Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Service of Worship for the Lord’s Day

The Cragin Peal

Carillon Prelude
Canon in Dmajor
Johann Pachelbel
Rosemarie Seuntiens, Mobile Carillon with Harp Duo
Klok & Peel Museum, Asten, The Netherlands

Prelude
No. 11, “Water Music”
George Frederic Handel
from the Peter Pelham Manuscript, 1744

Welcome & Announcements
Rev. Mark A. Medina
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 during a Pandemic
JW Keckley, Chancel Choir
Trinity Centennial United Church, Ontario

O God, from the comfort of our homes we gather to worship. Whether through printed word, or through the gift of technology we are a community. Here we seek connection to the Divine. Come, let us worship God, shown to us through the risen Christ.

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.
Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Glory To God

KELVINGROVE

Music Notes

All are invited to watch our video-recorded “Music Notes” this week available in the e-news and interactive bulletin emails or by clicking here.

In addition to our video music notes, we would like to share that this week’s offertory, The Lord Bless You and Keep You, serves as a musical gift to Rev. Medina in his final worship service with our faith community.

Today

10:00 Carillon Concert
McGaffin Carillon

11:00 ZOOM Coffee Hour
Click HERE to join via Zoom

Church Building Is Closed
Covenant Community Is Always Open
Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Dear God. We are in a time of constant transition in our lives. The changes in the ways we live, work, attend school, and interact with others, have left us confused, disconnected and lonely. The challenges of illness, need, hunger and injustice, faced by many in our country and around the world, weigh heavy on our hearts and minds. The transitions in leadership in our Church, as well as the political choices we will make in November, make us even more anxious and uneasy about the future. Please provide us with your love and guidance as we navigate this difficult time ahead. We ask for your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.

Silent Confession of Sins

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! God is always with us, and does not deal with us according to our sins; for with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is plenteous redemption. 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

Loth to Depart

Jonathan Moyer, harpsichord

Giles Farnaby

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Jim Prince.

Jim has been a member of the Covenant since 1988, along with his wife Sue. He is a Senior Database Administrator at Case Western Reserve University. Jim currently serves on Trustees, the Personnel Committee and the Ministry of Service. In their free time, Jim and Sue enjoy attending the great theater available in the Cleveland area (and hope to again soon), and spending time with their daughters Cathy and Julia and their families, including their adorable grandsons Owen and Grady.

RESPOND

Having heard God’s word proclaimed, we offer music, prayers, and a portion of the financial resources we have received. Thank you for your generous response to God’s gracious love!

SEND

Having been nurtured and nourished through worship, we are sent from this place to glorify God in the service of our daily lives.
Time for Young Disciples
Rev. Mark A. Medina, Kaori Hongo & students

Parting Response
Hymn 535
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

Old Testament Lesson
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

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

Sermon
From Across the Valley
Rev. Mark A. Medina

Time for Quiet Reflection

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Children’s Choir Director
Ken Wendt, DMA,
Audio Visual Services Mgr.
Jennifer Conner, DMA,
Music Librarian
George Leggiero, MA
Carillonneur
We Are a Pilgrim People

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord
to the glory of God the Father Creator.

In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
We acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church,
the Head over all things,
the beginning of a new creation.

We acknowledge that we live and work
between the time of Christ’s death and resurrection
and the final consummation of all things
which he will bring.

We are a pilgrim people,
always on the way towards the promised goal;
on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.

We will live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
bearing witness to that unity
which is both Christ's gift and his will.

We affirm that every member of the church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died,
and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

Amen.
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hopeful heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e’er betide thee, To bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God’s unchanging love Builds on the rock that nought can move.

2. Only be still, and wait God’s leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content To take what-e’er thy Keeper’s pleasure own part faithfully; Trust the rich promises of grace, And all discerning love hath sent. No doubt our inmost wants are clear. To One who holds us always dear.

3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God’s ways, But do thine so shall they be fulfilled in thee. God never yet forsook at need. The soul secured by trust indeed.
God of the mountaintop
    in prayer You walk us to the highest point
    from which we are offered
    an opportunity
    to view the world as You see it,
    and the world as You would wish it to be.

There is much to be thankful for,
    for we enjoy opportunities
    of good health and reasonable living standards;
    of times of relaxation and times to work;
    of a roof over our heads,
    and opportunities to feed our bellies,
    and our imaginations and the aching of our hearts.

From your vantage point
    we praise You for all that is good for us,
    and allow You
    to draw our eyes from our concerns
    to those of our neighbours,
    our community,
    our world.

In prayer
    our eyes are drawn
    to see those in need of love
    in our community,
    both here in church
    and in the parish of which we are part.

Help us not to be afraid of what is different or unknown to us,
    but instead willing
    to offer friendship
    and accept the opportunities
    to grow in knowledge and experience.

Our eyes are drawn
    to places of hunger and need.
    Teach us to share
    the resources we would covet,
    and enable us through the activity of Your Spirit
    in prayer and with action
to be part of a creation
where all are treated fairly
and all have enough to eat.

As You,
Lord of vision,
draw our eye back to the world of which we are part
may our lives be shaped by You
to offer others a vision
of Your love
shown in our faith in Jesus Christ.

