

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day

Render to Caesar
the things that are Caesar's,



Matthew 22:21

And to God
the things that are God's.

The Cragin Peal

Carillon Prelude

A Clearing in the Woods

David Cieri
Jasper Depraetere, St. Gummas in Lier, Belgium

Prelude

L'Ascension

II. Alléluias sereins d'une âme que désire le ciel
(Serene alleluias from a soul longing for heaven)

Jonathan Moyer, organ
Olivier Messiaen

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we may in mind dwell in Heaven.
Mass for the Ascension Day

Greeting & Announcements

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.**

Rev. Bill Hudson

Call to Worship

Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.

Psalm 99:9

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.

Opening Prayer

Faithful God, you are here.
Tuck us into the cleft of the rock;
cover us with your hand when we are anxious,
that we may be courageous to do your will,
through Christ, who calls us by name. Amen.

Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

Glory To God

Descant

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

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 for part one](#) and [here for part two](#).

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Joan Drushel.

Joan has been a member of Church of the Covenant since she was a student at CWRU, getting both a BA in Biology and an ND in Nursing. She has worked as a neonatal nurse in the NICU Transitional Unit at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital for 32 years. She has four daughters who grew up at Covenant and two grandchildren. She is serving her third term as deacon and participated in the guitar group and was Christmas Pageant costumer for 25 years.

TODAY

- 10:00 Carillon Concert
McGaffin Carillon
- 11:30 ZOOM Coffee Hour
[Click HERE to join via Zoom](#)
- 11:00 Science of Spirituality
Sonia Golden Room
- 1:30 Adult Handbell Choir
Beckwith Hall (upper level)
- 1:30 First Brazilian Church
Dowd Commons (lower level)

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

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NICAEA
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**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.

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!

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.*

Sacred Words כְּבוֹד – kaw·bode – (heaviness / presence) glory

Exodus 33:18

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:105

Deacon Joan Drushel
Lay Worship Leader

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

Torah

Exodus 33:1-12

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

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Glory To God

1 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! The God whose throne is
 2 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! The jus - tice done by
 3 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! When Mo - ses, Aar - on,
 4 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! A tow - er made of
 5 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! Our God for - gives, and

near to us is rul - er of the world. The Ho - ly One!
 God for us will shake and mend the world. O Ho - ly One!
 Sam - u - el cried out, our God re - plied. The Ho - ly One!
 cloud, a voice that spoke a last - ing law. The Ho - ly One!
 yet our sin must be set right at last. O Ho - ly One!

The German theologian Rudolph Otto described holiness as *mysterium tremendum et fascinans*, a terrifying and fascinating mystery. The awareness of such a divine encounter lies behind Psalm 99, and this 21st-century paraphrase conveys how God remains both personal and unfathomable.

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Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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 22:15-22

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

Sermon

In The Image

Rev. Bill Hudson

Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism 1 Q & A

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **My only comfort in life and in death**

**is that I am not my own,
but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall
from my head without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly
willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Bill Hudson

Invitation to Offering

Click here to visit the church's online giving page

Offertory

Kiko Weinroth, soprano
Jonathan Moyer, organ
Olivier Messiaen

O Sacrum Convivium

O sacrum convivium! in quo Christus sumitur:
O sacred banquet! in which Christ is received,
recolitur memoria passionis eius: mens impletur gratia:
the memory of his passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace,
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.
and a pledge of future glory to us is given. Alleluia.

- Anthem for Corpus Christi

**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

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO – is Latin for *Glory to God in the Highest*
and is a classic hymn of response at least **1,500 years old.**

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.**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.

Hymn 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

Glory To God

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.

Postlude

Jonathan Moyer, organ

L'Ascension

Olivier Messiaen

*III. Transport de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne
(Outburst of joy from a soul before the Glory of Christ which is its own glory)*

Giving thanks unto the Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light... has raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

The Epistles of Paul the Apostle to the Colossians and to the Ephesians

Carillon Postlude

Songs Without Words

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Jasper Depraetere, St.Rombold's Tower in Mechelen Belgium

An Outdoor Worship Update

Our outdoor worship services are over for this year.

The virtual service using the interactive bulletin will still be available.

Please Note:

The church is open for small groups of 20 or less. Please contact the office for more information.

