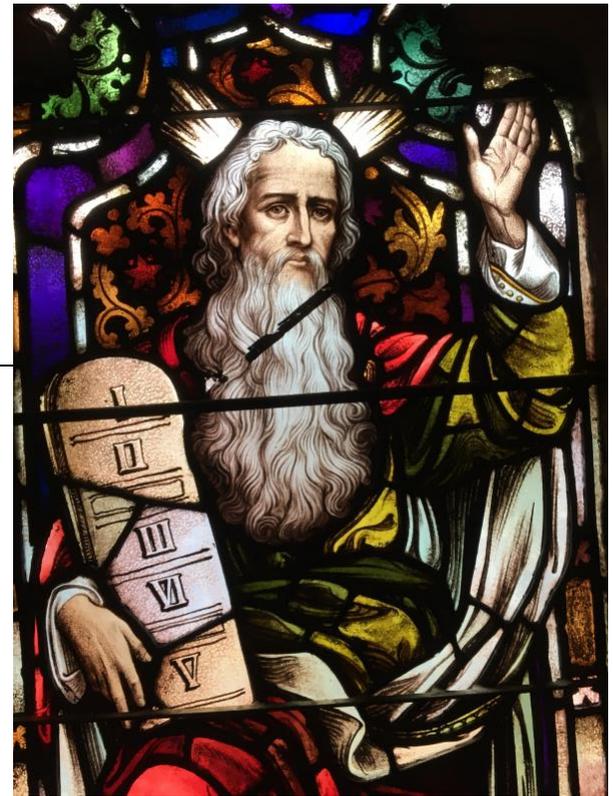


The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**

Sunday, October 4, 2020  
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Service of Worship  
for the Lord's Day

*In the west gallery are three-lancet windows by Gorham from 1911 depicting Moses and David. The Moses window is a memorial to Ann Walworth (1825 – 1905), Sarah Walworth (1827 – 1894), and Mary Walworth Bradbury (1831 – 1892). Beams of light at Moses' head refer to the way his face shone after his time with God on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:29–35).*



*The Cragin Peal*

*Carillon Prelude*

*Hymn Improvisation*

*Prelude*

*Praeludium in e minor, "The Great"*

*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.**

*Kyrie*

*from Mass for Four Voices*

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.*

*Call to Worship*

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
**and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Paul Stelben Yale University

Jonathan Moyer, organ  
Nicolaus Bruhns

Rev. Bill Hudson

Chancel Choir Soloists  
William Byrd

Psalm 19:1

## 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.

*Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.*

## Kyrie

The Prayer, "*Kyrie, Eleison*" – "Lord have mercy" is a biblical prayer. Going back to the ancient Hebrew *קָנוּ, קָנוּ* "have mercy on me, Lord" (Psalm 4:1, 6:2, 9:23, 25:16, 27:7, 30:10, 31:9, f1:1, 86:19, 123:3) In the New Testament, the Kyrie appears three times (Matthew 15:22, 17:15, and Matthew 20:30). In the

Glory To God

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Greek speaking church it is still used in the opening of worship. In the fourth century when the Service was translated into Latin from the Greek. It began with the Greek words *Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison*. And in the Latin Mass even today the Kyrie is spoken in Greek instead of Latin. Note: as the Church changes from one culture to another it always keeps something from the past, such as the Hebrew Amen.

**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.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table,  
 O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
 but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
 We are not worthy so much as to gather  
 up the crumbs under thy Table.  
 But thou art the same Lord,  
 whose property is always to have mercy:

**MUSIC NOTES**

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Reflection On the Church*

Martha Goble,  
*President of the Society*

*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 Word* ὄχλος – ochlos – crowd / people (Matthew 21:46)

*Prayer of Illumination*

Psalm 119:105  
Trustee Harriet Wadsworth  
*Lay Worship Leader*

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

The *Kyrie, Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei* sung as part of our communion celebration this week were set by English composer William Byrd (1539-1623). Byrd struggled to maintain his Catholic faith at a time when Roman Catholicism was forbidden in Britain. Excerpts from Byrd's Mass for Four Voices (1593) are sung by Anna O'Connell, JW Keckley, and Michael Peters. The straightforward melodic writing illustrates great respect for this sacred text—central to Byrd's devout faith, even as he and others were persecuted from observing their religious freedom.

The music staff are delighted to provide an offertory on our newly refurbished handbells. Part of a two-year project supported by the Friends of Music, our British Whitechapel handbells have been meticulously cleaned, repaired, and refurbished so they can continue to ring praises for years to come.

**OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER** is Harriet Wadsworth.

I joined the Church of the Covenant in 1984. My daughters Julia and Margaret Wadsworth grew up here, were active in youth groups, and joined the church.

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

My husband John Orlock and I were married by the Rev. Jim Dowd. I am an EFM graduate, have served as a Stephen Minister and on Session and was a member of the search committee that called the Rev. Bert Campbell. Currently I serve as a Trustee and as chair of the Organ Committee.

