

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 20, 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 readings chosen for today are Psalm 139:1–18, 23–24 and Genesis 28:10–19a.

* Those who are able may stand.

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO
Covenant Carillonneur

THE NEWBERRY ORGAN

DR. JONATHAN W. MOYER
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Sonata No. 6 in G major, BWV 530

I. Vivace

II. Lento

WELCOME

THE REV. LAURY W. LARSON

STATEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY

DR. MOYER

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

* CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

All are invited to sing.

Hymn 276, 1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator.

There is no shadow of turning with thee;

Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;

As thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE REV. JONYRMA R. SINGLETON

One Voice: O God of Jacob, you speak in the light of day
and in the dark of night when our sleeping is filled
with dreams of heaven and earth.

In Unison: **May Jacob's vision remind us to be open and watchful,
ready to discover your presence in our midst.**

* HYMN 488

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

NIKKI ELLIOTT-GOINS

O Creating God, as we praise you for the beauty of the earth and the glory of the skies, we are reminded of the power of your creation. As we relax and vacation this summer, help us to remember that our job being a Christian is never done. In a world where time speeds by so rapidly and tomorrow is taken for granted, help us to become more attentive now. We ask for your guidance to help us focus and hear your still voice. We need to pause and remember our purpose. We gather before you and find ourselves amazed with a sweet joy that is here in this place. We are equal before you as well as in need of you. Examine us, O Lord. Look into our hearts and put us to the tests to share what you have taught us and shown us. This will lead us to the eternal path. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*in silence*)

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One Voice: Hear the Good News!

If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just,
Forgiving and transforming our lives.

Friends, believe the joyful truth of the gospel.

Response: **In Jesus Christ, we are a liberated people.**

* 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.**

PSALTER LESSON

PSALM 139:1–18; 23–24

RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Parents, child, and family come forward for the sacrament of baptism.

Hymn 498, 1, 2

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water, God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please refrain from picture taking during the baptismal service.

Pictures will be permitted after the worship service.

AFFIRMATIONS

REV. SINGLETON

PARENTAL COMMITMENT

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT

ANN WILLIAMS

One Voice:

Our Lord Jesus Christ commissioned us to teach those who are baptized. Are you, speaking for the whole church, willing to make a commitment to this child?

Response:

We promise to do our part to tell Benjamin Louis Bell the good news of the gospel, to help him to know all that Christ commands, to surround him with our love, and by our fellowship to strengthen his ties with the household of God.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM AND PRAYER

All who are able, please stand.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 Carrie Stewart, 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.**

ANTHEM

Just As I Am

ARR. JEFFREY HONORÉ
The Beckwith Handbell Choir

HEBREW LESSON

GENESIS 28:10–19A

SERMON

Encountering God

REV. SINGLETON



1. We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der,
 2. Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er, Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er,
 3. Sin - ner, do you love my Je - sus, Sin - ner, do you love my Je - sus,
 4. If you love him, why not serve him, If you love him, why not serve him,
 5. We are climb - ing high - er, high - er, We are climb - ing high - er, high - er,



We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, bear - ers of the cross.
 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er, bear - ers of the cross.
 Sin - ner, do you love my Je - sus, bear - ers of the cross.
 If you love him, why not serve him, bear - ers of the cross.
 We are climb - ing high - er, high - er, bear - ers of the cross.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION
AND PETITION

REV. LARSON

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.



A - men. A - men. A - - - - men.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Fantasy on "Hyfrydol"

HAL H. HOPSON

The Beckwith Handell Choir

* 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

* HYMN 326

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

* BENEDICTION

THE CHANCEL ORGAN

Song of Sunshine

ALFRED HOLLINS



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.

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

The tower is open to visitors following the service. The entrance is on the second floor opposite the Herrick Room.

A Little Fantasy and Fugue

HAMILTON HARTY

Summertime

GEORGE GERSHWIN
ARR. GEORGE LEGGIERO

Theme and 13 Variations

WILLEM VOGEL

ABOUT OUR SERVICE TODAY

MUSICIANS

We welcome the Beckwith Handbell Choir to our worship service today. Anyone interested in joining the choir is welcome to learn more about ringing handbells with members of the choir following the service.

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN are given to the glory of God and in memory of Florence R. Day, whose birthday is July 21, by members of the Handyside family.

USHERS TODAY are Keith Kallay, Tracy Blake, Martha Goble, and Mildred Russin; greeting are Dan and Karin Garland.

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 27, the Rev. Laury Larson's sermon is titled, "Not Just for Argument's Sake." The scripture lessons are Psalm 133 and Mark 7:24–30. Children will remain in worship. The Lay Worship Leader is Ed Laylin.

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.

Blessing on the Bell family, parents Robert and Cathy Bell and brother Tyler, on the baptism of Benjamin Louis Bell, born September 2, 2013.

Thank you to Covenant's Youth Mission Team for leading us in worship last Sunday, and for sharing God's love in Appalachia through their actions, and where they "Used Words When Necessary."

LOOKING AHEAD

PACT (PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER), FRIDAY, JULY 25, 6-8:30 PM

Come Friday, July 25, to enjoy a bouncing great evening. The main course, dessert, and drinks will be provided; bring a side dish to share. PACT is Covenant's ministry for families with younger children. Contact Mindy at MStewart@CovenantWeb.org for more information.



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 choir 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 on the enclosed insert or in the church office for the Potluck!*

HOUSING FOR 6 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 two to three host families for six young women (two to three 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.

