

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14, 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*

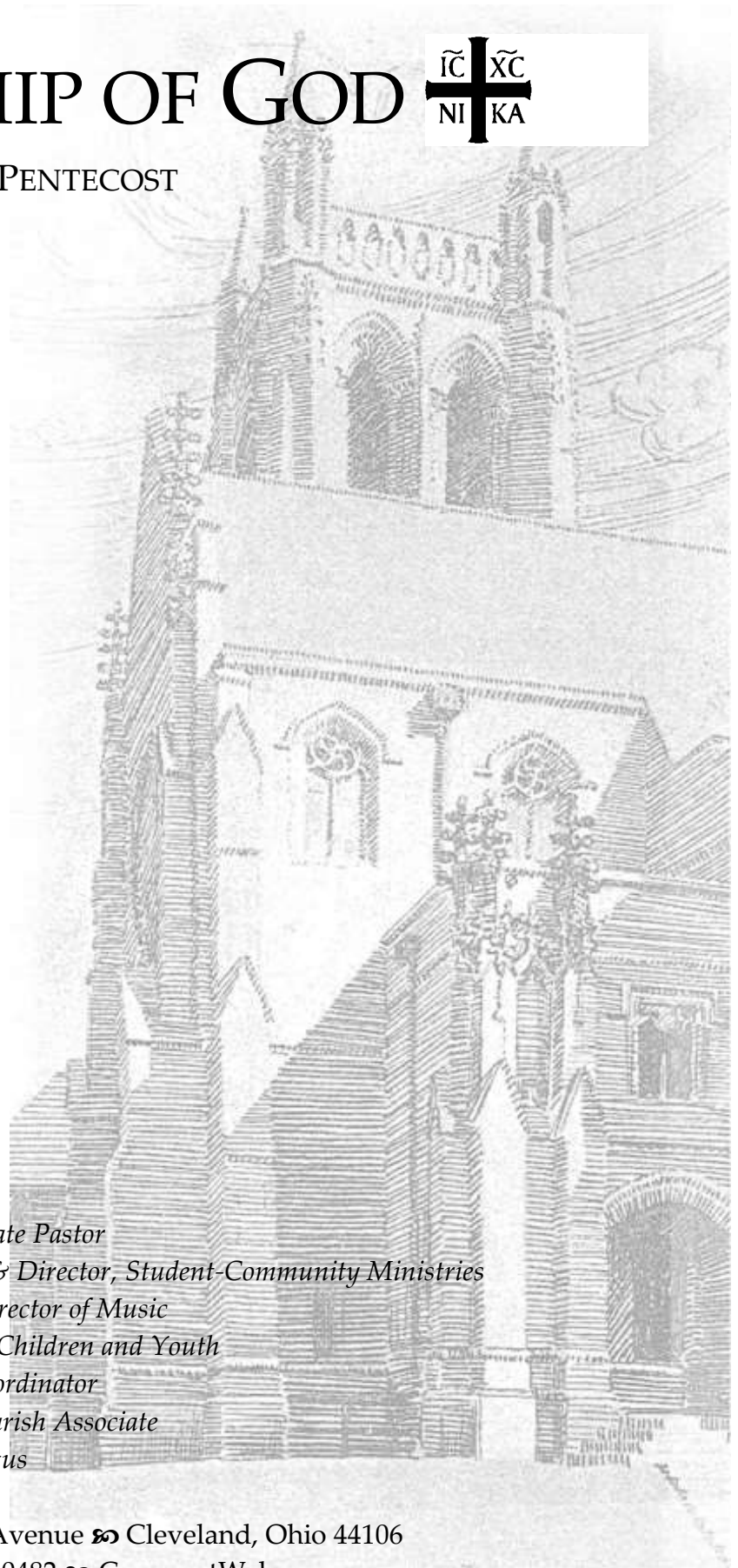
Ms. Mindy Stewart, *Family Matters Coordinator*

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

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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. 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 103:8-13 and Matthew 18:21-35.

* Those who are able may stand.

