

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

10:00 AM



## MINISTERS

All the Members of the Church

The Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, *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, *Director of Music for Children and Youth*

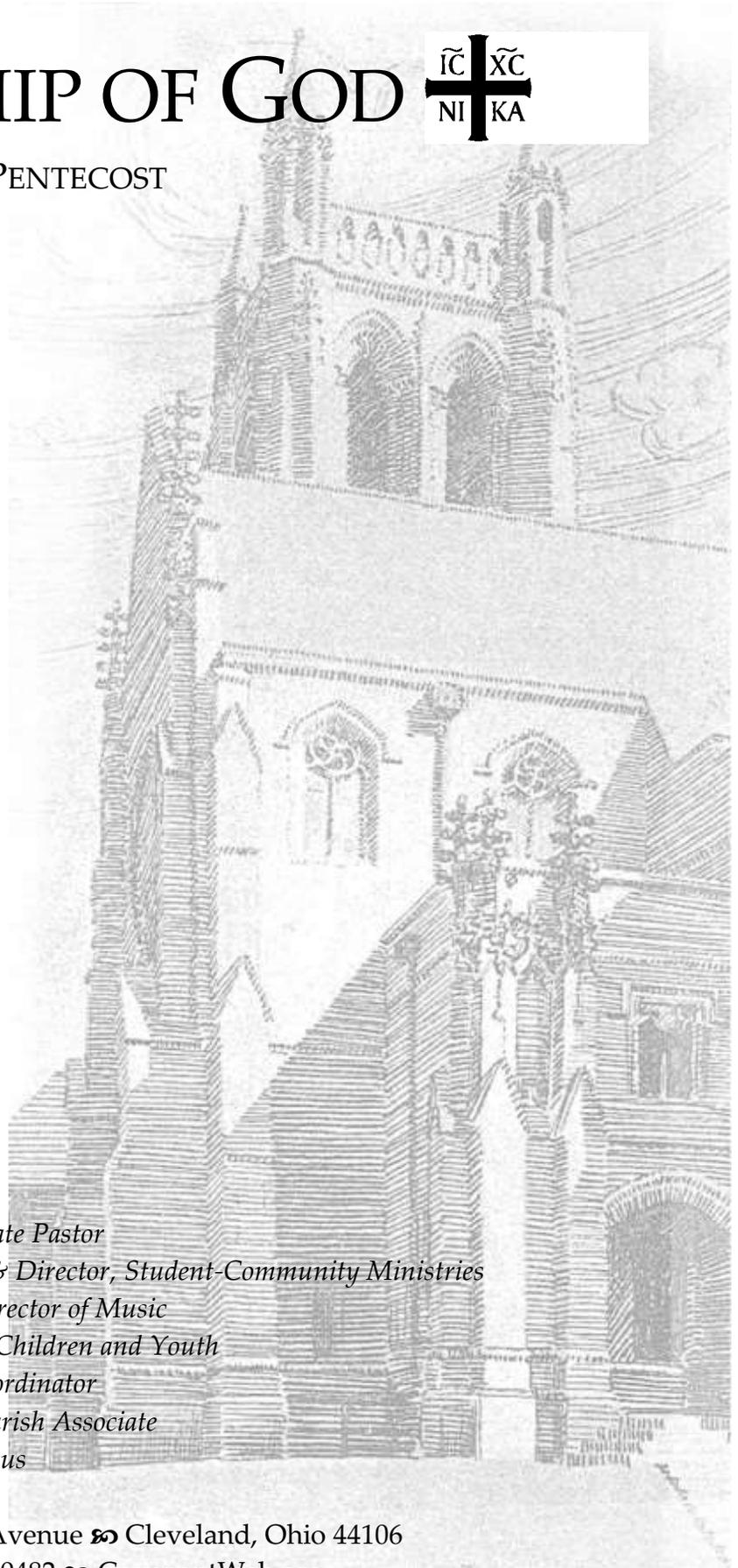
Ms. Mindy Stewart, *Family Matters Coordinator*

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

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

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**T**HE 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](http://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. Children will remain in our service of worship today. Activities packets are available from the ushers.

For those who wish to read scriptural texts in advance, today's readings are Psalm 119:33-40 and Romans 13:8-14.

\* Those who are able may stand.

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO  
Covenant Carillonneur

THE NEWBERRY ORGAN

DR. JONATHAN W. MOYER

*Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux from Messe des Paroisse*

FRANÇOIS COUPERIN

WELCOME

THE REV. AMY STARR REDWINE

STATEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY

LINDA WILSON

\* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

*Come, Holy Spirit, Come*

SACRED HARP  
The Covenant Choir

Come, Holy Spirit come,  
With energy divine,  
And on this poor, benighted soul,  
With beams of mercy shine.

Melt, melt this frozen heart;  
This stubborn will subdue;  
Each evil passion overcome,  
And form me all anew.

Mine will the profit be,  
But Thine shall be the praise;  
And unto Thee will I devote  
The remnant of my days.

