

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, September 27, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day



**The Authority
of Jesus**
Matthew 21:23-32

The Cragin Peal

Carillon Prelude

Pavane Op. 50

Gabriel Fauré

Dina Verheyden & Richard de Waarde
Rotterdam City Hall Carillon

Prelude

Ich ruf zu dir (I call to you), Verses I and II

Jonathan Moyer, organ

Anonymous, 17th cent.
Lüneburger Orgeltabulatur

I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ, I pray, hear my lamentation,
bestow your grace on me at this time, do not let me despair;
I think that I have the right faith, Lord, which you wanted to give me,
to live for you, to be useful to my neighbor,
to keep your word properly.

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. Bill Hudson

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

Philippians 2:1-2

If there is any encouragement in Christ,
any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit,
any affection and sympathy,
complete my joy
**by being of the same mind,
having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.**

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

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](#).

Gwen DeLaney graduated this spring with her Bachelor's of Music from The Cleveland Institute of Music. She is currently teaching, doing remote work for her parents' independent bookstore, and producing her own virtual opera projects. She is excited to join the Cleveland Chamber Choir for their upcoming season, and continue to explore the possibilities for performing safely in and around Cleveland.

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Mary Anne Bromelmeier.

I have attended the Church of the Covenant all my life. My parents met here as part of the Tower of Fellowship program. Fritz and I were married here under Rev. Al Jeandheur and all our children grew up and joined the church. I sing in the choir and support the Saturday Morning Tutoring Program. I served on the search committees to bring Rev. Jonyrma Singleton, Rev. Amy Star-Redwine, and Rev. Mark Medina. Currently I serve on Session.

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought
not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Silent Confession of Sins

Declaration of Pardon

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 103:8

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.**

Hymn 579

****or Maker**

Time for Young Disciples

Trustee Ann Williams

Parting Response

Ivy Goodman and Christopher Sho Moyer

Hymn 535

*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 Prelude
McGaffin Carillon

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

11:30 ZOOM Coffee Hour
* * * NEW TIME * * *

[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 Words מַסָּה - mas·saw – massah - temptation
מֵרִיבָה -mer·ee·baw - Meribah -strife

(Exodus 17:7)

Anthem

Come Thou Fount

Gwendolyn DeLaney, *vocalist*
Bob Krogstad

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:105

Elder Mary Anne Bromelmeier
Lay Worship Leader

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

Torah

Exodus 17:1-7

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

Epistle

Philippians 2:1-13

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

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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Alleluia

106, Refrain

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

Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

Sermon

By What Authority

Rev. Bill Hudson

Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-13

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

**Therefore, my beloved,
just as you have always obeyed me,
not only in my presence,
but much more now in my absence,
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
for it is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

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Glory To God



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,




God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.




On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?




With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propoganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Invitation to Offering

[Click here to visit the church's online giving page](#)

Offertory

Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee

Gwendolyn DeLaney
Charles Gounod

And Ruth said:
Entreat me not to leave thee,
or to return from following after thee,
For whither thou goest I will go,
And where thou lodgest I will lodge.
Thy people shall be my people,
And thy God, my God.
Where thou diest will I die,
And there will I be buried.
The Lord do so to me,
And more also, if aught but death part thee and me.

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 Thanksgiving

Book of Common Worship

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Eternal God,
creator of the world
and giver of all good,
we thank you for the earth, our home,
and for the gift of life.

We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal this broken world,
who died rejected on the cross
and rose triumphant from the dead.
Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever.
**Gracious God, who called us from death to life,
we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through all ages
we thank you for your saving love
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

Philippians 2:1-4

If then there is any encouragement in Christ,
any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit,
any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete:
be of the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.
Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.
Let each of you look not to your own interests,
but to the interests of others.

Glory To God

1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the des - ert still,
 2 "Bear the fruit re - pen-tance sows: lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
 3 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near,

call - ing us to make a choice, bid - ding us to do God's will:
 Trust no oth - er claim than those; set your heart on things a - bove.
 and his time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.

"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
 Soon the Lord will come in power, burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor:
 So we dare to jour-ney on, led by faith through ways un - trod,

Quit-ting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con - trol.
 then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
 till we come at last like John to be - hold the Lamb of God.

While all four gospels identify John the Baptist with the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3, this text (well set to a vigorous Welsh tune) draws on the report of his preaching in Matthew 3:1-12. The final lines recall that he was the first to name Jesus "the Lamb of God" (John 1:29, 36).

Benediction

Prelude

Placare Christe servulis

From Le Tombeau de Titelouze, Op. 38

Jonathan Moyer, organ
Marcel Dupré

To thy poor servants reconciled show mercy, Christ, for whom the mild
and Virgin Patroness this grace implore before Thy Father's face.

Carillon Postlude

The Snow is Dancing

Claude Debussy
Dina Verheyden & Richard de Waarde
Rotterdam City Hall 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.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the Presidential Debate **THIS** Tuesday, September 29, the church building will be closed Monday – Wednesday and both parking lots (front and back) will be blocked off Monday afternoon – Tuesday evening. Please contact Rev. Hudson at 216-296-3868 with any pastoral needs.

Gratitude

Thank you to everyone for your cards, calls, messages, and prayers during my time of mourning the loss of my sister. Losing someone during this pandemic has proved to be even more difficult. Every sentiment that was sent my way was much appreciated. ~~~ *Stephanie Johnson*

Congratulations

John & Gale Bromelmeier on the birth of their great granddaughter Evelyynn Mae Minadeo, born September 9, 2020, daughter of Rebecca & Joseph Minadeo.

*** * * NEW TIME! * * * Covenant After-Worship Coffee Hour, by ZOOM**

The Ministry of Faith Formation hosts a virtual coffee hour and fellowship time each week, at **11:30 a.m.** [CLICK HERE](#) to join our Coffee Hour this week. We always appreciate volunteers willing to host this fellowship time 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 27– October 3)

**Sunday: Carillon Prelude, McGaffin Carillon, 9:45 am;
Worship Service, West Lawn (weather permitting), 10 am;
[After-worship ZOOM Coffee Hour, 11:30 am \(NEW TIME\);](#)
Carillon Concert, 4 pm.**

Monday: Church Building is Closed.

Tuesday: Church Building is Closed.

Wednesday: Church Building is Closed.

Thursday: No scheduled activities.

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

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

Special Recognition

Covenant member Ted Adams is being recognized in a special edition of the Plain Dealer on September 27th about WWII veterans by Brian Albrecht. [Click here to view the story.](#)

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!

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>

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.

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Concert Fall Mini-Series, Final Performance!

The last concert, by *George Leggiero* is this Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. George Leggiero has served as University Circle carillonneur since 1982 and Covenant Carillonneur since 1973. In that capacity, he has provided carillon music before and after Sunday worship. His playing has also celebrated weddings and marked University Circle celebrations. In 2015 George Leggiero was part of the group that founded the Friends of the McGaffin Carillon. In July 2017, the Ohio Arts Council awarded George Leggiero a Traditional Arts Apprenticeship grant to mentor recent CIM graduates in carillon practice and tradition. *Keiran Cantilina* will join George in several duets on Sunday. 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 27 4:00 p.m. George Leggiero

Remembrance of a Special Time Spent with Grace Milligan

Click on the link below to read a special story about Grace Milligan from Barb Clint.

[Click here to view.](#)

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."

Trunk or Treat!

The Ministry of Service is thrilled to offer once again this fun, community Halloween event for our neighborhood on **Friday, October 30th from 6 – 8 p.m. in our church parking lot**. Please click **here** for more information.

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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