

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 13, 2014

10:00 AM



MINISTERS

All the Members of the Church

The Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, *Pastor*

The Rev. Laury W. Larson, *Associate Pastor*

The Rev. Jonyrma R. Singleton, *Associate Pastor*

The Rev. Eileen F. Vizcaino, *Chaplain & Director, Student-Community Ministries*

Dr. Jonathan W. Moyer, *Organist & Director of Music*

Dr. Kaori Hongo, *Associate Organist & Director of Music for Children and Youth*

Ms. Mindy Stewart, *Family Matters Coordinator*

The Rev. Dr. Catherine G. Borchert, *Parish Associate*

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THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT WELCOMES all who have come to worship with us. This congregation seeks to be a spiritual home for people from all walks of life, and to be involved in the vital personal and social concerns of our day. Here you will find a diversity of religious opinion, an openness to questions of faith and practice, and a commitment of respect for one another as together we seek to discern God's purposes for our lives. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member or participant in our family of faith.

OUR VISION

Seeking to live God's Word, we aspire to:

- ✻ Be a welcoming spiritual home,
- ✻ Live God's inclusive love,
- ✻ Express Christ's compassion,
- ✻ Do justice in the world.

CONVINCED OF GOD'S GRACE, the Church of the Covenant seeks to be open and affirming, welcoming all people.



- ✻ *Units of the Easy Listener system, large-print bulletins, and individual seat cushions are available from the ushers.*
- ✻ *Please sign the signature book found at the end of your pew.*
- ✻ *We ask that you please turn off cell phones and pagers; refrain from walking in the aisles during the sermon and prayers or taking pictures during the service; and, if you are double parked, move your car immediately following the service.*
- ✻ *Copies of recent sermons are available on the kiosks and on our website at CovenantWeb.org.*
- ✻ *Please remember that, as a welcoming congregation, our building is open. As such, you will not want to leave your belongings unattended.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter the sanctuary reverently and let the power and inspiration of the music prepare you to experience the majesty and glory of God.

During the Parting Response, all children (grades K-8) are invited to exit the sanctuary for SOS: Summer of Stories.

For those who wish to read scriptural texts in advance, the reading chosen for today is Micah 6:8 and Romans 12:9-18.

* Those who are able may stand.

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO

THE CHANCEL ORGAN

TIMOTHY ROBSON
Visiting Organist

Lantana from Plymouth Suite

PERCY WHITLOCK

WELCOME

THE REV. JONYRMA R. SINGLETON

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

* CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA
All are invited to sing.

**God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story: bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

JONATHAN GOINS

One Voice: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

Response: **We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.**

We are here because we want to be God's people.

We want to learn more about what it means to be God's people.

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* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GRETCHEN DRUSHEL

One Voice: The Spirit calls each of us.

In Unison: But we are often reluctant to heed the call.

**The wind of the Spirit blows, at times fiercely,
and draws us onward.**

**Yet we cling to fragile familiarities, to securities, and
to safety.**

**Help us to risk letting go, to stand free as your
servant people.**

**Help us to capture the visions of the future, so that
we can truly be the church.**

**Be with us in our confessions, as we continue to pray
in the silence of our hearts.**

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN *(in silence)*

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One Voice: Hear the Good News!

Through Christ, life has been given to us as a new
gift for today. We are a new and different people
from this moment on!

Friends, believe the joyful truth of the gospel.

Response: Let us arise then and walk in the Light of Christ!

* GLORIA PATRI

Each worshiper may choose between the following texts:

Inclusive:

**Glory be to our Maker,
and to the Christ,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
Amen.**

Traditional:

**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.
Amen.**

HEBREW LESSON

MICAH 6:8

Nicholas Graham

ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

SPIRITUAL

arr. Moses Hogan

Gretchen Weber, mezzo-soprano

Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

PARTING RESPONSE

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

*All are invited to sing as children and youth depart to the Living Room
for Stories of Summer with Shirley Thompson, ending at 11 am.*

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.**

EPISTLE READING

ROMANS 12:9–18

SERMON

Use Words If Necessary

COLLIN DENBOW

* HYMN 319

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION
AND PETITION

DONALD GOINS

Includes intercession for people affected by gun violence and the tolling of the tower bell.

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.**

CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

MCNEIL ROBINSON

All are invited to sing.



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art

arr. Craig Courtney

Gretchen Weber, mezzo-soprano

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Refrain:

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain:

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain

* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

All who are able may stand, row by row, as the ushers walk forward with the offering plates.

Each worshiper may choose between the following texts:

Inclusive:

**Praise God from whom all
blessings flow;
Give praise all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Traditional:

**Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NAOMI MARSH

OUR MISSION TRIP VIDEO

JOHN MARSH

* RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Voice One: As Jesus sent the disciples out into the countryside
to preach and to heal,

Voice Two: So Christ sends us out to speak words of hope and
to heal human hurt today.