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO
Covenant Carillonneur

THE CHANCEL ORGAN

DR. JONATHAN W. MOYER

Sicilienne from Suite, Op. 5

MAURICE DURUFLÉ

WELCOME

THE REV. AMY STARR REDWINE

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Benedic, anima mea

ORLANDO DE LASSUS
Covenant Soloists

*Benedic, anima mea, Domino,
et noli oblivisci omnes retributiones ejus,
et renovabitur sicut aquila juventus tua.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
Your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

(Psalm 103:2, 5)

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE REV. EILEEN F. VIZCAINO

One Voice: In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe,
in ordinary days of work and play:

All Voices: in every moment, God is with us

Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud,
or standing on faith's shoreline:

in every place, God is with us.

In those who teach us and those who trouble us;
in those who surprise us, and those who forgive us:

in every person, God is with us.

Let us worship God!

* HYMN 261

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

CAROL ROE

Holy Creator, we acknowledge that we do not always show compassion for others as you show compassion for us. We are impatient, slow to forgive and admit that we hold on to anger. We do not utilize the gifts you have given us for building your kingdom here on earth. We see our accomplishments as our own and fail to recognize your role. Please forgive us for our selfishness and arrogance. Help us to heed your guidance in our everyday lives so that we can be the disciples you would have us be. We 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!

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.

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.
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.**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MS. MINDY STEWART

PARTING RESPONSE

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

All are invited to sing as children and youth depart to the Education Wing. 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.**

FIRST LESSON

PSALM 103:8-13

ANTHEM

Kyrie from Requiem

MAURICE DURUFLÉ

The Covenant Choir

*Kyrie eleison,
Christ have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.

SECOND LESSON

MATTHEW 18:21-35

**One Voice: This is the Word of the Lord
All Voices: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

As We Forgive

AMY STARR REDWINE

* HYMN 347

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

CALVIN HAMPTON
The Covenant Choir

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

* 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

Creating God Your Fingers Trace

HERR JESU CHRIST

See insert.

* BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN

*Kyrie, Gott Heiliger Geist, BWV 671
from Clavierübung III*

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

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.



TODAY'S CARILLON MUSIC

Etude for Carillon

GARY WHITE

English Folk Songs

ANONYMOUS

The English Country Garden

ARR. L. 'T HART

Henry Martin

ARR. R. BARNES

Blow away the morning dew

ARR. R. BARNES

Rondeau - Here's the Summer

HENRY PURCELL, ARR. R. BARNES

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

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION: "AS WE FORGIVE"

In answer to Peter's question of how many times we should forgive someone who repeatedly offends us, Jesus essentially says, "Over and over and over again." What Jesus doesn't specify is how we do this. What has been your experience of forgiveness? Are you more comfortable forgiving or being forgiven? What have been the consequences for you when you have not forgiven someone who hurt you?

MUSIC NOTES

Today's music reflects on the mercy of God. The *Kyrie eleison* (the first part of the Mass Ordinary) is one of the oldest prayers for mercy in the Christian tradition. Its Greek words have been put to countless musical settings from ancient Gregorian chant to 20th century jazz. The choir sings a setting of the text written in 1947 by the French composer Maurice Duruflé as part of his most popular work, the *Requiem, Op. 9*. Duruflé employs the use of the original Gregorian melody, which is woven into a fabric of lush harmony and soaring melody. The organ prelude features another work of Duruflé, the *Sicilienne* from his *Suite, Op. 5*. The *sicilienne* was originally a slow, lilting Italian dance in 6/8 or 12/8. The offertory features an alternate setting of the hymn text *There's a wideness in God's mercy* by the American composer Calvin Hampton (1938-1984). The service concludes with a setting of the Kyrie for organ from Johann Sebastian Bach's monumental *Clavierübung III* (1736). Like Duruflé, Bach quotes the Gregorian chant in long tones in the pedal, ornamented by contrapuntal melodies played by the hands.

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER TODAY is Carol Roe, who has been a member of the Covenant since 1980 and lives in Cleveland Heights. She is step-mother to John Layton who lives in Wichita, Kansas. Carol is a registered nurse and an attorney and frequently lectures on issues of health care law. At Covenant, she is Co-chair of the Adult Education and Black History Committee and Chair of the Personnel Committee. She is also a member of Session and the Farewell Task Force. *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 and celebration of the ministry of the Reverend Laury W. Larson.

USHERS TODAY are John Bromelmeier, Ted Adams, Bob Ault, Tracy Blake, and Martha Goble; greeters are Emily Blake and Mary von Herrman.

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.