*Psalter*

*Psalm 19*

ELLACOMBE

*All are invited to sing.*

**The heav'ns unfold Your glory, Lord,  
In ev'ry realm of space,  
The outmost bounds of all that is  
Resound Your wonderous grace.  
Succeeding days to day confess,  
And nights to night record  
In words beyond our sense to hear  
The greatness of the Lord.**

**The earth's imagined cornerstones  
Acclaim with joy their Source,  
Who sets the gleaming stars ablaze,  
And gives the sun its course.  
In ev'ry place within the sphere  
Your craft is ever found;  
Majestic mountains, seas, and skies  
With ordered might resound.**

**Your Word is sure and perfect still,  
A source of light and life;  
Your Law is right and reason-filled,  
Your peace, the end of strife.  
Your everlasting truth and love  
Can scarce be fully told;  
More sweet than honey from the comb,  
More precious yet than gold.**

**You know the secrets of our hearts,  
But deign to love us here;  
Preserved from pride and self-conceit,  
We meet You without fear.  
May all the words our tongues shall speak  
And all our thoughts in store  
Find grace with You, Redeemer, Rock,  
Now and for evermore.**

**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](#)

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

**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!

*Epistle Lesson*

Philippians 3:4-14

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

*Gospel Lesson*

Matthew 21:33-46

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

*Sermon*

*The Stone the Builders Rejected*

Rev. Bill Hudson

*Invitation to Offering*

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

*Offertory*

*Master, No Offering Costly and Sweet*

Covenant Handbell Quartet

Edwin Parker,  
arr. Robert Groth

## ***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*

### **SEND**

Having been nurtured and nourished through worship, we are sent from this place to glorify God in the service of our daily lives.

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*All the members of the church*  
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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 Leggiero, MA  
Carillonneur

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

(sung to Forest Green)

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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God of Hosts.*

*Heaven and earth are  
full of thy glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Sanctus*

*from Mass for Four Voices*

Chancel Choir Soloists

William Byrd

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

You are holy of God of majesty . . .

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . .

. . . now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sanctus**

The *Sanctus* (Latin), Holy (English) is found in the fourth century ancient Roman Rite is directly inspired by the Prophet Isaiah's vision of God's glory (Isaiah 6:3). This prayer may have been used in the synagogue before Christianity. St. Clement of Rome (AD 88-97) Letter to the Corinthians urged its use in worship. It is widely used in the ancient liturgies of the Coptic, Syriac, Byzantine (Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom) and Latin.

*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.**

*Agnus Dei*  
from *Mass for Four Voices*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.*

Chancel Choir Soloists  
William Byrd

*Breaking of the Bread*

*Prayer After Communion*

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And forget not all God's benefits.

Psalm 103:1-2

*Lamb of God,  
who takest away the sins  
of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God,  
who takest away the sins  
of the world,  
grant us peace.*

### **Agnus Dei**

The Agnus Dei (Latin) for "Lamb of God" (John 1:29). The Syriac (the Church of the East) custom of a chant to the Lamb of God was introduced into the Roman Rite by Pope Sergius I (687-701).

### **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed on the first Sunday of October. It focuses on the observance of communion throughout the world!

The tradition was started in 1933 by the Rev'd. Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA. Christian unity – connecting the congregation with the missionaries throughout the word that the congregation sponsored.

## Glory To God

7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of  
 3. Here be - stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of  
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 Hosts, to - day; With Your wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 You to gain, What they gain from You for - ev - er  
 to the Son, Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray, And Your full - est  
 With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter  
 Ev - er three and ev - er one; One in might and

help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

## SESSION

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 Jim Mate, Secretary

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
**the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**  
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**  
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;  
**the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**  
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
**sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Postlude

*Tierce en taille* from *Messe pour les couvent*

Jonathan Moyer, organ  
François Couperin

Carillon Postlude

*Capriccio No. 3*

Ronald Barnes  
Paul Stelben Yale University

**An Update from Session for a Return to In-Person Worship**

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.

**Please Note:**

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

**We Keep in our Prayers:** Barb Clint, 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.

**Our Prayers** are with the family and friends of Willie Howard who's uncle Earl Howard died on September 28th.

**\* \* \* 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](mailto:Faithformation@CovenantWeb.org) to sign-up.

## **Morning Prayers**

Rev. Hudson will be offering Morning Prayers on Tuesday and Thursday in Christ Chapel starting next week at 10:30 am. The Christ Chapel door will be open at 10:00 am.

## **Happy 100th Birthday to us!**

On October 6, 1920, officers of the newly formed corporation The Church of the Covenant Society met for the first time. On Sunday, October 10, 1920, members of two newly merged congregations worshiped together for the first time as The Church of the Covenant. We'll stretch our observances of this centennial milestone until health considerations make it possible for us to celebrate it together. Stay tuned to learn more in coming months! (For more about the founding events, **click here**.)

## **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/>

## **Trunk or Treat!**

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

## **This Week at Covenant (October 4– October 10)**

**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);**

**Monday:** No scheduled activities.

**Tuesday: Staff Meeting, by Zoom, 9:30 am;**  
**Morning Prayers, Christ Chapel, 10:30 am;**  
**Tuesday Morning Bells, by Zoom, 11am.**

**Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, by Zoom 10 am;**  
**12 Steps to Freedom, Activities Room, 5:30 pm;**  
**Deacons Meeting, Dowd Commons, 6:30 pm.**

**Thursday: Morning Prayers, Christ Chapel, 10:30 am.**

**Friday: 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>

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.upcam.org) and/or email: [office@upcam.org](mailto:office@upcam.org).

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

## **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 the link below to read the story online. [https://www.cleveland.com/metro/2014/12/ted\\_adams\\_remembers\\_a\\_dec\\_18\\_o.html](https://www.cleveland.com/metro/2014/12/ted_adams_remembers_a_dec_18_o.html)

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