

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 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.

Childcare for infants through pre-kindergarten is available in the crèche. 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, today's readings are Psalm 85:1-13 and Matthew 14:22-33.

* Those who are able may stand.

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO
Covenant Carillonneur

THE ORGAN

PETER BENNETT
Visiting Organist
MARCEL DUPRÉ

Le Tombeau de Titelouze

Iste Confessor

Coelestis Urbs Jerusalem

Veni Creator Spiritus

WELCOME

THE REV. AMY STARR REDWINE

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

* CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

All are invited to sing.

Hymn 461, 1

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Voice: God speaks peace to God's people, to God's faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Response: **When justice makes a path for God's steps, steadfast
love and faithfulness meet, righteousness and peace
kiss each other, faithfulness springs up from the
ground, and justice looks down from the sky.**

The Lord gives what is good.

**Our land yields in abundance. God's glory
dwells among us.**

* HYMN 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

RON NEILL

**We hear your promise that the old passes away
and that you make all things new;
but we hear it amid our self-doubt.**

**We confess our fears and our concerns,
and you offer us greater hope.**

When you call us to obedience, we set conditions.

We struggle to follow your word and to accept all as made in your image.

When you call us to follow, we ask "Where?"

**Free us from our reluctance to leave our false comforts
so that we may walk into your newness of life.**

We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*in silence*)

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One Voice: Hear the Good News!

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

Response: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

* 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 85:1-13

One Voice: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Morning Hymn

HENRY PURCELL
Corey Shotwell, tenor

*Thou wakeful shepherd, that does Israel keep,
Rais'd by thy goodness from the bed of sleep,
To thee I offer up this hymn
As my best morning sacrifice;
May it be gracious in thine eyes
To raise me from the bed of sin.
And do I live to see another day?
I vow, my God, henceforth to walk thy ways,
And sing thy praise
All those few days
Thou shalt allow.
Could I redeem the time I have misspent
In sinful merriment,
Could I untread
Those paths I led,
I would so expiate each past offence
That ev'n from thence
The Innocent should wish themselves like me
When with such crimes they such repentance see.
With joy I'd sing away my breath,
Yet who can die so to receive his death?*

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 Paul and Kate Williams, 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.**

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 14:22-33

SERMON

Into the Storm

AMY STARR REDWINE

* HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION
AND PETITION

THE REV. LAURY W. LARSON

Includes intercession for people affected by gun violence.

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

An Evening Hymn

HENRY PURCELL
Corey Shotwell, tenor

*Now that the sun hath veil'd his light
And bid the world goodnight;
To the soft bed my body I dispose,
But where shall my soul repose?
Dear, dear God, even in Thy arms,
And can there be any so sweet security!
Then to thy rest, O my soul!
And singing, praise the mercy
That prolongs thy days.
Hallelujah!*

* 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 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIAN HYMN

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN

Hymne d'Action de Grace, Te Deum

JEAN LANGLAIS



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.

Prelude

JEF DENYN

Colors - Three Sketches for Carillon

GÉO CLÉMENT

Pastel

Amber

Opaline

Capricio

STAF NEES

ABOUT OUR SERVICE TODAY

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Today in worship we will hear and reflect on Matthew 14:22–33. When is the last time you took a risk? What did it feel like? Is there any difference in the way you perceive God's presence with you when you are afraid versus when you are content?

MUSIC NOTES

We welcome guest organist Peter Bennett, Associate Professor of Musicology, Case Western Reserve University, and Covenant choir soloist Corey Shotwell to our service today.

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER TODAY is Ron Neill, who has been a member of the Covenant since 1995, when he and his wife, Ann Harlan, joined the church. Ron was a mergers and acquisitions lawyer with a large Cleveland law firm before retirement. He has served multiple terms as a Covenant Trustee, chaired the Endowment Committee, served on the Financial Task Force, recently served as Co-Chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee, and is currently a member of Session. Other civic activities include the Uptown project here on the CWRU campus where Ron was President of the Museum of Contemporary Art during the financing and construction of its iconic new building. Ron and Ann both enjoy travel, cycling, golf, and tennis, and recently completed the four-year Education for Ministry curriculum. *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.*

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Hercl, whose birthday is August 10, by his stepdaughter, Mildred Russin.

USHERS TODAY are Cyndi Kuntz, Ted Adams, Jim Greene, Al Kuntz, and Greg Madison; greeting are David and Stephanie Finkenthal.

SINCE A GUNMAN OPENED FIRE AT SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL on December 14, 2012, killing 26 people, 20 of them children, 249 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since Sunday, July 6, nine more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. Their names are Lorenzo Frazier, Eugene Campbell, Robert J. Tyukodi Jr., Sylvester Leon Gulley Jr., Rasheen Omar Bledsoe Jr., Justin Lavelle Stegall, Gary Zalar, Linnell Binion Jr., and Felicia N. Casteel. The Reducing Gun Violence Task Group of the Church of the Covenant's Outreach and Social Justice Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the church office area. Anyone desiring to help address the evil of gun violence in our community and nation is invited to attend.

STEPHEN MINISTERS are church members trained to support individuals who are facing difficulties and would like a caring Christian presence during this struggle. 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 17, the Reverend Amy Starr Redwine is preaching. The scripture lessons are Genesis 45:1-15 and Matthew 15:21-28. The Lay Worship Leader is Leena Clint. Children will leave at 10:15 am for SOS: Summer of Stories, with Ron and Pat James.