**In Unison: We accept this mission to be God's people
in the world.**

Voice Three: Go on your way, rejoicing in the presence of God's
Spirit,

Voice Four: and in the power of the gospel of love and hope.

In Unison: For yours is the glory, O God, now and forevermore.

Voice One: Let us depart now and hold fast to the Covenant,
knowing that in Christ we are no longer strangers and
sojourners but dearly loved children of the Living
God.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

This meeting of the congregation is to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Covenant members may vote. Guests are welcome to stay or leave at this time.

Meeting convened with Prayer

The Rev. Laury W. Larson

Nominating Committee Report

Elder Martha Goble

Kayla Clint, Will Klein, Chris Langmack, Sybil Marsh, LaShawna Adams Mitchell, Debbie Rorick, and Mindy Stewart; Tom Denbow as alternate.

Nominations from the Floor

Election of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Motion to Adjourn

Closing Prayer

Rev. Larson

THE CHANCEL ORGAN

Processional

WILLIAM MATHIAS

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON



Following the tradition of many great houses of worship in the United States and Europe, the Church of the Covenant celebrates the role of the pipe organ in its capacity to lead worship through supportive accompaniment and inspiring repertoire. Postludes may on occasion extend longer than the time period some may wish to remain in the sanctuary. If you feel the need to leave early, please do so quietly out of respect for those who wish to remain.

ABOUT OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today our worship service is led by the Mission Team of Covenant youth and adults who traveled to Maytown, Kentucky to participate with CrossRoads Missions in partnership with area ministries and organizations. They did construction projects and served in local community programs, and spent daily time in worship and fellowship. Youth participants were Kayla Clint, Collin Denbow, Gretchen Drushel, Donald Goins, Jonathan Goins, Nicholas Graham, Julia Haiss, Naomi Marsh and Daniel Veenstra; adult leaders were John Marsh, Luther Moss, Mindy Stewart, Alex Veenstra and the Reverend Jonyrma Singleton. This was the 20th mission trip led by Jonyrma since she joined the pastoral staff in 1992.

MUSICIANS

We welcome mezzo-soprano soloist and Covenant choir member, Gretchen Weber, and visiting organist, Timothy Robson.

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Gretchen received her bachelor of arts degree in music performance from Saint Louis University in 2013. She will begin her second year of graduate work in the fall at Case Western Reserve University, working towards her masters in music education, along with attaining her teaching license. She is an alto in the Covenant Choir and studies with Dr. Dean Southern at the Cleveland Institute of Music (CIM).

Timothy Robson was Director of Music for 27 years at Euclid Avenue Congregational Church in Cleveland. He now substitutes widely for churches all over northeast Ohio. During the week he is Associate Director for Academic Engagement in the Kelvin Smith Library at Case Western Reserve University.

SOS: SUMMER OF STORIES for children and youth continues today from 10:15 until 11 am in the Living Room. Today Shirley Thompson will share her story.

BELIEVING GOD CALLS US TO BE PEACEMAKERS, by Session action, we include in the Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Petition, once each month, specific concern for people affected by gun violence and addressing the evil of gun violence in our nation, marked by the tolling of the tower bell.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Resch, whose birthday is July 13, by her daughter Rebecca (Becky) Johnston; and Douglas Peace Handyside, Sr., whose birthday is July 15, by members of the Handyside family.

USHERS TODAY are Reathel McWhorter, Ted Adams, Martha Goble, Jim Greene, and Keith Kallay; greeting are Liz Shriver and Greg Madison.

STEPHEN MINISTERS are church members trained to support individuals who are facing difficulties and would like a caring Christian presence during this struggle. If you would like someone to pray or talk with, you are invited to visit with a Stephen Minister in Christ Chapel following worship today.

MIDWEEK MUSIC & MEDITATION, WEDNESDAYS, 4:30–5 PM

Midweek Music & Meditation is a service for anyone who would find comfort in a time of reflection, music, and prayer. Prayer requests placed in *The Carpenter's Box* on the Christ Chapel table are included in the time of prayer.

FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD ON SUNDAY, JULY 20, the Reverend Jonyrma Singleton's sermon title is "Encountering God." The scripture lessons are Psalm 139:1–18, 23–24 and Genesis 28:10–17. Children will leave for SOS: Summer of Stories, which concludes at 11 am. They will talk with Carrie Stewart.

IN THE COVENANT FAMILY

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS Rolf Krotseng, Marjorie Wadsworth, and other Covenant members and friends who are struggling with illness, convalescing, or are homebound.

