

The CHURCH *of the* COVENANT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017, 10:00 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“The church really needs people who know enough to know that we really don’t know it all. It needs people who know that we don’t see the way completely this side of paradise but that we don’t have to see the whole way. We have to have just enough vision to trust God and know that our vision is incomplete.”

~Mark Ramsey

Ministers

All the members of the church

The Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, Pastor, ASRedwine@CovenantWeb.org

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The Rev. Nancy Lynch, Parish Associate

Go to CovenantWeb.org, “Who We Are” to see a complete list of staff and contact information.

Welcome!

We are thrilled that you have chosen to join us for worship at the Church of the Covenant. For over one hundred years, we have sought to be a welcoming spiritual home, live God's inclusive love, express Christ's compassion, and do justice in the world. As a diverse community, we find unity in our shared identity as Jesus' disciples and in our desire to put God's love into action within and beyond these walls. Whether you are a student, here with a patient in the hospital, visiting from out of town, looking for a church home, or a decades-long member, may you experience God's transformative presence as we worship together!

Amy Starr Redwine, Pastor

First time here?

Please sign the red pad in the pews and share your email address so that a pastor can follow up with you. We pray that in this time of worship, through scripture, music, prayer, silence, and ritual, you encounter God in a way that inspires, energizes, or simply comforts you.

College, grad student, or alum?

We invite college students, alumni and friends to join the Covenant community for a time of fellowship at the reception following the service.

Have children with you?

We invite all children to participate in a Time for Young Disciples and Sunday School. While all children are more than welcome to remain in the service, we have a nursery for infants through pre-kindergarten age children. Ask an usher for directions or for an activity packet.

Want to learn more?

Join us after worship for a time of fellowship. To learn about scheduled events, read or listen to sermons, and find out more about our family of faith, visit our website, CovenantWeb.org.



TODAY

Ordination and Installation of Officers & Annual Meeting

MUSIC REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 8:30

CRÈCHE NURSERY, Education Wing, 9:30

WORSHIP, Sanctuary, 10:00

SUNDAY SCHOOL, Education Wing, 10:15

ANNUAL MEETING, Sanctuary, 11:00

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP, Reception Room following the Annual Meeting

SOWERS (8TH–12TH GRADERS), Dewey's Pizza, 5:30

ENNEAGRAM GROUP, Off-Site, 6:30



THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE OFFICERS WHO HAVE CONCLUDED THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE:

Elders: Mary Anne Bromelmeier, Carol Roe, Erin Tomko, and Harriet Wadsworth

Deacons: Renee Boykin, Ed Laylin, Lorna Mierke, and Donna Prease

Trustees: Catherine C. Miller and Jim Prince

HAVE GRADUATES IN YOUR FAMILY? We'd love to share the news about our youth who are graduating from high school, college or have other milestones in their lives. Please email Covenant@CovenantWeb.org. If you have a picture, we can also include it. Thank you!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO, CARILLONNEUR

PRELUDE

Praeludium in E minor "Kleine"

NICOLAUS BRUHNS
Abraham Ross, organ

WELCOME

THE REV. AMY STARR REDWINE

STATEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY

THE REV. MELANIE MARSH BAUM

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

CALVIN WEISS LAUFER
The Covenant Choir

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

MINDY STEWART

One: Come, you who thirst for grace.
All: Come, you who hunger for justice.
Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.
Come, you who are like a child at home.
Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time and place.
We have come to worship God.

* HYMN 115

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

* CALL TO CONFESSION

NANCY SMEKAL

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we try to be good; forgive us when our goodness makes us judgmental. We try to be faithful; forgive us when our faithfulness makes us intolerant. We try to be helpful; forgive us when our helpfulness becomes condescending. Take our best efforts, O Lord, and transform them by your grace and goodness. Forgive us as we silently confess our sins.

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*in silence*)

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: 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.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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.
or Maker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 43:16–21

ANTHEM

*Come, Labor On*JOHN FERGUSON
The Covenant Choir

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, while all around us waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share--to young and old the gospel gladness bear; redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and fear! No arm so weak but may do service here; Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky, till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie, and a glad sound comes with the setting sun. "Well done, well done!"

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MELANIE MARSH BAUM

PARTING RESPONSE

All are invited to sing as the children and youth depart for Sunday School.



SECOND LESSON

MATTHEW 28:16–20

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Where Do We Go from Here?

AMY STARR REDWINE

*RESPONSE (Hymn 392, verse 2)

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

Take thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;

Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;

Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;

Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

AMY STARR REDWINE
MELANIE MARSH BAUM

Elders to be ordained and installed: Suchi Nelson

Deacons to be ordained and installed: Tom Denbow, Julie Mailey, Lucy Matz

Elders previously ordained to be installed: Denise Horstman, David Finkenthal,

Mike Heines, Catherine Jarjisian, Chris Langmack

Deacons previously ordained to be installed: Stephanie Johnson, Nancy Matz

LITANY FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

BILL BRAUN

Do we, the members of the church, accept these brothers and sisters in the faith as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond, **"We do."**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church? If so, please respond, **"We do."**

RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

Officers: President, Martha Goble; Secretary, Kathleen Farkas;
Treasurer, Keith Kallay

Trustees: Russell Hack, Tom Keys, Harriet Wadsworth

PRAYER

CHARGE

*RESPONSE (Hymn 392, verse 4)

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

**Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee – time, talents, all;
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

KEVIN J. LOWRY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

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



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Herr Jesu Christ dich zu uns wend, BWV 709* JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
 Lord Jesus Christ turn to us Abraham Ross, Organ

* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Those who do not wish to stay for the meetings of the Congregation and Corporation are welcome to depart following the benediction.