IN THE COVENANT FAMILY

We keep in our prayers Jane Adams, Mary Brown, Bea Carpenter, Rolf Krotseng, Stephanie Smith, Marjorie Wadsworth, and other Covenant members and friends who are struggling with illness, convalescing, or are homebound.

OPPORTUNITIES

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.

THINK FALL

There are so many ways we can share our gifts. Here is just a taste of the opportunities just waiting for you. Learn about many more at our Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 7, following the worship service.

USHERS AND GREETERS: Ever wonder what it's like to be the face of the Covenant? See our Sunday service from a whole new vantage point? Join the **ushers and greeters team**. Schedules are based on your availability from one or more Sundays a month to quarterly. Call Mildred Russin at 216.421.0482 or leave your name in the church office.

THE COVENANT CACHE - HELP WANTED! Meet interesting people. Enjoy the fellowship of other volunteers. Get ahead on your own shopping. Make a difference! . . . and all in three hours. The Cache welcomes you Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm or 1 pm to 4 pm. Contact Marilyn Langmack at 216.321.4923 or Cyndi Kuntz at 216.397.0196 to learn more!

FLOWER MINISTRY: You can be a part of this caring team! Learn how to arrange our beautiful bouquets; deliver to someone in your neighborhood as needed; take arrangements to Seidman Cancer Center. You can do monthly or a couple times a year. Call Mildred Russin to learn more. It's fun, and much appreciated by those who receive these flowers.

The Deacons are in need of the rectangular shaped juice bottles for our flower distribution. Brands with this shape include Ocean Spray, Heinen's and Old Harvest. Please bring to the church office.

WEEKLY E-NEWS: A CHANCE TO EXPRESS YOUR CREATIVE SIDE

Every Thursday an electronic newsletter sharing news of the Covenant and our members and participants arrives in the emails of those who subscribe. (You can view a copy in the narthex.) You are invited to learn how to create this weekly e-news to cover when David Keltner is traveling. To learn more contact David Keltner at davidkeltner@gmail.com or Lyn Tomaszewski at LTomaszewski@CovenantWeb.org. It's fun (and can be done from home)!

SUNDAY WORKSHOPS: Our Children, Youth, and Families program is a cooperative program. Share your time, and give yourself the gift of working with our children and youth. Talk with Ann Williams at 216.791.2364 or email babagrammie@aol.com, Jonyrma Singleton or Mindy Stewart.

SCHOOL STARTS SOON! There are two ways to change a child's future. Our Saturday Tutoring Program, which meets Saturdays from 10 am–12 pm at Covenant, is open to students first through twelfth grade. Tutor orientation is Saturday, September 13; email SaturdayTutoring@gmail.com. You can help first and second graders through the Daniel E. Morgan Wednesday Tutoring Program; contact Jim Tomaszewski at zewski52@gmail.com or 216.692.0949.

Come to the Ministry Fair to learn more!

The Church of the Covenant Activities Schedule

Sunday, August 10 through August 17


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

Summer office hours are 9 am through 4 pm.


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


| SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 | | |
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| 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>Paul and Kate Williams</i>) | The Living Room |
| 11 am | Reception/ Snacks for Students | Front lawn/Narthex |
| MONDAY, AUGUST 11 | | |
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| 12 pm | UC Al Anon Family Group | Herrick Room |
| 5:30 pm | Adult Education/Black History Committees | Office Area |
| 6:30 pm | Citizen Circle | Herrick Room |
| TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 | | |
| 9 am | Staff Meeting | Office Area |
| 10 am | Covenant Cache | Activities Room |
| 7 pm | Reducing Gun Violence Task Force | Office Area |
| 7 pm | Children, Youth, and Family Ministries | Sonia Golden Room |
| WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 | | |
| 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 |
| 5:30 pm | Board of Trustees Meeting | Sonia Golden Room |
| 6 pm | Student Ministries | Library |
| THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 | | |
| <i>Covenant Cache is Closed</i> | | |
| FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 | | |
| SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 | | |
| SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 | | |
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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. Make plans to enjoy:

 **Monday, August 11, FREE, The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, 6–8pm.** U.S. Bank Plaza, E. 14th & Euclid.

 **Tuesday, August 12, FREE, walking tour of the District of Playhouse Square. Professional guide.** 6–7:30pm. Meet in the lobby of the State Theater, 1501 Euclid Avenue. Take the Healthline to E. 14th St.

 **Wednesday, August 13- FREE! WOW! Wade Oval Wednesday, on the grass. 6–9pm. Live: The Cleveland Bluegrass Orchestra, by members of the Cleveland Orchestra!** <http://www.universitycircle.org/events/2012/06/wow-wade-oval-wednesday>

 **Thursday, August 14 FREE!: UpTown beat. 6 pm.** DJ Katherine of Maximum Consumption. **Live band 6:30 pm** - The Mayfield Strings fuse classical and indie, Uno Lady does vocal soundscapes. Wow! Specials at UpTown businesses: thebeatuptown.com.

 **PLAN AHEAD:** Be Part of **Welcome Bash 2014.** This year it's on Saturday! September 6, 12noon to 2pm. Free food, Live Band. We need YOU. Can U chalk???

Text Rev. Viz.- Eileen, 216-233-5151.

Welcome!



The Church of the Covenant welcomes
athletes and visitors participating in
the 2014 GAY GAMES, August 9-16, in Cleveland-Akron.
By Session action, the Church of the Covenant is an official
Faith Partner of the 2014 GAY GAMES and
joins the greater community to promote inclusiveness –
on and off the playing fields.