SINCE A GUNMAN OPENED FIRE AT SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 14, 2012, killing 26 people, 20 of them children, 261 people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since Monday, August 4 of this year, 12 more individuals have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County. Their names are Markies D. Weeks, Isaiah C. Odens, Marcelles A. Brown, Arturio Young, John W. Delar, Dean Takashi Ochi, John F. Tusai, Brian Glen Montgomery, James Earl Parker, James Travis Rolko, Kanisha LaShea Thermond, and Thomas Vilicka. 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.

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 21, the Reverend Eileen Vizcaino is preaching. The scripture lessons are Luke 12:6, 24; 14:5 and Genesis 1:24-25; 2:18-20a. The Lay Worship Leader is John Marsh.

IN THE COVENANT FAMILY

We keep in our prayers Bee Carpenter, Ruth Dahm De Vries, Sharoon Hanook and his family, Rolf Krotseng, Vera Orlock, 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.

OPPORTUNITIES

THE PICNIC IS TODAY! We will be on the West Lawn, celebrating the Reverend Laury W. Larson's 40 Years of Ministry. All are welcome.

TUESDAY NOON RECITALS have begun and will continue through October 28: McGaffin Carillon, 12:00–12:15; Organ, 12:15–12:45. This week's organist will be Parker Ramsay. Bring a lunch or enjoy one of University Circle's many restaurants following the performance.

SUNDAY ADULT FORUMS begin next Sunday, September 21. *Addressing Gun Violence* will be addressed in the first two, and “Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence,” a Presbyterian Church (USA)-produced documentary film will be shown next week.

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.


The Church of the Covenant Activities Schedule: September 14-21		
<i>See full building schedule for the Interfaith Center and other outside activities.</i>		
<i>September Calendars available with the <u>Covenant News</u> in the narthex, kiosks, and church office.</i>		
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	Education Wing
11 am	PICNIC	West Lawn
11 am	Snacks for Students	Narthex
12:30 pm	Science of Spirituality	Sonia Golden Room
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15		
8 am	Expressive Therapy	Beckwith Hall
12 pm	UC Al Anon Family Group	Herrick Room
7 pm	Communications Committee Meeting	Sonia Golden Room
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16		
9 am	Staff Meeting	Office Area
10 am	Covenant Cache	Activities Room
12 pm	Organ Recital	Sanctuary
12 pm	UC Bible Study	Library
7:30 pm	McGaffin Carillon Task Group Meeting	Herrick Room
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17		
4:30 pm	Music and Meditation	Christ Chapel
5:30 pm	12 Steps to Freedom	Activities Room
7 pm	Deacons Meeting	Dining Room
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18		
10 am	Cache	Activities Room
6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Conference Room
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19		

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20		
10 am	Saturday Tutoring	Dining Room
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21		
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	Youth Worship	Yost Chapel
11 am	Snacks for Students	Narthex
11 am	Reception	Reception Room
11:15 am	Senior Highs	Youth Lounge
11:30 am	Adult Forum	Beckwith Hall
11:30 am	Chapel/Psalter Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
12:30 pm	Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Conference Room
5 pm	Taize Vespers	Sanctuary

CAMPUS CORNER


SCC: STUDENT COMMUNITY AT COVENANT

 **11AM** Today, Snacks for Students--at the table in the narthex (lobby).  Sign up for SCC's event at Case for Community Day, Friday, September 19.  THEN, C'MON OUT TO THE PICNIC on COVENANT'S LAWN. It's for EVERYBODY!

 Congratulations to Susan McKay, winner of 2 tkts. to Les Mis, live, from the raffle at the Welcome Bash Sat, September 6, and to Qi Xu, winner of the Chinese-English translator.

 Thanks to ALL for being part of last Sunday's "backpack blessing", and for "being there" for each other after worship.

FUTURE EVENTS

 **FRI, Sept 12: 12noon--2pm**, Thwing Ballroom, find the 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.

Today, Sept. 14: FREE! Admission & Shuttle. One World Festival area of 105th St., East Blvd & MLK, in nationally renowned Cleveland Cultural Gardens. Shuttle leaves from VA Medical Center garage, E. 105th St. and Magnolia. <http://clevelandoneworldfestival.com/>

SAT. Sept. 20: 2 - 8pm. Cultural Arts Festival. Live entertainment on porches and lawns, on Ashbury Ave. between E. 105th and E. 123rd streets. Community celebration. <http://www.universitycircle.org/events/2014/09/gold-coast-cultural-arts-festival>