

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day



The Cragin Peal

Carillon Prelude

Adagio BWV 971

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.**

Prelude

Gagliarda

Call to Worship

Clothe yourselves with the breastplate of faith and love
and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

J. S. Bach
Richard de Waarde
Mechelen Belgium

Rev. Bill Hudson

Jonathan Moyer, organ
Peter Philips

1 Thessalonians 5:8

A 14th century BCE of an ancient Egyptian tomb wall painting. In the painting, gold rings are being weighed. The measure of the weight is call a "talent."

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.

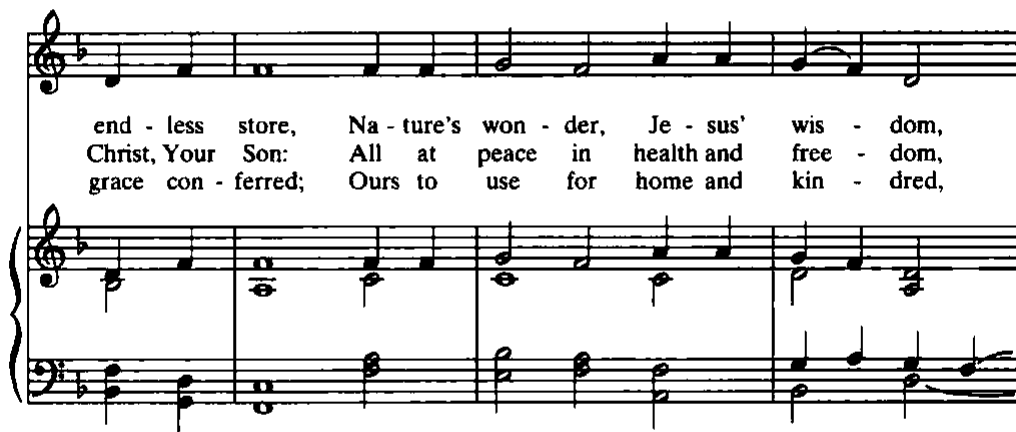
ENCOUNTER

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

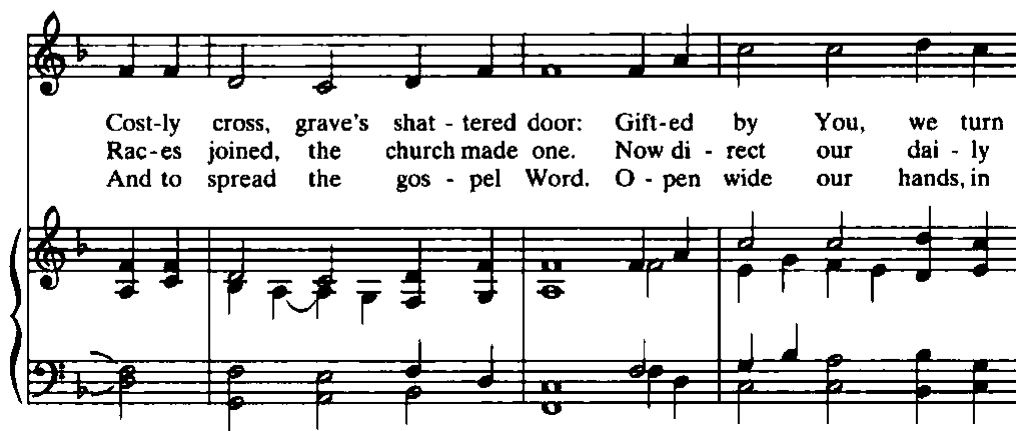
Robert L. Edwards, 1961

The Sacred Harp, 1844
Harm. James H. Wood, 1958


1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From Your rich and
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the goals of
3. Trea - sure too You have en - trust - ed, Gain through powers Your



end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
Christ, Your Son: All at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred,



Cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door: Gift-ed by You, we turn
Rac-es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
And to spread the gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands, in

MUSIC NOTES

Music notes include information about our keyboard and choral music. and Chancel Choir soloists performing this week include Yukiko Weinroth, Gwen DeLaney, Aidan Klemm, and Gavin O'Keefe.

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](#).

TODAY

10:00 Carillon Concert
McGaffin Carillon

**** NEW Sunday Line-Up ****

10:30 ZOOM Coffee Chat
[Click HERE to join via Zoom](#)

11:00 The After Church Forum
Rev. Hugh Burtner
[Click HERE to join via Zoom](#)

12:00 Children's Sunday Zoom Meeting
[Click HERE to join via Zoom](#)

SEND

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

to You, Of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful
 la - bor, Lest we strive for self a - lone; Born with
 shar - ing, As we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing,

song shall rise for - ev - er, Gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 tal - ents, make us ser - vants Fit to an - swer at Your throne.
 teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, Serv - ing You by lov - ing all.

