ministry of Faith Formation, by Zoom, 7pm.
Church Building is Closed.

Tuesday: Staff Meeting, by Zoom, 9:30 am.
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.
Ministry of Faith Formation Meeting Monday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m., ALL ARE WELCOME!
Join MoFF by ZOOM on Monday, June 8th to explore creative ways we might continue our Covenant Community relationships from our homes.
Agenda topics will include: Juneteenth programming for our June 14th interactive worship bulletin, Covenant Community yard signs, summer Christian Education programming, and initial planning for Christian Ed and Faith Formation this fall.
All members are welcome to join a task force (small, limited time and effort commitment), participate with a support team (moderate commitment of time, effort, and ongoing planning), or just drop-in to this month’s meeting to share your thoughts and ideas about faith formation efforts at Covenant! Contact Elder Matthew Garrett for the Zoom meeting link and for additional information: faithformation@covenantweb.org.

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. The Friday concerts are sponsored by the Friends of the McGaffin Carillon in University Circle.

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.

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. Click here for more information and to register.

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 by clicking here.
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.


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.