

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 17, 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 Romans 8:18-27 and Psalm 8.

* Those who are able may stand.

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO
Covenant Carillonneur

PRELUDE

JAZZ ENSEMBLE
David Kasper, saxophone
Kristopher Morron, trombone
Matthew Hadaway, drums
Jonathan Moyer, organ

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

MINDY STEWART

One Voice: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

Response: Let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**For you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

Let all the peoples praise you!

* HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

LEENA CLINT

Dear Lord, please help us realize present troubles are only temporary and that your love can conquer all. Forgive us when we are easily absorbed into our own worlds and tend to forget that there is always someone that could use our aid. Open our eyes to worlds beyond our own, and open our hearts to new experiences. Help us to realize when we are quick to blame you for our faults and slow to recognize the many gifts you have provided. Guide us toward the path that you have set for our lives and forgive our tendency to stubbornly blaze our own trails. 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.**

EPISTLE LESSON

ROMANS 8:18–27

One Voice: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

I've Got Peace Like a River

SPIRITUAL
Jazz Ensemble

I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

PARTING RESPONSE

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON
Hymn 535

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

**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.**

PSALTER LESSON

PSALM 8

SERMON

Stargazing

AMY STARR REDWINE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION
AND PETITION

THE REV. LAURY W. 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.



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY
Jazz Ensemble

* 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 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

JAZZ ENSEMBLE



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. Today we welcome the Jazz Ensemble. 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.

Preludio Cou Cou (for carillon)

MATTHIAS VAN DEN GHEYN (18TH C)

From the Carillon Repertoire of Johannes de Gruyters (18th c)

Andante (#86)

Giga "par Couperin" (#79)

Fantasie (for violin)

GEORG PHILIPP TELEMANN (18TH C)

Largo - Allegro - Grave - Allegro

ARR. R. BARNES

ABOUT OUR SERVICE TODAY

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Today, we will hear and reflect on Psalm 8, also known as a "hymn of creation." Are there times in your life when creation has revealed God's presence to you in a unique way? What does it mean to you that you are created in the image of God? How have you seen God's image in the world around you, in other people, and in your life?

MUSIC NOTES

We welcome the spirit-filled improvisations of jazz to our service with David Kaspar, saxophone and flute, Kristopher Morron, trombone, and Matthew Hadaway, drums. Jazz music is both structured and free, requiring of its musicians a balance of both listening and response to the flow of melody, rhythm and harmony. As you listen, think about the ways in which jazz music typifies our relationships with each other, the call of the Holy Spirit, and the desire for creativity.

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER TODAY is Leena Clint, who has been attending the Church of the Covenant since she was three years old, becoming a member in 2009. Leena has participated in many youth mission trips over the past years. She is currently a junior at Mercyhurst University and is studying to become a Graphic Designer. In her free time Leena enjoys playing sports, painting, and making crafts. *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 honor of students of all ages who return to school or move into dorms this week.

USHERS TODAY are Reathel McWhorter, Martha Goble, Jim Greene, Bob Jefferis, and Keith Kallay; greeting are Emily Blake and Helen Kunsman.

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 everyone 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 24, the Reverend Jonyrma Singleton is preaching. The scripture lessons are Romans 12:1–8 and Matthew 16:13–20. The Lay Worship Leader is Jennifer Conner. Children will leave at 10:15 am for the final SOS: Summer of Stories, with Tracy Blake.

IN THE COVENANT FAMILY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOKS – LAST CALL!

Laury Larson and Bert Campbell have both generously shared books from their personal libraries. They are available in the church office to anyone who might like to give one or more a good home!



TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGES AT MLK DRIVE AND 105TH STREET

If you drive on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive north of University Circle you have most likely discovered the most recent changes in the traffic patterns through the traffic circle at 105th Street. Construction is anticipated through December. For detailed information, go to universitycircle.org/events/2013/09/university-circle-transportation-alerts.

