

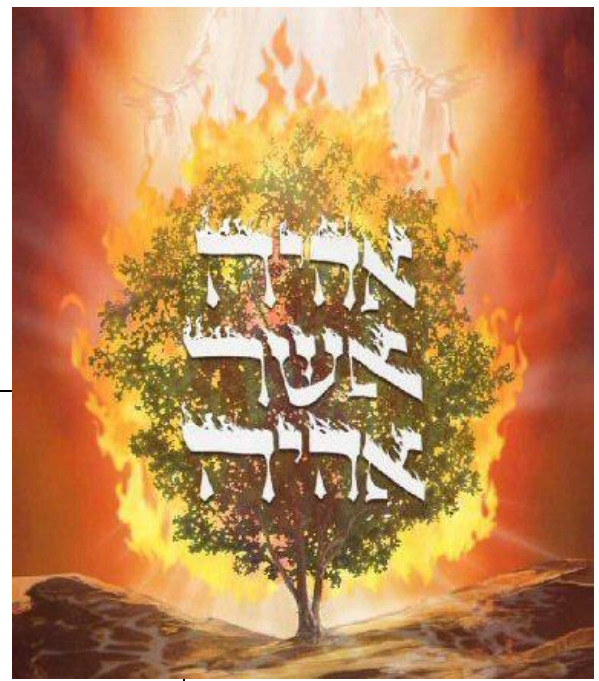
The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Service of Worship

for the Lord's Day



*The Cragin Peal*

*Carillon Prelude*

*Gnosienne No. 1*

Erik Satie

Jon Lehrer Lier Belgium

*Prelude*

*Magnificat I. My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord*

*from Vêpres du commun des fêtes de la Sainte Vierge, Op.18*

Jonathan Moyer, organ

Marcel Dupré

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Joys and Concerns*

Rev. Bill Hudson

*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 105:1-6, 23-26

O give thanks to the LORD, call upon God's name,  
make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

**Sing to the LORD, sing praises,  
tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Glory to God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Search for the strength of the LORD;  
Continually Seek God's face.**

Remember the wonderful works God has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments of God's mouth,

**O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,  
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

## 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.

Israel came into Egypt;  
 Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.  
**And the LORD made the people of Israel very fruitful,  
 More numerous than their enemies,**  
 whose hearts God turned so that they hated God's people,  
 to dealt unjustly with the servants of God.  
**O LORD, you sent Moses your servant,  
 and Aaron, your chosen one.**

Hymn 52

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

GO DOWN MOSES

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;  
 2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo - ple go!  
 3 "No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo - ple go!  
 4 O let us all from bond - age flee; let my peo - ple go!

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go!  
 If not, I'll smite your first - born dead. Let my peo - ple go!"  
 Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil: let my peo - ple go!"  
 And let us all in Christ be free: let my peo - ple go!

Refrain

Go down, (go down,) Mo - ses, (Mo - ses,) way down in E - gypt's

land; tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo - ple go!

Nothing in Hebrew Scripture resonated more deeply with the experience of African Americans in North America than Israel's slavery in Egypt. In this spiritual's recurring line, "Let my people go," past and present became one, as they still do for all who are oppressed.

## 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](#), and [here](#).

Music selections this week feature vocalist Gwendolyn DeLaney. A Chancel Choir soloist, Gwen recently completed a degree in vocal performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music.

## OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Sybil Marsh.

Sybil first attended the Church of the Covenant in 1989, as a graduate student at Case, and stayed because of the Covenant's friendly people and commitment to social justice. A teacher of family and addiction medicine, she lives in Cleveland Heights with husband John Marsh, daughters Midori and Naomi, (on their way to Canada this week), fish, and cats.