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 RISK LEVEL FOR
 CUYAHOGA COUNTY,
 PLEASE CALL THE
 OFFICE TO SCHEDULE
 AN APPOINTMENT.
 216-421-0482**

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!

Prayer of Confession

Anne Wombwell deConingh
Lay Worship Leader

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will.

We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.

We have spoken without an effort to understand others.

We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.

We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.

We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands.

Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants.

Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sins

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Anne Wombwell deConingh.

Anne was confirmed in this church in 1959. A retired educator, she spent most of her career teaching English at Hawken School. At the Covenant, Anne has served as an usher, greeter, deacon, helper with sanctuary flowers for holiday services, Sunday school teacher, and now a new member of Session. Anne lives in Chagrin Falls where she is very busy as Chairperson of the Parks Commission, Co-Chair of Beautification for the downtown gardens and urns, and Secretary for the Friends of the Chagrin Falls Library.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jonah 4:2

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

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

*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 **τάλαντον** - tal·an·ton - Talent

Matthew 25:14

Anthem

Covenant Chancel Choir Soloists

Prayer of St. Francis

René Clausen

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is injury, help me to pardon.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring light.
Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy.
O Lord, master divine,
grant that I not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
and in pardoning that we are pardoned.
For in dying we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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

Writings

Judges 4:1-7

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

Psalter *Psalm 123 – To You, O Lord, We lift Our Eyes* CANNONS

1 To you, O Lord, we lift our eyes, to you en-
2 Have mer - cy on us now, O Lord; con - tempt has

throned in heaven a - bove; as ser - vants wait for
been our lot too long. Too long have we been

those they serve, so we look up and wait God's love.
mocked and scorned, de - rid - ed by the proud and strong.

Psalm 123 is one of several "songs of ascents," likely sung by Jewish pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem for one of the three great annual feasts: Passover, Weeks, and Booths. As this paraphrase suggests, these were short psalms that could be easily memorized and sung together.

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Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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 25:14-30

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

Sermon

Talents

Rev. Bill Hudson

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son,
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

Click here to visit the church's online giving page

Offertory

It is Well with My Soul

Covenant Chancel Choir Soloists

arr. James Biery

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like the sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—
not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so,” it is well with my soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All good things come from you, O God,
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.

You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image.

When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior.

**All that we are and all that we have
are a trust from you.**

And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,
we offer you ourselves and all that we have,
in union with Christ's offering for us.

By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,

and one in ministry to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.**

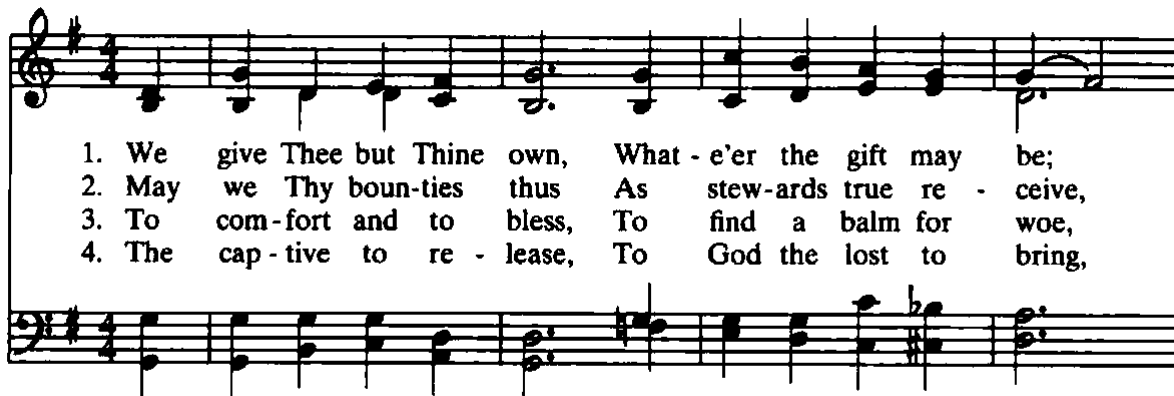
**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever,
Amen.**

