

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day



The Cragin Peal

Carillon Prelude

Elegie in B-flat Major
Olesya Rostovskaya

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.

Prelude

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend
BWV 726 and 709

Jonathan Moyer, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome & Announcements
Joys and Concerns

Rev. Bill Hudson

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.

Call to Worship

Psalm 149:1

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
praise God in the assembly of the faithful.

Hymn 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Glory To God

ENCOUNTER
We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed to us through the Bible.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

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](#).

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

TEXT: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women's Center, 1974
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869
 Text Adapt. © 1974 Ecumenical Women's Center

LAUDA ANIMA
 8.7.8.7.8.7

OUR LAY WORSHIP
 LEADER is Ronnie
 Bromelmeier.

TODAY

10:00 Carillon Concert
McGaffin Carillon

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

2-3:30 Matz Wedding
Sanctuary

**CHURCH BUILDING
IS CLOSED**

**COVENANT
COMMUNITY IS
ALWAYS OPEN**

Corporate Prayer of Confession

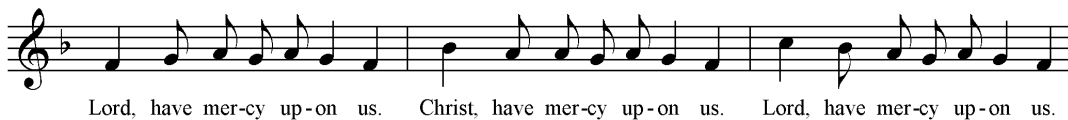
**God of the Burning Bush,
You who hear the cry of the oppressed.
We like Moses live in a world where human life is exploited
and abused.
Violence is taken lightly, and people are often viewed
as objects.
The cries of the hungry and the blood of the slain refuse
to be silenced.
And we have become so often hardened and unmoved.
Forgive us when we have taken on the false values of the world.
Soften our hearts, call us and guide us in your ways
And give us the courage to challenge the wrongs we see;
so that all may delight in your ways and walk in your paths,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Hear us, as we silently confess our sins.**

Silent Confession of Sins

Kyrie

John Merbecke

All are invited to sing.



Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 8:15-17, NRSV

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption.
**When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing
witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if
children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. —**

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.

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**

Our Prayer of Illumination
is the Prayer of Humble
Access from the Book of
Common Prayer 1548.

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.**

CONTACT

LEADERSHIP

Faithformation@
covenantweb.org
Finance@covenantweb.org
Service@covenantweb.org
Personnel@covenantweb.org
Deacons@covenantweb.org
Trustees@covenantweb.org
Building@covenantweb.org
Music@covenantweb.org

Sacred Word . אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר - zik·rone – remembrances (Exodus 12:14)

Prayer of Illumination

Torah

Exodus 12:1-14

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

Glory To God

SENDING

550

Give Praise to the Lord

(Psalm 149)

1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
 2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
 3 In glo - ry ex - ult, all saints of the Lord;
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
 with glad - ness, O God, we praise your great name;
 with song in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
 but o - ver the earth their power shall pre - vail;

a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,
 for now in your peo - ple good plea - sure you seek;
 go forth in God's ser - vice and strong in God's might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.

all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - jice and give praise.
 with robes of sal - va - tion you cov - er the meek.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

This adaptation of Psalm 149 is organized by themes of praise and service, with a strong implication that they are not really separable but are two aspects of the same God-centered impulse. This text is set to a jubilant tune derived from a late 19th-century English anthem.

MINISTERS

All the members of the church
 Rev. Bill Hudson,
 Transitional Pastor,
 Head of Staff
 Matthew Garrett, PhD,
 Music Director
 Jonathan Moyer, DMA
 Organist, Assoc. Music Dir.
 Michael Peters, PhD,
 Assoc. Music Director
 Kaori Hongo, DMA
 Coordinator of Children &
 Youth Ministry, Handbell &
 Children's Choir Director
 Ken Wendt, DMA,
 Audio Visual Services Mgr.
 Jennifer Conner, DMA,
 Music Librarian
 George Leggiere, MA
 Carillonneur

Epistle Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

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

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

The Passover

Rev. Bill Hudson

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Bill Hudson

Click here to visit the church's online giving page

Offertory

Ave Verum Corpus

*Ave verum corpus,
Natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum,
immolatum in cruce pro homine,
cuius latus perforatum,
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

Covenant Chancel Choir
W.A. Mozart

Hail, true body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who has truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for us,
Whose side was pierced,
whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste (of heaven)
During our final examining.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Virtual Communion will take place today. As part of the service, communion will be celebrated and we invite you to participate. Preparing for communion means for you to place bread of your choice on a plate and have a partially filled cup of unfermented or fermented juice for each of you. A short liturgy includes the words of institution at which time Rev. Hudson will invite you to partake of the bread followed by drinking of the cup. A short musical interlude is played to give you time to partake of the elements and to reflect on the Lord's Supper.

Invitation to the Table

SESSION

Deni Horstman,
Clerk of Session,
clerk@covenantweb.org

CLASS OF 2021: Barb Clint,
Theodis Fipps, Dale Goode,
Chris Langmack,
Cindy Szafraniec

CLASS OF 2022: Heidi Braun,
Kathy Farkas, Clint Fowler,
Matthew Garrett,
Sybil Marsh, Cathy Miller

CLASS OF 2023: Mary Anne
Bromelmeier, Jenny Conner,
Anne Wombwell deConingh
Susan Dahm, Rod Keen,
Erica Stubbs

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2021: Lucy Matz,
Ryan Szafraniec,
Janet Takeyama,
Erin Tomko, Kate Williams

CLASS OF 2022: Ronnie
Bromelmeier, John Marsh,
Nancy Matz, Sue Prince,
Nick Tomko, Liz Shriver

CLASS OF 2023: Tom Denbow,
Joan Drushel, Julie Mailey,
Nicole Murray,
Norma Shuskey,
Paul Williams

TRUSTEES

CLASS OF 2021: Patty Fowler,
Nancy Smekal

CLASS OF 2022: Dennis Matz
Ann Williams

CLASS OF 2023: Jim Prince
Harriet Wadsworth

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

Martha Goble, President
Keith Kallay, Treasurer
Jim Mate, Secretary

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

John Merbecke

All are invited to sing.