*Call to Confession*

Elder Sybil Marsh,  
*Lay Worship Leader*

**TODAY**

10:00 Carillon Concert  
*McGaffin Carillon*

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

*Corporate Prayer of Confession*

**Gracious God,  
You offer us hope, but we chose helplessness. You offer us  
grace, but we choose pride. You offer forgiveness, but we  
choose to stand our ground. Forgive us when we can't imagine  
other choices, ones that bring us into your light. Encourage us  
as we pray together and read your word to choose paths that  
draw us closer to each other, closer to the stranger.  
Hear us, we pray, as we silently confess our sins.**

*Silent Confession of Sins*

*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

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.**

**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.

Sacred Word אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה - ehyeh asher ehyeh - I AM WHO I AM  
(Exodus 3:14)

Anthem Gwendolyn DeLaney, vocalist  
*Et exsultavit spiritus meus from Magnificat* J.S. Bach  
*Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.*  
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my savior.

*Prayer of Illumination*

Torah Exodus 3:1-15  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle Romans 12:9-21  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Matthew 16:21-28  
This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon *Go Down Moses* Rev. Bill Hudson

*Affirmation of Faith: The Good News Creed*  
based on Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelation 22:13

**This is the good news that we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,  
if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,  
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

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## Glory To God

1 Deep in the shad-ows of the past, far out from set - tled lands,  
 2 While oth-ers bowed to change-less gods, they met a mys - ter - y,  
 3 From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the prom-ise changed and grew,  
 4 For all the writ-ings that sur-ived, for lead-ers, long a - go,

some no - mads trav-eled with their God a - cross the des - ert sands.  
 in - vis - i - ble, with-out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";  
 while some, re - mem-ber - ing the past, re - cord - ed what they knew,  
 who sift - ed, cop - ied, and pre - served the Bi - ble that we know,

The dawn-ing hope of hu - man-kind by them was sensed and shown:  
 and by their tents, a - round their fires in sto - ry, song, and law,  
 or with their let-ters and la - ments, their proph-e - cy and praise,  
 give thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our prom-ise, strength, and call,

a prom-ise call - ing them a - head, a fu - ture yet un - known.  
 they praised, re - mem - bered, hand - ed on a past that prom - ised more.  
 re - cov - ered, kin - dled, and ex - pressed new hope for chang - ing days.  
 the mod - el of e - merg - ing faith, a - live with hope for all.

This vivid text reminds us of two truths we often forget: how deeply our faith is rooted in God's enduring covenant with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how much we can learn from their story. The tune began life as the setting for a family Christmas card.

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 MUSIC: Annabeth McClelland Gay, 1952  
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*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*

Rev. Bill Hudson

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*Offertory*  
*He That Keepeth Israel*

Gwendolyn DeLaney  
Adolphe Schlösser

He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.  
He will give his Angels charge over thee,  
To keep thee in all thy ways,  
Put thy trust in Him and call upon Him.  
For his ears are open unto thy prayers.

*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*

Capo 1: (D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)  
 Eb Fm7 Ab2 Ab Fm Bb2 Bb7

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,  
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,  
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,  
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,  
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,  
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,

(D) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A7)  
 Eb Fm7 Eb/G Fm Bbsus Bb7

cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry,  
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion,  
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing,  
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es,  
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness,  
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,

(D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)  
 Eb Fm7 Ab2 Ab Fm Bb2 Bb7

ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.  
 set - ting each e - qua - tion ge - ni - us at play:  
 car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:  
 glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:  
 cry - ing out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you have:  
 clos - er yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home:

(D) (Em) (D) (A) (G) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A) (D/F#) (Em) (A) (D)  
 Eb Fm Eb Bb Ab Eb/G Fm Bbsus Bb Eb/G Fm Bb Eb

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Hail and Ho - san - na! Bring man - y names!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na, great, liv - ing God!

This text affirms that the images we use for God can be inspired by either gender because both males and females reflect the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). Similarly, since God is with us at all stages of life, all ages hold the potential to reveal something about God.

