The Cragin Peal

Carillon Prelude
Preludio No. 1
Matthias Van den Gheyn
David Christensen
University of California, Riverside

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Prelude
Vater unser im Himmelreich
Versus I, II, III, and VI
Jonathan Moyer, organ
Samuel Scheidt

Welcome & Announcements
Joys and Concerns
Rev. Mark A. Medina

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
re:Worship
Here, in this place,
    God welcomes all the dreamers,
as well as the doubters:
here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.
Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has
graced us:
here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is
    with us, always!
Here are gathered those daring enough
to step out of comfort into the unknown:
here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out,
    'God, save us!' in every situation.
    Let us worship God together.

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 485  

To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
But purer, and higher, and greater will be

And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

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.

Our Lay Worship Leader is Norma Shuskey

Norma has been part of the Covenant Community since birth. She formally joined this congregation in 1960 with a pack of other 8th grade Covenant Kids. Between then and now, Norma has taught Sunday School, served on and chaired many boards, committees and commissions and worked in the Cache. She is currently a Deacon. Having taught at Cornwall Central School in Cornwall, New York, Euclid High School, Euclid, Ohio, and then at Cuyahoga Community College, Norma is retired. She lives in Euclid with her husband, Gary. Before COVID-19 mandated that people curtail unnecessary travel, Gramma and Papa Shu spent their “free” time visiting grandchildren in Virginia and New York State. Now, their visits are virtual.
Call to Confession

Deacon Norma Shuskey,
Lay Worship Leader

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Most benevolent and ever-present Lord, we have not always turned to You for guidance nor even acknowledged Your presence in our daily lives. Coping with COVID-19 while simultaneously trying to right years of racial injustice have left us fearful and overwhelmed. Forgive us when we see being a Christian as a burden and singular. Forgive us when we hide behind masks and closed doors, pretending not to see the wrongs around us or feel we’ve neither the wit nor energy to make them right. Forgive us when we think ourselves more special than others, and help us to love and understand one another better. Give us the strength to make “good trouble”. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.

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.
Silent Confession of Sins

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands

Lynne Hoffman-Engel, soprano

Spiritual

arr. Margaret Bonds

He’s got the whole word in his hand.
He’s got the sun and the moon right in his hand.
He’s got the birds and bees right in his hand.
He’s got you and me right in his hand.
He’s got everybody in his hand.
He’s got the whole word in his hand.

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

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 19:9-18

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

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

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

Sermon

Calm Harbor With Jesus

Rev. Mark A. Medina

Time for Quiet Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Ruling Elder Laurie Moormann

Committee on Ministry Liaison

United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Amen.
1. When morning gilds the skies, My heart awakening cries:
   May Jesus Christ be praised! A like at work and prayer

2. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
   May Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?

3. Let earth’s wide circle round In joyful notes resound:
   May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky

4. Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine:
   May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song

To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!
My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!
From depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!
We come to you in prayer, O God.
We know your steadfast love endures forever.

We pray for a world that is sick through our sinful ways,
with an environment that is out of balance,
with economies that are out of balance,
with nations and races that are out of balance.
We pray to you; come save us.

We pray for people in places of conflict and danger this day.
for those who give their lives to keep their families, friends,
and neighbors safe . . .
and for front line workers that seek to heal and to comfort...

We pray, O God, for those affected by gun violence.

*The Tolling of the bell in the silence at this time*

We come to you in prayer, O God.
We know your steadfast love endures forever.

We pray for a people who are sick and afflicted
through our sinful ways,
sick and afflicted through broken relationships,
sick and afflicted because of hunger and poverty,
sick and afflicted because of bodies distressed and near death.
We pray to you; come heal us.

We pray for those who are imprisoned or alone today . . .
for those who are ill or infirm . . .
and for those who mourn . . .

We come to you in prayer, O God.
We know your steadfast love endures forever.