COVID – 19 SAFETY PROCEDURES

We Are Following the Guidelines of the State of Ohio.

1. Masks **MUST** be worn while you are in the church building.
2. Wash your hands frequently.
3. Practice Social Distancing – keep six feet apart while in the church building.

We Keep in our Prayers: Walter Dickey (Susan Dahm's brother), Thelma Everhart, 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.

Covenant After-Worship Coffee Hour, 11:30 am by ZOOM

The Ministry of Faith Formation hosts a virtual coffee hour and fellowship time each week, [CLICK HERE](#) to join us!

NOTE: As adjustments are made to the Sunday morning schedule, we are tentatively planning to shift the coffee chat to 10:30 am, starting October 25. Please watch the e-News and the bulletin for confirmation of this change.

Morning Prayers

Rev. Hudson will be offering Morning Prayers on Tuesday and Thursday in the All Saints Chapel starting at 10:30 am. The Christ Chapel doors will be open at 10:00 am.

This Week at Covenant (October 18– October 24)

Sunday: Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 10 am;
[After-worship ZOOM Coffee Hour, 11:30 am](#)
Science of Spirituality, Sonia Golden Room, 11 am;
Adult Handbell Choir, Beckwith Hall, 1:30 pm;
First Brazilian Church, Dowd Commons, 1:30 pm.

Monday: No scheduled activities.

Tuesday: Staff Meeting, by Zoom, 9 am;
Morning Prayers, All Saints Chapel, 10:30 am;
Introductory Class for Handbell and Tone Chimes, "Les Cigales" (French for The Cicadas),
by Zoom, 11 am;
Trustee Meeting, by Zoom, 6:30 pm.

Wednesday: Ministry of Service Meeting, by Zoom, 6 pm.

Thursday: Morning Prayers, All Saints Chapel, 10:30 am;
Chancel Choir Virtual Rehearsal, by Zoom, 7:30 pm.

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

Saturday: Saturday Tutoring Program, by Zoom, 9 am;
Organ Lesson, Sanctuary, 3 pm.

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.](#)

Dear Members of my Covenant Family...

Thank you for making my 90th birthday so very special! Your cards and messages were a delight. The special surprise from the Deacons and my Cache buddies filled my heart (and tummy) to the brim. Growing old isn't so bad when you have loving, caring persons such as yourselves, by your side. I look forward to seeing you all soon. May God bless you all. *Zoe Ann*

All Saints' Day Musical Memorial

We will celebrate the lives of loved ones who passed away over the last year on Sunday, November 1, *All Saints' Day*. Dr. Jennifer Conner has offered to pair her musical composition, *My Peace*, with a photo collage of congregants, family, and friends who are no longer with us. This special tribute will be a part of the musical offering for our virtual worship service. For additional information or to share a digital photograph, please contact faithformation@covenantweb.org.

Covenant Choirs A-LIVE

Are you looking for a singing outlet during the pandemic? Join Covenant Chancel Choir for live, virtual rehearsals and fellowship on select Thursday evenings this fall, from 7:30-8:30 pm. All are welcome to participate in this unique music making opportunity. Contact the music department for additional information or for the Zoom link to participate: music@covenantweb.org.

Our adult handbell choir is now rehearsing live, in-person on Sunday afternoons, from 1:30-2:15 pm. Socially distanced and fully gloved, this group is making music together again. Contact the music department to learn more about rehearsals: music@covenantweb.org.

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/>

All Votes Count Transportation Information

Through our network of volunteer drivers, we will provide three forms of transportation service for voters. These include, **Early Voting, Ballot Drop Off, and Voting Day.**

Please call: 216-801-1101 to set up a ride or [click on the link](#) for more 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.

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>

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.

Volunteer Opportunity

Reparations Now Cleveland is seeking the volunteer services of either a CPA, accountant or tax attorney to assist this start-up organization in establishing processes and procedures which will ensure, among other things, that all contributions received are properly acknowledged for tax purposes. Covenant member Cassie Denbow serves on their Steering Committee and will connect any potential volunteer(s) with the local Reparations Now Cleveland team members. Contact Cassie at cassie.denbow@gmail.com for further information.

UPCaM – UNITED PROTESTANT CAMPUS MINISTRY

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.

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