HOW DO WE SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

BECOME A PART OF COVENANT'S COMMUNICATIONS EFFORTS

Under the leadership of Mary Anne Bromelmeier, Communications Committee chairperson, we are looking at new and creative ways to ramp up our communications efforts both within our Covenant community and to those outside our doors. You are invited to a Communications Meeting on Monday, August 4, at 7 pm. Come and share your ideas! Contact Mary Anne at maryannebromelmeier@yahoo.com for more information

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 is 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.

OPPORTUNITIES

HEALING GARDEN AT SEIDMAN: *You are invited to walk the labyrinth there.*

The Healing Garden immediately across the street from Covenant is open to all every day from dawn to dusk. It is designed to provide a space for individual rest and reflection, or a place to gather with others.

UNIVERSITY CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY, WEDNESDAYS AT 12 NOON IN THE LIBRARY

Interested in studying the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday? Join others for this small group Bible study at 12 noon on Tuesdays for an opportunity to read and discuss the scriptures. This Bible study is facilitated by the Rev. Laury W. Larson.

AA AND AL-ANON MEET WEEKLY AT COVENANT

The University Circle Al Anon Family Group meets each Monday at 12 noon in the Herrick Room and 12 Steps to Freedom meets each Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the Activities Room.

WEEKLY E-NEWS IN THE NARTHEX

Every Thursday an electronic newsletter sharing news of the Covenant and our members and participants arrives in the emails of those who have subscribed. You can view a copy in the narthex. Contact David Keltner at davidkeltner@gmail.com or email Covenant@CovenantWeb.org if you would like to be added to this e-news list or have information to share..

COVENANT NEWS DEADLINE

Material for the early fall *Covenant News* is due August 1. Please call the office at 216.421.0482 if you would like to be added to this mailing list.

| <p align="center">The Church of the Covenant Activities Schedule Sunday, July 20 through July 27 <i>See full building schedule for the Interfaith Center and other outside activities.</i> <i>July Calendars available in the narthex, kiosks, and church office.</i></p> | | |
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| SUNDAY, JULY 20 | | |
| 8 am | Organ / Music Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 8:30 am | Crèche (<i>infants through pre-kindergarten</i>) | Education Wing |
| 10 am | Worship (<i>and baptism</i>) | 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 |
| MONDAY, JULY 21 | | |
| 12 pm | UC Al Anon Family Group | Herrick Room |
| TUESDAY, JULY 22 | | |
| 9 am | Staff Meeting | Office Area |
| 10 am | Covenant Cache | Activities Room |
| WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 | | |
| 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 24 | | |
| 10 am | Covenant Cache | Activities Room |
| FRIDAY, JULY 25 | | |
| 10 am | Covenant Food Pantry | Office Area |
| 6 pm | PACT (<i>Parents and Children Together</i>) | Dining/Education Wing |
| SATURDAY, JULY 26 | | |
| SUNDAY, JULY 27 (<i>Southend Choir</i>) | | |
| 8 am | Organ Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 8:30 am | Crèche (<i>infants through pre-kindergarten</i>) | Education Wing |
| 10 am | Worship (<i>Southend Choir</i>) | Sanctuary |
| 11 am | Southend Choir Concert | Sanctuary |
| 11 am | Snacks for Students | Narthex |
| 11:45 am | Potluck with Southend Choir | Patio |

CAMPUS CORNER

SCC: STUDENT COMMUNITY AT COVENANT

Rev. Eileen is in St. Louis for campus ministers' conference, July 14-21.

Pray for her, and each other!

 **11AM SnackS for StudentS - at the table in the narthex (lobby).** Find other YA's here for the summer. Meet Dr. Suchi Nelson, researcher at The Dental School. Maybe make plans to go see.

 **Wednesday, July 23 - FREE! WOW! Wade Oval Wednesday, on the grass 6–9pm**
Live: Jan Messengers Reggae Band

Go to: universitycircle.org/events/2012/06/wow-wade-oval-Wednesday

 **Wednesday, 7:30pm at Transformer Station, 1460 W 29th St, Cleveland 44113.**
FREE! Hear Baiana Systems: music of Africa and Jamaica by way of Brazil. Take the Red Line from E. 120th St. station at 6:46 to W. 25th Ohio City Station.

 **Thursday July 24 , FREE!: Thadeus Anna Green and his blazin' guitar.** Just up Euclid Avenue, by MOCA - Museum of Contemporary Art. D-jays 6:pm. Live band 6:30 pm
Specials at UpTown businesses - thebeatuptown.com.

 **Friday, July 26 at dusk FREE!: Movie, U.S. Bank Plaza. Euclid Ave. at E. 14th St.**
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

A NOTE FROM OUR NEW PASTOR

I'm thrilled to have officially joined you in ministry this week when I arrived in the office on Monday morning. It has been a busy and exciting time of meeting staff members, attending my first committee meetings, connecting with members in need, and learning my way around the church building. My new email is ASRedwine@CovenantWeb.org and my phone number is 216.421.0482, extension 230. Please don't hesitate to write, call, or stop by -- I welcome the opportunity to get to know you. Please note that I will not be in the office on Fridays, and that I will be at the Chautauqua Institution on study leave from July 19–26 (where I will be available by email). I will then be on a family vacation until August 2. Thank you for all the ways you have already extended me a generous welcome. See you in church on August 3!

Amy