We now come together to say the prayer that our
Redeemer 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.**

**Choral Amen**

_Covenant Chancel Choir_

**Sevenfold Amen**

_Covenant Chancel Choir_  
John Stainer

**Invitation to Offering**

Click here to visit the church's online giving page

**Offertory**

_Covenant Chancel Choir_  
Peter C. Lutkin

**The Lord Bless You and Keep You**

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**

_Covenant Chancel Choir_  
**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**
Hymn 139  

Prayer of Dedication

Come, Thou Almighty King

Collection of Hymns for Social Worship, 1757; alt.
Felice de Giardini, 1769

1. Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
   Help us to praise: Father, all-glorious, O'er all vic-
   Come, and reign o'er us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
   Our prayer attend: Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy
   word success; Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

3. Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
   In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, Now rule in
   every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

4. To Thee, great One in Three, The high-est praises be,
   Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty May we in
   glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.
Responsive Benediction

Friends, the high point has been reached.
   The stone has rolled.
   The grave cloths have been folded.
So now simply remember what He has told you...
All authority in Heaven and on earth is His.
   As we go from here, let us keep faith in Jesus.
   Amen

Postlude
   Fugue in C major, BWV 547

   Jonathan Moyer, organ
   Johann Sebastian Bach

Carillon Postlude
   Balletto del Granduca

   Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

   Gijsbert Kok, Organ
   Boudewijn Zwart, Mobile Carillon
   Westerkerk, Amsterdam

Please extinguish the candle.

An Update from Session for a Return to In-Person Worship

The Church of the Covenant Community continues to worship and fellowship from home, due to the challenges we face together from the COVID-19 pandemic.

On July 22, Session approved the recommendations of the Reopening Task Force, outlining how Church of the Covenant will return to in-person worship. Read these recommendations here.

We Keep in our Prayers: Barb Clint, Thelma Everhart, 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, Gabriel (Jenny Conner’s grand-nephew) and ALL Teachers and Students. We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or homebound; patients, family, and staff in our surrounding hospitals.

Our Prayers are with the families of former member Reba Lilley, who died on August 10, 2020 and Covenant friend Martha Nelson, who died on August 6, 2020.
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 and celebrate Rev. Medina’s ministry with our Covenant community.

Peace & Global Witness Special Offering
Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Donate at: http://pcusa.org/peace-global

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.

Join “Mississippi” Charles Bevel, TONIGHT at 6 pm
Please join the Ministry of Faith Formation (MoFF) as we again welcome “Mississippi” Charles Bevel, our Juneteenth speaker, for two upcoming forums on “race” and white privilege. The first is at 6 p.m. THIS EVENING via the following Zoom link. The second will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 30th also via a Zoom link. However, if COVID cases in Cuyahoga county have dropped sufficiently, we may include a small, outdoor, masked and socially-distanced, in-person component as well. “Mississippi,” as he prefers to be called, asks that you read the materials he has provided as common ground for his presentation and the discussion it is sure to elicit.

This Week at Covenant (August 16–August 22)

Sunday: Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 10 am; After-worship ZOOM Coffee Hour, 11 am; Adult Education Forum, by Zoom, 6 pm;

Monday: No scheduled activities.

Tuesday: Staff Meeting, by Zoom, 9:30 am; Tuesday Morning Bells, by Zoom, 11 am; Trustee Meeting, by Zoom, 6:30 pm; Sustainability Group Meeting, by Zoom, 7 pm.

Wednesday: Ministry of Service Meeting, by Zoom, 6 pm.

Thursday: No scheduled activities.

Friday: Lunchtime Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 12:15 pm.

Saturday: No scheduled activities.
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/

Do YOU Have A Covenant Community Yard Sign?!?
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 we will happily accept your generosity.

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!

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

Saturday Tutoring Program News!!
The Fall semester will begin on September 12, 2020 and run through November 14, 2020. We will be using Zoom as our online platform. If you are interested in helping, please complete the following registration form: https://form.jotform.com/202186550925153 In addition to registration, we’re asking all tutors and families to review this short orientation video: https://www.saturdaytutoring.org/post/coming-september-stp-online See you in September!

A Big Thank You!
Thanks to ALL those who have helped with our services over the last few months. Lay Worship Leaders: Erin Tomko, Matthew Garrett, Jim Tomaszewski, Jim Mate, Jenny Conner, Nancy Smekal, Nancy Acree, Tom Denbow, Chris Langmack and Norma Shuskey. Also, thanks to the following readers, presenters, vocalists and musicians: Kaori Hongo, Ivy Goodman, Christopher Sho Moyer, Willie Howard, Julie Mailey, Ann Williams, Barb Clint, Beth Holbein, Samuel Moyer, Patty Fowler, Kitty Jarjisian, Anna O’Connell, Erica Stubbs, Fred Mailey, Judy B. Medina, Lynne Hoffman-Engel, Laurie Moormann, Sue Prince and Jim Prince. Thank you ALL!!
Member Update
Covenant member Karen Knowlton moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota in June to be near her family. Karen and her late husband were members for 20 years. Please contact Willie Howard if you’d like to contact her.

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.

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

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.