

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day

The Cragin Peal

Carillon Prelude

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber
Vera and Joey Brink
Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, Springfield, IL

Prelude

Vater Unser im Himmelreich
Versus 1, 2, 3, 6

Jonathan Moyer, organ
Samuel Scheidt

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bill Hudson

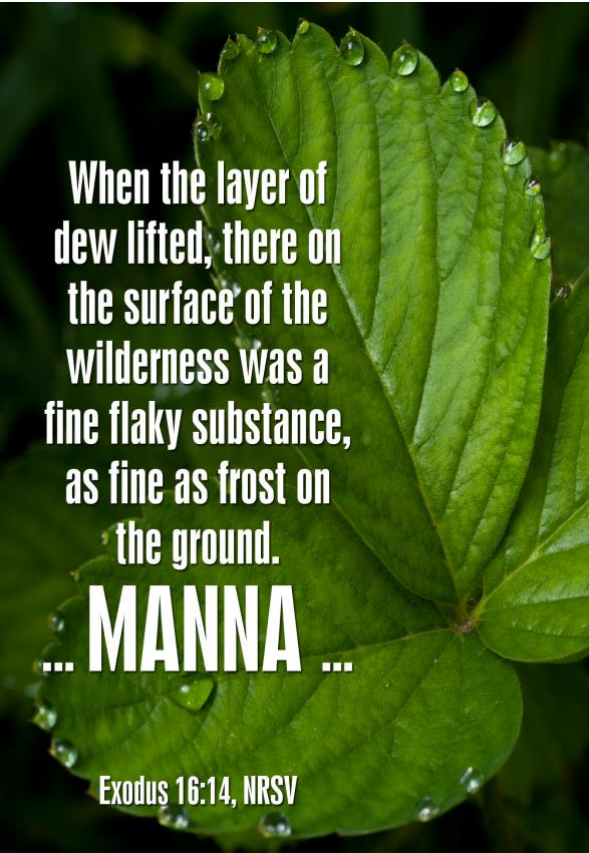
Greeting

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
**As it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be: world without end. Amen.**

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-4

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;
make know the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.
**Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**
Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
**Search for the Lord and the strength of the Lord;
continually seek the face of God.**



When the layer of
dew lifted, there on
the surface of the
wilderness was a
fine flaky substance,
as fine as frost on
the ground.

... **MANNA** ...

Exodus 16:14, NRSV

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.

Glory To God

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Jacqueline Hudson.

Hello! I'm Jacqueline Hudson wife of your new Transitional Minister, Reverend Bill Hudson. Originally from Ohio and raised in Tiffin, I'm now a retired teacher having taught the gamut from kindergarten through eighth grade, special education and gifted education. As a preacher's wife I have taught in Ohio, Texas, New York and Indiana, twice in the inner city! I value all the experiences I have had and we have had together.

Bill and I met through a friend of mine and a congregant of his. Looking for a church where the true creative mercy of God was taught and preached, I found the church and the Pastor, whom I married. Lucky girl!

When there's time I pursue reading, jewelry making, needlepoint, experimenting with recipes and occasionally teaching in the church. Being a pastor's wife is a joy, sometimes a stress, but I wouldn't change it for anything.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your
likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Silent Confession of Sins

Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of 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

Rev. Bill Hudson

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.*

TODAY

9:45 Carillon Concert
McGaffin Carillon

10:00 Worship Service,
*West Lawn (weather
permitting)*

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

4:00 Carillon Concert
McGaffin Carillon

**THE CHURCH WILL
BE OPEN FOR
SMALL GROUPS
OF 20 OR LESS**

**COVENANT
COMMUNITY IS
ALWAYS OPEN**

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 מן (man) הִיא (huw) – What is it? – Manna
(Exodus 16:15)

Prayer of Illumination

Jacqueline Hudson,
Lay Worship Leader

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

Torah

Exodus 16:2-15

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle

Philippians 1:21-30

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Alleluia

106, Refrain

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to His Name.**

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-6

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Trouble in the Kingdom

Rev. Bill Hudson

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!

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Children's Choir Director
Ken Wendt, DMA,
Audio Visual Services Mgr.
Jennifer Conner, DMA,
Music Librarian
George Leggiero, MA
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Affirmation of Faith

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

Click here to visit the church's online giving page

Offertory

"Hornpipe" from Water Music

Jonathan Moyer, organ
George Frederic Handel
arr. Peter Pelham

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**

SESSION

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty and merciful God,

from whom comes all that is good,

we praise you for your mercies,

for your goodness that has created us,

your grace that has sustained us,

your discipline that has corrected us,

your patience that has borne with us,

and your love that has redeemed us.

Help us to love you,

and to be thankful for all your gifts

by serving you and delighting to do your will,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Charge

Matthew 20:16

*The last will be first,
and the first will be last.*

Glory To God

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)
 A^b D^b A^b Fm D^b A^b D^b E^b A^b

1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
 2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
 3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)
 Fm C7 Fm C Fm D^b E^b

while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
 to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
 till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 A^b Fm D^b A^b B^bm E^b7 A^b

ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
 sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Using Jesus' harvest imagery in John 4:35–38 and Matthew 9:37–38 / Luke 10:2, this urgent text sounds a compelling call to Christian service. The words gain energy from the strong unison tune in the English cathedral style, whose name echoes the Benedictine motto "Prayer is work."

Postlude
Fugue sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733

Jonathan Moyer, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach

Carillon Postlude
Toccata for 42 Bells

Robert More
Joey Brink Clemson University Carillon

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, Susan Moyer (Jonathan's mother), Gene Papp, Carolyn Perry, George Peters (Michael's father), Mildred Russin, Kim Voss, Julia Wadsworth, 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 Grace Milligan, who died on September 1st. Interment will be held at Lakeview Cemetery.