Charge

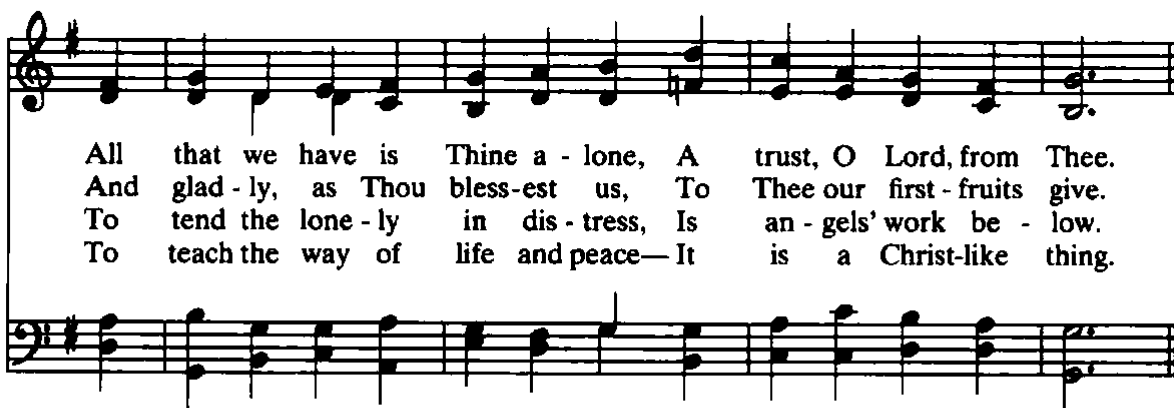
Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.

William Walsham How, c. 1858

Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850


1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
 2. May we Thy boun-ties thus As stew-ards true re - ceive,
 3. To com-fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
 4. The cap-tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless-est us, To Thee our first - fruits give.
 To tend the lone - ly in dis - tress, Is an - gels' work be - low.
 To teach the way of life and peace—It is a Christ-like thing.

5. And we believe Thy Word,
 Though dim our faith may be;
 Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
 We do it unto Thee.

Blessing

2 Corinthians 13:13

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

*Postlude**Gagliarda and Variatio*Jonathan Moyer, organ
Heinrich Scheidemann*Carillon Postlude**Fugue*J. S. Bach
Jessie Lee University of California, Berkeley

Please Note:

The church building is temporarily closed once again due to the Updated COVID-19 Risk Level for Cuyahoga County. 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: Thelma Everhart, Joe Garrett (Matthew's father), Jacqueline Hudson, 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, Raymond Tomko (Nick's grandfather), Kim Voss, Julia Wadsworth, Jim Watson, Gabriel (Jenny Conner's grand-nephew) and ALL teachers, students and parents. We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or homebound; patients, family, and staff in our surrounding hospitals.

We Extend our Sympathies to Matthew Garrett and family on the death of his uncle who passed on November 9th.

Covenant Sunday Coffee Chat, 10:30 am by ZOOM

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

The After Church Forum, 11:00 am by ZOOM

Come together in fellowship with young adults, young professionals, and the young-at-heart for opportunities to nourish your spiritual development! The Ministry of Faith Formation will sponsor adult education forums almost every Sunday, beginning at 11:00 am. All are welcome to engage with our Covenant Community as we grow in faith and spirit, together!

This Sunday, November 15th at 11:00 Dr. Burtner will introduce us to Isabel Wilkerson's recent book, *CASTE: THE ORIGINS OF OUR DISCONTENTS*. You are invited to participate.

[CLICK HERE](#) to join us at 11:00 am.

Children's Sunday Zoom Meeting

On Sunday (11/8) we had four kids in our Sunday Zoom!! Ms. Jenny shared her music with them and encouraged them to share their thankful thoughts from the past week. We looked at pictures of animals and talked about how we will create our own piece for the final project! Even in these challenging times, there are so many things we can be thankful for. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again this coming Sunday (11/15) as we continue creating our musical presentation with Ms. Jenny. *Kaori Hong*

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/>

Ministry of Faith Formation Meeting Monday, November 16 at 7:00 pm, ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join MoFF by ZOOM to consider how our church is growing in faith through virtual worship services. We will also take time for Children/Youth and Adult Christian education support team updates, as we finalize programming through the Advent and Christmas seasons and look toward 2021. Bring your ideas and suggestions as we consider possibilities for the winter, and beyond.

[CLICK HERE](#) or contact Elder Matthew Garrett for the Zoom meeting link and for additional information: faithformation@covenantweb.org.

Rev. Hudson's Address

3502 St. Andrew's Lane, Richfield, OH 44286. Please use this address for any personal correspondence for Rev. Hudson or his wife Jacqueline. Thank you.

Deacons Christmas Gifts

This Christmas season, more Covenant members will be homebound than ever. The Deacons are working hard to make warm lap blankets for anyone who is feeling shut in this winter. Recipients will be contacted by phone and the blankets will be delivered to your door without contact. If you or anyone you know of could use a blanket or if you would like to make a blanket for someone this season please contact *Julie Mailey* at [440-729-0957](tel:440-729-0957).

