The Cragin Peal

Carillon Prelude
Fugue in G

G. F. Handel
David Christensen
University of California, Riverside

Prelude
Flötenuhrstücke
No. 25, Marche
No. 24, Fuga

Franz Josef Haydn
Jonathan Moyer, organ

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
Psalm 124:1-5

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
—let Israel now say—
if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone the raging waters.

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.
Call to Confession

Trustee Dennis Matz, Lay Worship Leader

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, whose goodness extends even beyond our imagining, we confess to smallness of faith. We shrink back from the demands of your discipleship because we fear our needs won’t be met. You offer us the liberation of self-giving servanthood, and we worry more about acquiring and accumulating things for ourselves. Forgive us for the ways our lack of faith hinders your work through us. Open us to your Spirit. Renew us by the power of your love to find our joy in following your way. We ask for your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.

Silent Confession of Sins

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 for chapter one and here for chapter two. Music selections this week feature Alex Lenhart on trumpet. He has previously joined us for worship with his brass ensemble, The Orion Brass Quintet. Alex is a senior music education major at CWRU.

Our Lay Worship Leader is Dennis Matz. Dennis joined the Covenant in 1992, along with his wife Nancy. Their three grown children, Paul, Lucy and Annie – grew up in the church. Dennis was chair of the Communications Committee started by Rev. Jim Dowd, has served two terms as an Elder, is currently a Trustee and the Communications Manager. Dennis owns Matz Design, enjoys reading and spending time with his family.
Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just, forgiving and transforming our lives. Friends, believe the good news! **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

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.

Sacred Word

θυσίαν - thysain – offering (Romans 12:1)

Anthem

Alexander Lenhart, trumpet
Jonathan Moyer, organ
Franz Josef Haydn

Trumpet Concerto in E-flat
II. Andante Cantabile

Prayer of Illumination

Torah

Exodus 1:8-2:10

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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

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.
A Brief Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
males and females, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God’s commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Hymn 484 Out of Deep, Unordered Water

Glory To God

1 Out of deep, unordered water God created light and land, world of bird and beast and, of the love of God, is the sign of death and Hebrews' climb ashore. Life is hallowed by the

2 Water on the human forehead, birthmark later, in God's image, woman, man. rising; through the seas there runs a road. knowledge God has been this way before.

3 Standing round the font reminds us of the There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.

Let creation praise its giver; there is water in the font.

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Prayers of the People

Rev. Bill Hudson

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
Sevenfold Amen

Covenant Chancel Choir
John Stainer

Invitation to Offering

Click here to access the church's online giving page

Offertory

Alexander Lenhart, trumpet
Jonathan Moyer, organ
Georg Philipp Telemann

La Réjouissance (“The Rejoicing”)
From 12 Heroic Marches

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 74  When God Restored Our Common Life (Psalm 126)  
Glory To God

1 When God restored our common life, our hope, our liber-
ty, at first it seemed a passing dream, a
soil; with laughing hearts we carry home the
pressed. May those who long for what is right with

2 We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding
fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who
justice now be blest. We pray for those who

3 Great liberating God, we pray for all who are op-
over us, for we had wept so long; the
mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong;

seed we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.
seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.
seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.

C G C Am F C Em F C/G G

Em F C/G G C Am F C

C G C Am F C Am Em F C/G G C
Responsive Benediction

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Postlude

Flötenuhrstücke

No. 30, Presto

Jonathan Moyer, organ
Franz Josef Haydn

Carillon Postlude

Carillon

G. F. Handel
Wylie Crawford  University of Chicago

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, Grace Milligan, Susan Moyer (Jonathan’s mother), Gene Papp, Carolyn Perry, George Peters (Michael’s father), Mildred Russin, 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.

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.
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 The Presbyterian Week of Action
The Presbyterian Week of Action, Aug. 24–30, is an endeavor to provide a public witness that facilitates education, visibility and action that reinforces our PC(USA) statements and policy that support eradicating racism and acknowledge that God loves all Black lives. Communities of faith and people across the nation are joining the movement to confront the sins of racism and white supremacy. They are coming together to demand that Black lives of every age, gender, gender identity and sexuality are no longer ignored, dismissed or pushed to the margins of our society. They are protesting the unlawful and unjust killings of innocent Black individuals.

Join with the national office and PC(USA) churches across the nation, the week of Aug. 24–30. Events will include a town hall, film screening, a rally and a day of service to our communities. Act now by planning to participate in the daily schedule of events and share the news with our digital toolkit.

Join “Mississippi” Charles Bevel, Next Sunday, August 30 at 6 pm
Please join the Ministry of Faith Formation (MoFF) as we again welcome “Mississippi” Charles Bevel, our Juneteenth speaker, for an upcoming forum on “race” and white privilege. The second will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 30th via a Zoom link. “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 23– August 29)

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

Monday: No scheduled activities.

Tuesday: Staff Meeting, by Zoom, 9:30 am;
Tuesday Morning Bells, by Zoom, 11 am.

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

Thursday: No scheduled activities.

Friday: Food Pantry, Tower Door, 10 am;
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/

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

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!

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!

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.