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are
full of Thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

The Lord's Prayer:

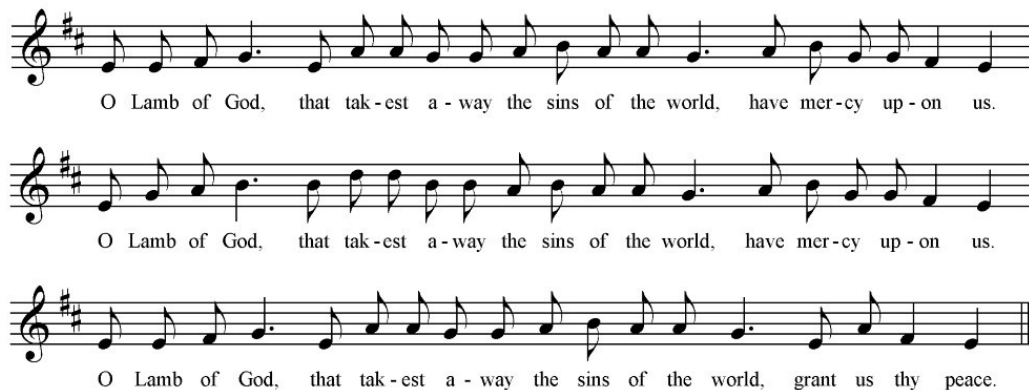
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

Partaking of the Bread and Drinking of the Cup

Agnus Dei

John Merbecke

All are invited to sing.



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world. Amen.

Hymn 850

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Glory To God

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

850 In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness



1 In a deep, un-bound-ed dark-ness, long be-fore the first
2 Though our world is ev-er-chang-ing, you are con-stant, firm,
3 Joy trans-forms our lips to boast-ing on-ly in your match-
4 God of Ha-gar, God of Sa-rah, God of no-mad A-



light shone, you, O God, be-yond all mer-it worked a
and sure, faith-ful to your cov-enant prom-ise. Trust-ing
less grace, send-ing Christ to dwell a-mong us, Word made
bra-ham; God of Mir-yam, God of Mo-ses, Fi-ery



won-der faith makes known: in your mer-cy, in your
you, we live, se-cure: sing-ing prais-es, sing-ing
flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav-ior, Friend and
Pil-lar, great I AM: lead us home-ward, lead us



mer-cy, you em-braced us as your own,
prais-es, long as heart and breath en-dure,
Sav-ior, in whose life we glimpse your face,
home-ward, to the love-feast of the Lamb,



ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

Postlude
Toccata

Jonathan Moyer, organ
Eugène Gigout

Carillon Postlude
Three Dances

Alex Johnson, carillon
Arthur Meulemans

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 Margaret "Marge" Vieth Grevatt, who passed away recently. Her husband The Reverend Walter E. Grevatt, Jr. served as associate pastor to Church of the Covenant from 1956-1963.

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.

This Week at Covenant (September 6– September 12)

Sunday: Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 10 am;
[After-worship ZOOM Coffee Hour, 11 am;](#)
Matz Wedding, Sanctuary, 2-3:30 am.

Monday: No scheduled activities. Church Building is Closed. Labor Day.

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

Wednesday: No scheduled activities.

Thursday: No scheduled activities.

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

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

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

Contact faithformation@covenantweb.org to reserve a Covenant yard 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.

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 **this Saturday, 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>

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."

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.

Trustee Golf Outing

The Trustees of The Church of the Covenant would like to invite all members and friends to the second annual church golf outing. It will be held Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Hemlock Springs Golf Course, 4654 Cork Cold Springs Road, Geneva, OH 44041.

We will play in foursomes - best ball, teeing off at 12:00 noon. Last year, the cost was \$36.00 per person which included 18 holes, a cart, beverage, hot dog and snack. We may be paying less this year.

Last year, we went to a local winery after the outing to celebrate the performance of all golfers. Please email Keith Kallay if you plan to attend at keithkallay@sbcglobal.net. We look forward to another great time this year.

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Concert Mini-Series

Three free Sunday afternoon concerts of carillon music will fill the air over University Circle this month. The concerts will be co-sponsored by the Friends of the McGaffin Carillon and the Church of the Covenant with support from the Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The concerts begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be about one hour in length.

The audience is invited to listen from their cars from the free parking lot in front of the tower or wander the campus areas around the tower. In fact, the bells sound best from the CWRU campus along Bellflower Road behind the tower away from the Euclid Avenue traffic noise and where there are also some benches and picnic tables. Remember your masks and please keep a safe distance from others. Blankets, lawn chairs, and picnics are welcome.

There will be no printed programs. Programs will be posted on the Friends of the McGaffin Carillon website a few days before the concert and can be accessed on your mobile devices during the concert at: <http://www.ucbells.org> McGaffin Carillon concerts are with the generous support of the Ohio Arts Council and the citizens of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

Sunday, September 13 4:00 p.m. Keiran Cantilina
(co-sponsored by Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists)

Sunday, September 20 4:00 p.m. Patrick Macoska

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



The Church of the Covenant
11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106
216.421.0482 • CovenantWeb.org
Covenant@CovenantWeb.org