Let love be genuine;  
**hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;**  
love one another with mutual affection;  
**outdo one another in showing honour.**  
Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.  
**Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, pray at all times.**  
Contribute to the needs of the saints;  
**extend hospitality to strangers.**

Postlude

*Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733*

Jonathan Moyer, organ  
Johann Sebastian Bach



Mei - ne See - le er - - - - hebt den Her - ren,  
denn er hat die Nied - rig - keit sei - ner Magd an - ge - se - hen,  
und mein Geist freu - et sich Got - tes, mei - - - nes Hei - lan - des,  
sie - he, von nun an wer - den mich se - lig prei - sen al - le Kin - des - kind,

Carillon Postlude

*Bell Canto*

Geert D'hollander  
Von Lehrer Lier Belgium

*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 August 26, Session voted to begin having outdoor worship (weather permitting) beginning September 13th. This will be in addition to the virtual service using the interactive bulletin. The church will also be open for small groups of 20 or less.

**We Keep in our Prayers:** Barb Clint, Thelma Everhart, Earl Howard (Willie's uncle), 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.



**Our Prayers** are with the family and friends of Carolyn Williams who died on August 18.

Carolyn is the sister of Shirley Thompson and aunt of Nancy Acree. Carolyn lived in Cincinnati, but made many trips to the Covenant and enjoyed being part of the Woman's Bible Study.

### **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 Barb Clint. We are now accepting volunteers to host this fellowship time during the month of September. Please email [Faithformation@CovenantWeb.org](mailto:Faithformation@CovenantWeb.org) to sign-up!

### **Happy Birthday to You!**

October 29, 1929: The Stock Market Crashes, and January, 1930 ushers in The Great Depression. It was an historic year and today we can look back at it with a personal interest. Three wonderful members of our church, Church of the Covenant, were born in 1930. In 2020 we have the privilege, and joy of honoring them to help them celebrate their 90th birthdays.

These special people are **Dan Garland, Jim Greene and Zoe Ann Brown**. Each one of them is a beloved member of the church and each of them has contributed significantly to the vitality and spiritual kindness that we enjoy each Sunday in worship. They are vigorous in their faith and just the mere fact that they are "regular" church goers, appearing almost every Sunday, encourages the rest of us to do likewise. We all need each other, and a friendly greeting from any of these three always makes my day.

So please let us take off our masks, open our mouths and sing heartily,  
**Happy Birthday** to You...dear Dan, Jim and Zoe Ann.

### **My Dear Covenant Friends...**

Thank you for making my birthday a very special occasion – almost three dozen beautiful heart-warming cards, and loads of good wishes! What a jump-start for another 90 years! I shall always treasure your thoughtfulness and friendship! Again, thank you!  
Sincerely, *Jim Greene*

### **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](#).

## Online Donations

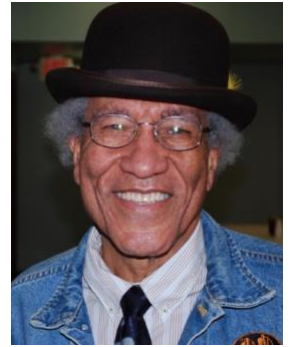
Our website's Giving page is up and running. You can now make donations and pledges from your phone or computer. Check it out at: <http://www.covenantweb.org/giving/>

## Covenant Community Yard Signs Still Available

Celebrate our faith community at your home by displaying a Church of the Covenant yard sign! Contact [faithformation@covenantweb.org](mailto:faithformation@covenantweb.org) to reserve a sign for your family. Signs are free, but if you would like to make a \$10+ contribution to the church, we will happily accept your generosity.

## Join "Mississippi" Charles Bevel, 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



ZOOM LINK

HOMEWORK

## This Week at Covenant (August 30– September 5)

**Sunday: Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 10 am;**  
**[After-worship ZOOM Coffee Hour, 11 am.](#)**  
**Adult Forum, by Zoom, 6pm**

**Monday:** No scheduled activities.

**Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Bells, by Zoom, 11 am.**

**Wednesday: Deacons Meeting, by Zoom, 6:30 pm.**

**Thursday:** No scheduled activities.

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

**Saturday:** No scheduled activities.

## 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!

## 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.

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.

## 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.



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