COVENANT FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS RECEIVED NEXT SUNDAY

On the last Wednesday and Friday of each month the Covenant Food Pantry is open from 10am to 12pm to our neighbors who are in need of food to help them through the end of the month. The food we distribute is donated by Covenant members and friends. We collect food on the fourth Sunday and food can also be brought to the office during the week. Thank you for your ongoing generous support.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers in the chancel on Sundays are provided by Covenant members and friends in honor or in memory of a loved one or special time. To learn more, please call Mildred Russin in the church office, 216.421.0482.

OPPORTUNITIES

BE A COVENANT VOLUNTEER WITH THE HEIGHTS HERITAGE HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

The Heights Heritage Home and Garden Tour is Sunday, September 21. Last year five Covenant members served as volunteer staffers at this very fun event . . .and received a complimentary ticket, too. We would love to have a group of 8 people work as a team this year for the 3–6 pm shift (because we still want you to come to church!). We can have materials about Covenant at the house we staff and that will help us with outreach. If you are interested, please email Martha Goble at Martha.Goble@att.net. This year our new pastor is being featured in an ad in the program book. Thanks so much!

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.

<p style="text-align: center;">The Church of the Covenant Activities Schedule Sunday, August 17 through August 24 <i>See full building schedule for the Interfaith Center and other outside activities.</i> <i>Summer office hours are 9 am–4 pm.</i> <i>August Calendars available in the narthex, kiosks, and church office.</i></p>		
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17		
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>Ron and Pat James</i>)	The Living Room
11 am	Reception/ Snacks for Students	Front lawn/Narthex
MONDAY, AUGUST 18		
12 pm	UC Al Anon Family Group	Herrick Room
6:30 pm	Membership Committee	Panera
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19		
9 am	Staff Meeting	Office Area
10 am	Covenant Cache	Activities Room
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20		
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, AUGUST 21		
10 am	Case Community Service Project	Sanctuary / Handbell Room
7:30 pm	EfM Graduates II	Bob & Dalia Baker's home
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22		
6 pm	PACT (<i>Parents And Children Together</i>)	Lower Level
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23		
10 am	Case Service Project	WHERE?
10 am	CWRU Graduate Student Saturday Tutoring Orientation	Lower Level
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24		
8 am	Organ Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:30 am	Crèche (<i>infants through pre-kindergarten</i>)	Education Wing
10 am	Worship (<i>donations to the Covenant Food Pantry received</i>)	Sanctuary
10:15 am	SOS: Summer of Stories (<i>Tracy Blake</i>)	The Living Room
11 am	Reception/ Snacks for Students	Front lawn/Narthex
11:30 am	Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC)	Sonia Golden Room
1 pm	UPCaM Welcome BBQ & Church Fair	Upper/lower patio

CAMPUS CORNER

SCC: STUDENT COMMUNITY AT COVENANT

 **11AM Snacks for Students - at the table in the narthex (lobby).** Meet students & other YA's here for the summer. Make plans to enjoy  **FREE Movies** or  **dancing EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK** at Playhouse Square, Euclid Avenue at E. 14th. Short ride on the Healthline. **STOP BY THE SNACK TABLE FOR A FREE LIST.**

 **Wednesday, August 20, FREE, walking tour of the downtown Gateway District. Professional guide.** 6–7:30 pm. Meet in the "Old Arcade," 401 Euclid Avenue. Take the Healthline to E. 14th St. & Euclid.

 **Wednesday, August 20- FREE! WOW! Wade Oval Wednesday, near the Art Museum.**
6–9pm Live: Wild Horses - Rock 'n Roll Dance Music:
<http://www.universitycircle.org/events/2012/06/wow-wade-oval-wednesday>

 **Thursday, Aug. 21 FREE!: The Beat UpTown 6 pm.** DJ Connor of On the One,
6:30 Fiscal Spliff- 10 piece band, wild dance music, African flair, local talent.
Plaza behind MOCA - Museum of Contemporary Art

 **PLAN AHEAD: Be Part of Welcome Bash 2014, Saturday! September 6, 12noon to 2pm.**
Free food, Live Band. **Chipotle.** We need YOU. Can U **chalk?? Help? Bring people?**
Text Rev. Viz.-(Eileen), 216-233-5151.

Notes & Reflections . . .