

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 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*

The Rev. James F. Dowd, *Pastor Emeritus*

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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.

Today children and youth remain in worship. Activities packets are available from the ushers. The Crèche for younger children is open.

For those who wish to read scriptural texts in advance, today's readings are Psalm 130 and Mark 7:24-30.

* Those who are able may stand.

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO
Covenant Carillonneur

THE CHANCEL ORGAN

DR. JONATHAN W. MOYER

IV. Adagio from Symphony No. 3, Op. 28

LOUIS VIERNE

WELCOME

DR. MOYER

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Al Shlosa

ALLAN NAPLAN

The Southend Choir

Al shlosa d'varim haolam kayam:

The world is sustained by three things:

Al haemet, al din v'al hashalom.

By truth, by justice, and by peace.

Roger Humphey, conductor

Rosemary Pennington, accompanist

Stephen King, organist

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE REV. EILEEN F. VIZCAINO

One Voice: Let us lift up the name of our God!

Response: Let us praise the faithfulness of the Holy One!

For just as God's greatness fills the heavens,

God's love embraces the earth,

Reviving the soul and gladdening the heart!

In Unison: Let us give thanks to the Holy One our God!

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

ED LAYLIN

Forgive us, Eternal God, for not seeking you when we are in need. And when we do seek you, forgive us for not waiting for your answer. We hurry to our own solution; thinking once again your answer will be too little and too late. Teach us carefully, how to hope in you with a conviction more sure than the coming morning. Let each of us say in our heart and with our actions, " I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope." Please hear us as we privately 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.**

RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING

PSALM 130
(paraphrased)

One Voice: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God.
Hear my voice!

Response: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, O God, mark our guilt, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness;
and for this we revere you.

**I trust in you, O God,
my soul trusts in your word.
My soul waits for you, O God,
more than sentinels wait for the morning.**

Like those who wait for the morning,
let your people wait for you.

**For with you is unfailing love
and plentiful redemption.**

In Unison: You will redeem your people from all their iniquities.

ANTHEM

Benedictus

KARL JENKINS
The Southend Choir

Benedictus qui venit in nomine domini
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Hosanna in the highest.

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 7:24–30

One Voice: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Not Just for Argument's Sake

THE REV. LAURY W. LARSON

* HYMN 349

Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught

CHESHIRE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION
AND PETITION

THE REV. JONYRMA R. SINGLETON

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

Amazing Grace

ARR. HUGHES

The Southend 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 450

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

* BENEDICTION

THE SOUTHEND CHOIR

Please see the enclosed insert for program listings.

Those who cannot remain for the program are welcome to leave following the benediction.

Following the program, all are invited to a potluck lunch in the dining room.

There will be no reception today.

ABOUT OUR SERVICE TODAY

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER TODAY is Ed Laylin, who became a Covenant member in 1993 with his wife Cherie. They have both completed the EfM training. He has concentrated his time with the students as a mentor, teacher, sleepover participant and also a project leader for six mission trips. Helping, as needed, he spent several years as a Worship Center leader and Sunday school teacher. He is a 20 year participant in the Healing Circle and a third term Deacon. Ed is a Stephen Minister. Ed and his wife Cherie live in North Collinwood and have adult children, Ray and Angela. *Lay Worship Leaders write the prayers they use in the worship service. If you would like to become a lay worship leader, please contact Gale Bromelmeier at 440-944-7480 or at galebrom@aol.com.*

TODAY CHILDREN AND YOUTH REMAIN IN WORSHIP. Activities packets are available from the ushers. SOS: Summer of Stories for children and youth will resume next Sunday, August 3, from 10:15 until 11 am in the Living Room, when Donna Prease will share her story.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the music of the Southend Choir.

USHERS TODAY are Jim Tomaszewski, Ted Adams, Karen Burt, Mildred Russin, and Greg Madison; greeting are Emily Blake and Lyn Tomaszewski.

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, AUGUST 3, the Rev. Amy Starr Redwine is preaching. The scripture lessons are Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21 and Matthew 14:13–21. Children will leave at 10:15 am for SOS: Summer of Stories, with Donna Prease. The Lay Worship Leader is Ann Williams. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

IN THE COVENANT FAMILY

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

**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.


**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. **Or** stay and hear the great visiting youth choir in concert after worship. **OR** grab a snack on your way out.
OR. . . stay for LUNCH! FREE! In the Dining Room, lower level. Hamburgers, hot dogs with homemade sides.

FUTURE EVENTS

 **Wednesday, July 30- FREE! WOW! Wade Oval Wednesday, on the grass.**
6pm-9pm Live : Son Gitano - Latin salsa:
www.universitycircle.org/events/2012/06/wow-wade-oval-wednesday

 **Wednesday, 7:30pm at Transformer Station, 1460 W 29th St, Cleveland, OH 44113.**
FREE! Hear MOKOOMBA, from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Take the Red Line from E. 120th St. station at 6:46 to W. 25th Ohio City Station.

 **Thursday July 24 , FREE!: Meridian, strong folk rock.** Just up Euclid Avenue, by MOCA - Museum of Contemporary Art. D-jays 6:pm. Live band 6:30 pm. Specials at UpTown businesses: www.thebeatuptown.com.

PLAN AHEAD: Be Part of Welcome Bash 2014!
Saturday, September 6, 12noon to 2pm.
We need YOU!

The Church of the Covenant Activities Schedule
Sunday, July 27 through August 3

See full building schedule for the Interfaith Center and other outside activities.

August Calendars available in the narthex, kiosks, and church office.

SUNDAY, JULY 27		
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	Dining Room
12:45 pm	Deacon Task Group	Office Area
MONDAY, JULY 28		
12 pm	UC Al Anon Family Group	Herrick Room
7 pm	Presbytery of the Western Reserve meeting	Lakewood Presbyterian
TUESDAY, JULY 29		
9 am	Staff Meeting	Office Area
10 am	Covenant Cache	Activities Room
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30		
10 am	Covenant Food Pantry	Office Area
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 31		
10 am	Covenant Cache	Activities Room
12 pm	Ohio Fair Lending Committee	Library
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1		
7:30 am	University Hospitals RN Orientation	Beckwith Hall
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2		
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 (Communion)		
8 am	Organ 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>Donna Prease</i>)	The Living Room
11 am	Reception/ Snacks for Students	Front lawn/Narthex