The Cragin Peal

Carillon Prelude
Sonatine

Prelude
Pièce d’orgue, BWV 572

Stefano Coletti
John Lehrer  Peer, Belgium

Jonathan Moyer, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome & Announcements
Joys and Concerns

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

Call to Worship
We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands
We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.
Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.
We want to quietly rest in God’s presence,
free from the clamor of the world.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
God calls us to be centered in Worship.

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.
Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious and omnipresent Devine, we confess to sporadic and sometimes infantile attendance to your word. We allow our daily obligations of work, family, friends, people of our extended community, and even self to supersede serving your mission. We often channel our energies to focus on the pursuit of comfort, wealth, and prestige to define ourselves as successful, a quality we often interpret as essential. We take little notice of the continuous distractions that lead to our irresponsibility toward each other and relating with you. We fail to learn from the history of our ancestors and bequeath a legacy of mistakes to our descendants. And sometimes yes, sometimes regrettably, we neglect our spirituality and choose instead to accept a possibility of being blind by yielding to a world of distractions to stay in our comfort zone. Help us to know a successful renewal of our hearts, mind, and energy of commitment to you and peace worldwide. Hear us as we silently confess our sins.

Call to Confession

Nancy Acree,
Lay Worship Leader

Hymn 466  O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley, 1738; alt.
Carl Gottsche Glauser, 1828
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My dear Re-deem-er’s praise,
2. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor-rows cease;
3. Christ breaks the power of reign-ing sin, And sets the pris-on-er free;
4. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim,

The glo ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of God’s grace!
’Tis mu-sic in the sin-ner’s ears, ’Tis life, and health, and peace.
Christ’s blood can make the sin-ful clean, Christ’s blood a-vailed for me.
To spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of Thy name.

Music Notes

We welcome Christopher and Samuel Moyer as soloists in our service this week, offering instrumental works for the Anthem and Offertory.

Samuel hopes that people will feel joy from the beauty of this piece of music. Christopher was happy to collaborate with his dad on his selection for the offertory.

Our middle hymn is a request of Covenant community member Ann Howard. When asked why Holy, Holy, Holy was important to her, Ann shared that this was one of the very first hymns she learned, “so it is one of my favorites! I welcome any of the old familiar hymns.”

If you have a hymn you’d like to hear in an upcoming service, please see the announcements to learn how you can make a request this summer!
Silent Confession of Sins

Declaration of Forgiveness

In Divine love we will not and cannot be turned away because of any act of sin. Rest assured in the fact that Grace grants us the gift of true mercy everlasting. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

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

Minuets I and II
from Suite in G major, BWV 1007

Samuel Moyer, cello
Johann Sebastian Bach

Time for Young Disciples

Kaori Hongo, Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry

Parting Response

Ivy Goodman and Christopher Sho Moyer

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

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 1:15-28

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

Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:38-42

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

A World of Distractions

Rev. Mark A. Medina

Time for Quiet Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Trustee Patty Fowler

We believe

Belhar Confession

- 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;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Amen.
Hymn 138, Holy, Holy, Holy
Congregational Favorite

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
As in Hymns Written and Adapted, 1827

John Bacchus Dykes, 1861
Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

2. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! all the saints a-dore Thee,
3. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,

Early in the morn-ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast-ing down their gold-en crowns a-round the glass-y sea;
Though the eye of sinful-ness Thy glo-ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! mer-ci-ful and might-y!
Cher-ub-imb and sa-phon fall-ing down be-fore Thee,
Only Thou art ho-ly; there is none be-side Thee
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! mer-ci-ful and might-y!

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In the promise which is everywhere about us
   Hold us God
In the longing for a new world and new living
   Cradle us God
In the need to see advent’s revelation in our world
   Direct us God
In the silence of memories that haunt us
   Comfort us God
In the hunger for justice that aches in us
   Feed us God
In the yearning for love in each of our days
   Reassure us God
In the setting out of truth in our political world
   Aid us God
In the call for peace in our crazy world
   Hear us God
In the search for healing in our broken world
   Find us God
In the gathering round the table
   Gather with us God
In the breaking of bread and spilling of wine
   Share with us God
In the community of faith
   Reveal yourself God.
You are an awesome God
In our gratitude for unconditional love
We bring our prayers to you
In one voice
As we 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.