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. We are now accepting volunteers to host this fellowship time during the month of September. Please email Faithformation@CovenantWeb.org to sign-up!

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/>

This Week at Covenant (September 20 - September 26)

Sunday: Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 9:45 am;
Worship Service, West Lawn (weather permitting), 10 am;
[After-worship ZOOM Coffee Hour](#), 11 am;
Carillon Concert, 4 pm.

Monday: No scheduled activities.

Tuesday: Staff Meeting, by Zoom, 9:30;
Tuesday Morning Bells, by Zoom, 11 am;
Long Term Financial Strategy Task Force Meeting, by Zoom, 4 pm.

Wednesday: 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: Saturday Tutoring Program, by Zoom, 9 am.

Saturday Tutoring Program News!!

The Fall semester **has begun** and will 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>

Thrivent Faith Build (formerly Apostles Build), Thursday, September 24, and Saturday, September 26, 9am – 3pm

Join us again this year (our sixth!) to help build houses through the Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity's Thrivent Faith Build. In response to COVID-19, Habitat has made changes to help ensure the safety of volunteers, including limiting volunteer groups to 4 people instead of 8 this year for social distancing, and requiring that volunteers wear masks as well. If you are interested and feel comfortable working on the house one or both of these days, please contact Jim Prince at princeco4@aol.com for further information.

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.

Second Annual Golf Outing

The 2nd annual golf outing was a huge success! It was hosted by the Trustees at Hemlock Springs Golf Course. **The winners were Rob Goble, Martha Goble, and Nick Tomko.** Other members participating were Clint and Patty Fowler, Paul Williams, Keith and Ginny Kallay, and Janet Takeyama. A great time was had by everyone!

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Concert Fall Mini-Series Is Underway!!

The second concert, by *Patrick Macoska* is this Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. Native Clevelander Patrick Macoska has lived in Michigan until recently, where he had careers in architecture and church music. He studied carillon at the University of Michigan and played his GCNA (Guild of Carillonneurs in North America) advancement recital in 1997 at the University of Kansas. Until his move back to Cleveland, he played weekly recitals on the two carillons at the University of Michigan as well as on the 51-bell Paccard carillon at St. Mary's of Redford Church in Detroit where he served as director of music. This Sunday afternoon concert will be co-sponsored by the Friends of the McGaffin Carillon and the Church of the Covenant. McGaffin Carillon concerts are presented with the generous support of the Ohio Arts Council & the citizens of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Link to this week's program. <https://tinyurl.com/y42c8ey7>

THIS Sunday, September 20 4:00 p.m. Patrick Macoska
co-sponsored by Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Sunday, September 27 4:00 p.m. George Leggiero

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.

A Special Thank You!

To Joan Drushel and Norma Shuskey for providing Covenant with dozens of hand-sewn masks. The masks are available to anyone visiting the church.

An Update From Mildred

"Thank you for all the phone calls, beautiful cards, and concerns. I miss Church of the Covenant and all my dear friends. I want everyone to know that I am in good spirits and doing well."

Introducing Lucy and Drew Veres!

Lucy and Drew were married at the Church of the Covenant on Sunday, September 6th. Congratulations!!

Remembrance of a Special Time Spent with Grace Milligan

[Click here](#) to read a special story about Grace Milligan from Barb Clint.

Come Play Hollywood Squares (of the Saints!)

Come join us through Zoom on **October 2, Friday (6:00-7:00 PM)**! We will be exploring different Saints from the past and sharing people in our lives that have a special place in our hearts. Please bring something to the meeting that is important to you. (A special pen your father used, a mug your mother used, a stuffed animal that is special to you...etc.) During the meeting we can share pictures and memories of special moments and people. If you want to share a picture please send it to Kaori at Khongo@covenantweb.org and we can look at it together on the screen.

For more information go to our website or Facebook Page!! Hope to see you on October 2!

Lunch To-Go for North Church

The Ministry of Service will again be preparing boxed lunches for 25 worshippers at North Church on **Sunday, October 4th**. Anyone interested in making a dozen sandwiches should contact Bob Ault (rta222@aol.com) or Barb Clint (bclint5132@gmail.com). We are also in need of a couple of baker's dozens of cookies. We will be collecting donated items on **Saturday, October 3rd** for packing. Thanks.

Unlocking the Gifts.. of the Gospel of John

College students - undergrads and graduate students alike -- are welcome to explore the Gospel of John in a new 50-minute virtual Bible Study designed with reflection and action. Written by the Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse, this virtual Bible Study will be offered **Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. via Zoom** by Rev. Shelley Nelson-Bridger and Marta Safko. To register for our Zoom link and/or learn more, email Shelley at office@upcam.org.

Shelley Nelson-Bridger, **United Protestant Campus Ministries of Cleveland**

Sharing an Abundance with CWRU Students in Need

As classes resumed in late August, Rev. Shelley Nelson-Bridger and Marta Safko from UPCaM brought nearly 60 pounds of food to CWRU's Food Pantry housed in the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) on behalf of Church of the Covenant. Food items will be distributed by the OMA staff to students struggling with immediate food insecurity. By September's end, Rev. Nelson-Bridger and Safko will distribute additional prepackaged bags for graduate students within three additional CWRU offices. Rev. Nelson-Bridger also anticipates Church of the Covenant will be able to assist in stocking the shelves of a brand-new campus-wide food pantry to be housed within CWRU's new Physical Resource Center opening mid-September. To learn more, please visit www.upcam.org and/or email: office@upcam.org.

Shelley Nelson-Bridger, **United Protestant Campus Ministries of Cleveland**



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