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE REV. EILEEN F. VIZCAINO

One Voice: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

All Voices: **and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.**

We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

**we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different perspective.**

God has called us together to be a community, challenging us to reconsider our priorities as we engage with the world.

**As we worship together, may God open our hearts and minds, helping us to live in the world even as we challenge the ways of the world.**

**Let us worship God.**

\* HYMN 470

*O Day of Radiant Gladness*

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDÖGELEIN

\* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

NANCY MATZ

**Dear God, you've directed humankind to obey the Ten Commandments for a good and honorable life. You have called us to embrace these laws to govern our behavior and the kind of decisions we make each day. But do we truly abide by the rules you have outlined for us? Do we love you above all others and not misuse your name? Are we always honest? Have we spoken falsely against someone or taken what is not ours? Do we honor life? Do we respect and have gratitude for the blessings you have given us? Do we honor our mother, our father and keep our vows? Do we make enough time each week for prayer and remembrance of you? Have we taught these principles to our children by our own example?**

**Dear Lord, in spite of our best attempts to be faithful, we can fall short. Thank you for giving us the tools to find our way when we have strayed. You have lit the path we're to take as we journey back home toward you, O Divine Source. We now pause to ask for your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.**

\* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*in silence*)

\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One Voice:            Hear the Good News!  
                                 God does not deal with us according to our sins,  
                                 for with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with  
                                 God is plenteous redemption.  
                                 Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**All Voices:            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.**

***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.**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MS. MINDY STEWART

*Blessing of the backpacks and Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers*

FIRST LESSON

PSALM 119:33-40

One Voice:            This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Voices:            Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 13:8-14

SERMON

*Educated by Love*

AMY STARR REDWINE

\* HYMN 358

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

BARONITA

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

*Though I speak with the tongues of men  
(I Corinthians 13)*

BAIRSTOW

The Covenant Choir  
Dr. Matthew Garrett  
Interim Associate Choir Director

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity,  
I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.  
And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries,  
and all knowledge;  
And though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains,  
and have not charity, I am nothing.  
And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,  
and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity,  
it profiteth me nothing.  
Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not;  
charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,  
Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.  
Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail:  
For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face:  
Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.  
And now abideth faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is charity.

\* 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 374

*Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

DICKINSON COLLEGE

\* BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN

*Toccata sur le Veni Creator*

GASTON LITAIZE

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

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

**F**ollowing 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 SERVICES

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION: "EDUCATED BY LOVE"

In this portion of Paul's letter to the Romans, he talks about debt. Most of us know what it feels like to be indebted to someone or something. But Paul says the only thing we owe each other is love. What does it look like for a community of people to love one another the way God has loved us in Jesus Christ? How are we called to imitate Christ's love for the world in our community of faith?

### MUSIC NOTES

We welcome the Covenant Choir back to our worship services for the start of the 2014-2015 choral season. As has become our tradition for the past several years, the choir opens our service with an invocation to the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with "energy divine" and "beams of mercy" as set in a beautiful yet simple early-American tune from the *Sacred Harp* (18<sup>th</sup> cent.). This call to the Holy Spirit is echoed in the stirring organ postlude *Toccata sur le Veni Creator (Come Creator Spirit)* by the blind twentieth-century French composer Gaston Litaize. For the offertory the choir presents a setting of I Corinthians 13 *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels* (King James translation) by Edward Bairstow (1874-1946), the famous organist and master of choirs at York Minster Cathedral.

**OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER TODAY** is Nancy Hribar Matz who joined The Covenant in 1992 along with her husband, Dennis, and is the proud mother of Paul, Lucy and Annie. She's a Kent State alumna, a professional photographer, and for 32 years the owner of Zena. She's tutored first graders at Daniel E. Morgan Elementary; was a leader in the Worship Center; accompanied senior high youth on mission trips; was on the Membership, Communications, Nominating, and Interim-Pastor Search Committees; was a Deacon for two terms and often serves as photographer for various Covenant projects. *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](mailto:galebrom@aol.com).*

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL URN** are given to the glory of God and in honor and in appreciation of the children and youth who are beginning a new year with their dedicated Covenant teachers.

**USHERS TODAY** are Reathel McWhorter, Tracy Blake, Jim Greene, Suchi Nelson, 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. 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, SEPTEMBER 14**, the Reverend Amy Starr Redwine is preaching. The scripture lessons are Psalm 103:8-13 and Matthew 18:21-35. The Lay Worship Leader is Carol Roe.

### **IN THE COVENANT FAMILY**

We keep in our prayers Bea Carpenter, Ruth Dahm De Vries, Sharoon Hanook and his family, Rolf Krotseng, Ed Pembroke, Gloria Ross (Michelle Miller's mother), Marjorie Wadsworth, and other Covenant members and friends who are struggling with illness, convalescing, or are homebound.

We celebrate with the Hatfield-Prince family on the birth of Owen Robert Hatfield. Parents are Cody and Julie (Prince) Hatfield; grandparents are James and Susan Prince

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

**TUESDAY NOON ORGAN RECITALS RESUME THIS WEEK**, September 9. The McGaffin Carillon, 12:00-12:15pm; Organ Recital, 12:15-12:45pm, Jonathan Moyer, organ.