Doxology

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

Invitation to Offering

Click here to visit the church's online giving page

Offertory

Christopher Moyer, guitar
Jonathan Moyer, organ

Leccion No. 82 in E minor
Julio S. Sagreras

Prayer of Dedication
1. O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;
3. O let me hear Thee speaking In accents clear and still,
4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee

Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my friend;
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear;
Above the storms of passion, The murmur of self-will;
That where Thou art in glory There shall Thy servant be;

I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;
O speak to reassure me, To has ten or control;
And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
Responsive Benediction

Go out into the world to serve God with love.

We are ready to laugh with delight at
the good news God has to offer all.

Make room at your table for unexpected guests.

When the work of discipleship leaves us
weary or frustrated,
rest in Christ’s presence
and listen to what the Lord is saying.

And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
go with you today and always.

Amen.

Postlude

Fugue in G minor, Op. 7

Jonathan Moyer, organ
Marcel Dupré

Carillon Postlude

Turn in Turn(h)out

Geert D’Hollander
Jon Lehrer Peer, Belgium

Please extinguish the candle.
An Update From Session
With heavy hearts, the Session of our church agreed unanimously to continue the closure of our building for Sunday worship 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: Barb Clint, Thelma Everhart, Fritz Haiss, Kitty Jarjisian, David Keltner, Pat Owen-Keltner, Greg Madison, Reathel McWhorter, Susan Moyer (Jonathan’s mother), Gene Papp, Carolyn Perry, 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.

Resources for The Belhar Confession, PC(USA)
The Belhar Confession (Afrikaans: Belydenis van Belhar) is a Christian statement of belief written in Afrikaans in 1982. It was adopted (after a slight adjustment) as a confession of faith by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church (DRMC) in South African in 1986. According to this confession, God is the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged, and for this reason the church should stand by people in any form of suffering. It claims that individual, racial and social segregation is sin, and that all forms of segregation always lead to enmity and hatred. A study guide provided by PC(USA) can be located HERE.

Happy Birthday to Dan Garland who will celebrate his 90th birthday on Monday, July 20. Dan is responsible, along with Louise Steele, in creating our FIRST website. Happy Birthday Dan!

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 the Moyer family.

MoFF needs Covenant Community members to help host Coffee Hour during the month of August. This is a great opportunity for folks who enjoy talking and listening! 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.

The Yard Signs are Coming! The Yard Signs are Coming!
Celebrate our faith community at your home by displaying a Church of the Covenant yard sign! The Ministry of Faith Formation has a sign for any church member who wants one of the double-sided, full-color, 18” x 24” weatherproof masterpieces for your yard or home. Contact faithformation@covenantweb.org to reserve a sign for your family. The signs are free, but if you would like to make a $10+ contribution to the church to help fund the community project, we will happily accept your gift.

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/
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.

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.

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!

This Week at Covenant (July 19–July 25)

Sunday: Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 10 am; After-worship ZOOM Coffee Hour, 11 am.
      Church Building is Closed.

Monday: No scheduled activities.
      Church Building is Closed.

Tuesday: Staff Meeting, by Zoom, 9:30 am; Tuesday Morning Bells, by Zoom, 11 am; Trustee Meeting, by Zoom, 5:30 pm.
      Church Building is Closed.

Wednesday: Session Meeting, by Zoom, 7 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.

SAVE THE DATE!! First Fun Friday
Join us on Friday, August 7 from 6:00-7:00 pm for Dog Days of August and Ice Cream too! Bring a cooling dip (or two) of your favorite ice cream. Share the flavor with the group and introduce your special pet and meet many more too!! Contact Kaori Hongo at khongo@covenantweb.org to join us.
Summer Hymns: STILL Time to Share Your Favorites!
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**

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.

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](https://www.covenant.org\_resources\_anti-racism)

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.

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](mailto:mmedina@covenantweb.org) or his cellphone at 269-303-2205. Thank you.

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