We pray for your Church,
sent to heal and deliver our world
but beset by fears,
bogged down by petty problems,
befallen with a dangerous pandemic,
broken by stingy ears and overly lavish egos.

We pray to you; come gather us at your table.
We pray for this congregation gathered here . . .
Dear Loving Creator, you have given us a place of comfort and joy in your Son and our Lord and Savior, 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.

*Congregational Amen*

All are invited to sing.

*Invitation to Offering*  
Click here to visit the church's online giving page

*Offertory*  
*O Welt ich muss dich lassen*, Op. 122  
Jonathan Moyer, organ

*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**

*Prayer of Dedication*
How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
   Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
   For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
   The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
   My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design

To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
 uptold by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
   I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
   That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
   I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."
Responsive Benediction

God calls us to step out in faith,
   to follow where He leads
   even if what He calls us to do seems impossible.

So let's go from here with courage,
   trusting in God's presence and power,
   and eager to do God's will.

And may the blessing of God,
   Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among us and within us
   wherever we find ourselves this week.

Amen.

Postlude

O Welt ich muss dich lassen, Op. 122

Johannes Brahms
Transcribed for piano by Ferruccio Busoni

O Welt, ich muß dich lassen, ich fahr dahin mein Straße
O world, I must leave you, I travel from here along my way
   ins ewig Vaterland. Mein' Geist will ich aufgeben,
   to the everlasting homeland. I will give up my spirit
dazu mein' Leib und Leben legen in Gottes gnädig Hand.
   so that my body and life lie in God’s merciful hand.

Carillon Postlude

La Campanella

Nicolo Paganini
Jason Lee     Clemson University Carillon

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.

Happy Birthday to Jim Greene who will celebrate his 90th birthday on Friday, August 14. As a long-time member of this church, he has volunteered countless hours to serving on Session and the Board of Deacons as well as ushering in the sanctuary. Happy Birthday, Jim!

Believing God Calls Us To be Peacemakers
Since a gunman opened fire at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012, killing 26 people, 20 of them children; 1,389 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, an alarming 27 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. The names of those at least 18 years of age are: Devonte King, Dominique King, Edward Lavon Brown, Anthony Maurice Gilbert Jr., Allante Riggins, Nicholas Joseph Chiro, Wilbert Zernell McCormick, Jason Thomas Stevens, Stanley Joseph Laskowski Jr., Robert Paul Igo Jr., Maurice L. Kimmie, Aaron Jerome Smith, Dontrell D. Hill, Noelle L. Cotton, Arthur L. Shareef Jr., Myles Jordan Miller, Joshua Lewis Colbert, Newt Williams, Tommie James III, Francis T. D’Amico, Rico Armelli Lee, Terrance Lydell Nelson, Robert Eric Pfeiffer, William T. Lewis and James McMullen. Eight of those who died were by suicide, and two homicide victims were under eighteen, including a four year old girl. Go to godbeforeguns.org to see how to become engaged.

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

Ministry of Faith Formation Meeting Monday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m., ALL ARE WELCOME!
Join MoFF by ZOOM for brainstorming breakout sessions to plan fall Christian education programming. Our Covenant community enjoys a variety of children & youth, intergenerational, and young+ adult programming. We hope you’ll join us to generate possibilities for this fall!
Covenant 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! CLICK HERE or contact Elder Matthew Garrett for the Zoom meeting link and for additional information: faithformation@covenantweb.org.

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.
MoFF needs Covenant Community members to help host Coffee Hour during the month of August. Please email Elder Matthew Garrett for additional information: faithformation@covenantweb.org.
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.

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.

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This Week at Covenant (August 9–August 15)

Sunday: Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 10 am;
After-worship ZOOM Coffee Hour, 11 am;
Sustainability Group Meeting, by Zoom, 7 pm.

Monday: Ministry of Faith Formation Meeting by Zoom, 7 pm.

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

Wednesday: No scheduled activities.

Thursday: No scheduled activities.

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

Saturday: No scheduled activities.

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

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.