#### **UNIVERSITY CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY RETURNING TO TUESDAYS ON SEPTEMBER 9, 12PM**

Join others in studying the scriptures for the next Sunday in this Bible study in the library at 12pm. We thank the Rev. Laury W. Larson who facilitated this Bible study for 37 years. This study returns to Tuesdays on September 9 with the Rev. Amy Starr Redwine facilitating.

#### **MINISTRY FAIR AND SNACK RECEPTION TODAY AT 11 AM IN THE DINING ROOM**

See the bulletin insert for a list of opportunities for service to the Covenant and the community. Feel free to bring the completed form with you to today's Ministry Fair, or leave it in the church office.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION TODAY AT 11 AM IN THE EDUCATION WING**

Parents and Guardians: Before or after visiting the Ministry Fair please locate the registration table (next to the cache) to register children and youth for 2014-15 Sunday School classes.

#### **TWO PART-TIME CRÈCHE POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Covenant is hiring a Crèche Teacher and Assistant Crèche Teacher to provide quality child care, including Biblical teaching and age-appropriate activities, for children from infancy through pre-kindergarten. A position description is available in the church office. Talk with Rev. Jonyrma Singleton or Mindy Stewart for more details. We express our deep gratitude to Julie Mailey and Michelle Miller who over the years have provided a faith-filled home for our youngest in the Crèche.

**REMEMBER THE PICNIC** celebrating the Reverend Laury W. Larson's 40 Years of Ministry on Sunday, September 14 at 11 am.

<b>The Church of the Covenant Activities Schedule: September 7-14</b> <i>See full building schedule for the Interfaith Center and other outside activities.            September Calendars available with the <u>Covenant News</u> in the narthex, kiosks, and church office.            Please note: Church Office has returned to fall hours, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.</i>		
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7</b>		
8/9 am	Organ/Music Rehearsals	Sanctuary
9 am	Stephen Ministry	Herrick Room
9 am	Crèche ( <i>infants through pre-kindergarten</i> )	Education Wing
10 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Sunday Rotation	Education Wing
11 am	Ministry Fair/Reception	Dining Room
11 am	Snacks for Students	Narthex
11:15 am	Senior Highs	Youth Lounge
12 pm	Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting	Herrick Room
12:30 pm	Healing Circle	Sonia Golden Room
<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8</b>		
12 pm	UC Al Anon Family Group	Herrick Room
6:30 pm	Citizen Circle	Herrick Room
7:30 pm	Membership Committee Meeting	Panera's
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9</b>		
9 am	Staff Meeting	Office Area
10 am	Covenant Cache	Activities Room
12 pm	Organ Recital	Sanctuary
12 pm	UC Bible Study	Library
7 pm	Reducing Gun Violence Task Force Meeting	Office Area
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10</b>		
12 Pm	Fair Lending Meeting	Library
4:30 pm	Music and Meditation	Christ Chapel
5 pm	Governance Task Group Meeting	Office Area
5:30 pm	12 Steps to Freedom	Activities Room
7:15 pm	Outreach/Social Justice Committee Meeting	Office Area
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11</b>		
10 am	Cache	Activities Room
6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Conference Room
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13</b>		
10 am	Saturday Tutoring Program Orientation	Sonia Golden Room

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8/9 am	Organ/Music Rehearsals	Sanctuary
9 am	Crèche ( <i>infants through pre-kindergarten</i> )	Education Wing
10 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Sunday Rotation ( <i>kindergarten through grade 8</i> )	Education Wing
11 am	Snacks for Students	Narthex
11 am	PICNIC!	West Lawn
12:30 pm	Science of Spirituality	Sonia Golden

## CAMPUS CORNER

### SCC: STUDENT COMMUNITY AT COVENANT

 **11AM Today, SnackS for StudentS - at the table in the narthex (lobby).** Compare hometowns and maybe find a ride "home". Find "study buddies" for that tough class. Or just have a cookie and talk to people who have "been there."

 **Sign up for SCC's event at Case for Community Day, Friday, September 19.**

 **Thanks to the 33 students who joined us the past two Sundays - from many states to one caring bunch, holding each up on the bumpy road to education.**

 **11:15 AM Today. Coffee on the Lower Level here** while you find out where to volunteer with 30 of Covenant's Mission Partners.

 **Hope you didn't miss Welcome Bash 2014 yesterday. Wow!**

### FUTURE EVENTS

 **FRI, Sept 12: , 12noon - 2pm, Thwing Ballroom, find SCC (Student Community at Covenant) table at the CCEL (Civic Engagement & Learning) Volunteer Fair.** Sign up for caring ways to reach out to the needs of our community.

**SAT. Sept. 13: FREE! Admission & Shuttle. One World Festival area of 105th St. , East Blvd & MLK, in nationally renowned Cleveland Cultural Gardens.**

[Online: clevelandoneworldfestival.com](http://clevelandoneworldfestival.com)