Leave a message and you will receive a callback.

Centennial Moment:

Covenant Centennial Note for Veterans Day from the Archives

In recognition of Veterans Day in 2020—the year in which the U.S. marked the 75th anniversary of the end of its involvement in World War II—here is a glance into the many cartons of records from the ministry of The Reverend Dr. Philip Smead Bird (1928–48). He was an ardent and outspoken pacifist following the First World War. Once our nation joined the Second World War, more than two hundred men and women of the congregation served in the U.S. armed forces. Our congregation sent them weekly worship bulletins, subscriptions to Reader's Digest (which many of them shared), pencils, and candy. And Dr. Bird corresponded personally with every one of them.

Dr. Bird often wrote news of their Cleveland family and friends, assuring each member of the church's care: "How happy I was to receive your grand letter, and doubly so at the conclusion of the service after your wife had spoken to me." Those in service revealed feelings they felt they could not share with loved ones: "Sometimes I have a pretty strong fight on my hands to keep my spirits up, but don't tell my wife that." Some of the members' letters have been redacted with a razor, lest their comments reveal their locations or other sensitive military matters. One stationed somewhere in Europe stated that he could not mention his location and that he suspected he would not make it home (Kenneth Handyside, cousin of Holsey—he did not). One confided his love and his plans to propose marriage when the war ended (which he did—Frank Marrapodi, to Carmela).

These letters are among the archives' greatest treasures. They convey a generation's sacrifice and a pastor's love.

iPads & Tablets Needed!

The church is looking for gently used iPads or tablets to donate to shut-in members that would like to enjoy our Virtual Service. If you can help, contact Dennis Matz at dmatz@covenantweb.org

This Week at Covenant (November 15–November 21)

Sunday: Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, 10 am;

Covenant Sunday Coffee Chat, [Click HERE to join by Zoom](#), 10:30 am;

The After Church Forum, [Click HERE to join via Zoom](#), 11:00 am;

Children's Sunday Zoom Meeting, [Click HERE to join via Zoom](#), 12:00 pm.

Monday: Ministry of Faith Formation Meeting, [Click HERE to join by Zoom](#), 7:00 pm.

Tuesday: Staff Meeting, by Zoom, 9 am;

Introductory Class for Handbell and Tone Chimes, "Les Cigales" (French for The Cicadas),
by Zoom, 11 am.

Trustees Meeting, by Zoom, 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ministry of Service Meeting, by Zoom, 6:00 pm;

Session Meeting, by Zoom, 7:00 pm.

Thursday: Cache Meeting, by Zoom, 10:00 am;

Chancel Choir Virtual Rehearsal, by Zoom, 7:30 pm.

Friday: Food Pantry, Tower Door, 10:00 am;

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

Saturday: No scheduled activities.

Reminder:

The church food pantry is open **ONCE** for the months of November and December.

The dates are Friday, November 20th, and Friday, December 18th.

Share Your Thoughts about Covenant Virtual Worship

For the past several months, our church has worked to create virtual spaces for worship. The Ministry of Faith Formation endeavors to learn more about member experiences with these services as we reflect on ways to nourish the spiritual development of our community and of those who may become members of our Covenant Community.

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts about how you and your family have engaged with our virtual worship services by [completing a short online questionnaire](#). The survey tool is still available through 12:00 pm on Sunday, November 15.

Responses are collected anonymously. The Worship & Music support team will meet to review responses and consider ways to continue to grow faith formation through worship. Thank you!

Covenant Choirs A-LIVE

Are you looking for a singing outlet during the pandemic? Join Covenant Chancel Choir for live, virtual rehearsals and fellowship 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.

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.

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

Mission Possible: CWRU's New Physical Resource Center and GRAD Food Bags

Campus ministry continues to be equal parts wonderful and uncharted this fall semester.

While many things require reimagining and even postponement, CWRU students continue to engage remotely and in person.

Late September, undergraduate leaders launched CWRU's new Physical Resource Center (PRC) near Mitchell's Ice Cream and the campus's Northside. Known as the PRC at CWRU, this space is designed by undergraduate leaders for both undergraduate and graduate students to offer students in need non-perishable food, gently-used household items, and clothing.

On October 9, Rev. Shelley Nelson-Bridger and Marta Safko from UPCaM were invited to tour the PRC with student leader, Ronnie Sharangpani. On behalf of Church of the Covenant, we purchased and presented 60 non-perishable items to help begin the PRC's food distribution. 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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