We congratulate Catherine (Kitty Sillars) Van Aken and Ian Van Aken on the birth of their daughter, Susan Catherine Van Aken, on July 8 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Kitty was baptized on Reverend Laury Larson's first Sunday at Covenant.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION IS CALLED FOR TODAY to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) for the position of Associate Pastor of the Church of the Covenant. The Nominating Committee places the following people in nomination for the APNC: Kayla Clint, Will Klein, Chris Langmack, Sybil Marsh, LaShawna Adams Mitchell, Debbie Rorick, and Mindy Stewart; Tom Denbow as alternate.

LOOKING AHEAD

THE SOUTHEND CHOIR FROM ESSEX, ENGLAND, SUNDAY, JULY 27

On Sunday, July 27, thirty-seven members of the Southend Choirs will perform in Covenant’s 10 am service of worship and will provide a 45 minute concert following the service. A potluck lunch follows. The Southend Choir has over 140 singers, aged 8 through 21, from across Southend and the South East of Essex, UK. The choirs regularly perform in London’s major concert venues, including St. Martin in the Fields, St. James Piccadilly and Royal Albert Hall, as well as on national TV and radio stations, in addition to making recordings and CDs. *Sign up in the church office for the Potluck!*

HOUSING FOR 2 SOUTHEND CHOIR MEMBERS STILL NEEDED – CAN YOU HOST?

Members of our congregation are opening their homes to these young people Saturday evening, July 26 through Tuesday morning, July 29. We are in need of one host family for two youth (two per home). Please contact Kaori Hongo at kaoriaki@yahoo.com or call the church office at 216.421.0482 if you would be able to host youth.

KITCHEN & DINING ROOM CLOSED IN JULY

A task group is assessing ways to improve and better utilize our lower level. As an early step in this process, the Trustees have approved a professional restaurant cleaning service to steam clean the kitchen and equipment. The lower level kitchen and dining area will be closed during July for this cleaning. Our bright shiny kitchen will reopen the last week in July. Watch for details of a special event and future plans for the kitchen and dining room. Please note that because of this cleaning the Cache will be closed on Tuesday, July 15.

The Church of the Covenant Activities Schedule: Sunday, July 13 through July 20		
<i>July Calendars are in the narthex, kiosks, and church office. Summer office hours are 9 am – 4 pm.</i>		
SUNDAY, JULY 13		
8 am	Organ / Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:30 am	Crèche (<i>infants through pre-kindergarten</i>)	Education Wing
10 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	SOS: Summer of Stories (<i>Children & Youth through 11 am</i>)	Living Room
11 am	Snacks for Students/Reception	Narthex/Lawn
12:30 pm	Science of Spirituality	Sonia Golden Room
MONDAY, JULY 14		
12 pm	UC Al Anon Family Group	Herrick Room
5 pm	Adult Education & Black History Committees	Office Area
6:30 pm	Citizen Circle	Herrick Room

TUESDAY, JULY 15		
9 am	Staff Meeting	Office Area
10 am	Covenant Cache is CLOSED today	Activities Room
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16		
12 pm	University Circle Bible Study (<i>all welcome</i>)	Library
4:30 pm	Midweek Music & Meditation	Christ Chapel
5:30 pm	12 Steps to Freedom	Activities Room
THURSDAY, JULY 17		
10 am	Covenant Cache	Activities Room
FRIDAY, JULY 18		
SATURDAY, JULY 19		
9:30 am	Children, Youth, and Families Ministries Retreat	Sonia Golden Room
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CAMPUS CORNER

SCC: STUDENT COMMUNITY AT COVENANT

 **11AM Snacks for Students** - at the table in the narthex (lobby). Find other YA's here for the summer. **Thanks for last week's Muffins from Marion**, and traveling mercies to Mark from Czech Republic and Chip off to California.

Maybe make plans to go see. . . .

 **W.O.W - Wade Oval Wednesday, July 16**, between the Botanical Garden and the Museum of Art. **Music starts at 6pm - Dance Party Music with Afterthought and the Nusoul Band, til' 9pm.**

 **Wednesday, 7:30pm at Transformer Station, 1460 W 29th St, Cleveland, OH 44113. FREE! Hear Chapottin, top Cuban song group.** Take the Red Line from E. 120th St. station at 6:46 pm to W. 25th Ohio City Station, OR join a group by car: 216-233-5151.

 **In Cleveland for the summer? Watch this space** for "something to do" each Sunday after worship or during the week, and friends to join. And check out **Facebook: SCC: Student Community at Covenant. We are here for you.**

 **And the Chaplain's ear is listening for you anytime. (Yes, she responds, even on vacation) efviz@yahoo.com. txt: [216-233-5151](tel:216-233-5151).**