CARILLON POSTLUDE Rigaudon from *Suite Archaique* GEO CLEMENT
 George Leggiero, Carillonneur



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual Report was emailed Friday. Copies are available at the sanctuary entrances.

* HYMN 430 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH



OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Nancy Smekal, who joined Covenant in 1980. Nancy and her husband Jim have enjoyed the Church of the Covenant and its members since discovering it together many years ago. Nancy teaches French at the Montessori High School in University Circle and does not miss an opportunity to tell others all about the Covenant! *If you would like to become a lay worship leader, please contact Gale Bromelmeier at 440-944-7480 or at galebrom@aol.com.*

USHERS TODAY are Keith Kallay, John Bromelmeier, Martha Goble, and Suchi Nelson. Greeting are Stacey Booker and Shirley Thompson.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are presented to the glory of God and in appreciation of our leaders who are completing their terms and those who have agreed to serve in this coming year.

MUSIC NOTES: Two hymns this Sunday reflect on the dedication of our labor in the service of God and the community, acknowledging the many graduating students in schools throughout our region as well as the ordination and installation of our church officers. The first is the hymn "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord," the text of which was written by the Presbyterian minister William H. Foulkes (1877-1962) who served a brief tenure as pastor of Old Stone Church in Cleveland. His text was inspired directly from a tune composed by his dear friend and hymnographer Calvin Weiss Laufer (1874-1938). The second hymn, "Come, Labor On" is sung by the choir in an anthem setting by John Ferguson, retired professor of organ at St. Olaf College. The text of the hymn was written by the Scottish hymnographer and missionary Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), who devoted much of her work to the English translation of German hymns. Her most notable translation is the hymn "Be Still My Soul." The British organist Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953) wrote the now-popular hymn tune *Ora Labora* for the hymn text while serving as choirmaster of St. Thomas Church in New York City.

A STEPHEN MINISTER will be in Christ Chapel for anyone who would like to talk or pray.

FOOD COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY: Next Sunday the children will collect food for the Covenant Food Pantry. Financial donations are also welcome. The Pantry is open the last Wednesday and Friday morning of each month as well as for emergencies that might arise during the month. **The Pantry can especially use canned beef stew, pasta sauce, pasta/spaghetti, peanut butter, corn muffin mix, and.**

IN THE COVENANT FAMILY

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Jennifer Conner, Rich Day (friend of Bill Braun and Cathy Luck), Gretchen Drushel (studying in Seoul, South Korea), Stephanie Johnson, Karen and Les Knowlton, Marilyn and Rolf Kronseng, Ann McDaniel (Pat Owne-Keltner's aunt), Timothy Moyer (Jonathan Moyer's brother), Victoria Ondich (Patty Fowler's mother), and Erika and Norbert Roehl (friends of Arnie and Susan Dahm). We pray for Covenant members and friends who are struggling with illness, convalescing, or are homebound; the patients, family, and staff in our surrounding hospitals; and those who have placed prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

A memorial service for Mary Jean Rice will be June 10, 2:00 pm, at Heiser Auditorium, Kendal at Oberlin, 600 Kendal Dr., Oberlin. Mary Jean passed away on February 1.

Congratulations and blessing to all of our graduates!

Este Pozza is on vacation May 24–May 29. **Willie Howard** is on vacation May 25–May 30.

Kevin Lowry will be in Israel May 24–June 12 as part of a cross-cultural immersion program, coursework for his Masters of Divinity.

A GREAT CHANCE TO MEET OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES! HELP OUT IN THE CRÈCHE.

We are looking for volunteers eighteen or older to be the second adult in the Crèche on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am–12:30 pm, or until the last child is picked up. Children include infants through pre-kindergarten age. For safety reasons, the Covenant requires two adults to be present for all activities involving youth and children. Join Christy Cameron-Hollyfield, our Crèche Coordinator, and get to know our youngest children. Contact Christy at CCHollyfield@CovenantWeb.org, Melanie Marsh Baum at MBaum@CovenantWeb.org, or call the church office at 216.421.0482. Volunteering in the Crèche meets service hour requirements.

TUESDAY NOON ORGAN RECITALS | TUESDAYS THROUGH JUNE 27 | 12:00 NOON

Gerwin Hoekstra, Oberlin Conservatory of Music and organist at First Church (UCC) in Oberlin, will be playing this Tuesday, May 23. Bring a lunch! Bring a friend! Free.

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME CARILLON CONCERTS | FRIDAYS THROUGH JUNE 16 | 12:15 PM

Friday Lunchtime Carillon Concerts performed by Covenant and University Circle Carillonneur George Leggiero and guests. Tower tours following the concerts. Bring a lawn chair; picnic on the lawn or CWRU campus. Go to ucbells.org for program information.

Scheduled the week of May 22

MONDAY 22nd	Presbytery of the Western Reserve, Medina, 6:00
TUESDAY 23rd	Staff Planning, 9:00; Cache, 10:00; Tuesday Bible Study, 11:00; Tuesday Noon Organ Recital, 12:00; Elders class of 2020, 5:30; Classrooms to Corporations, 6:00
WEDNESDAY 24th	Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, 12:00; Twelve Steps to Freedom (AA), 5:30; Wednesday Prayer and Song, 7:00; Session, 7:00
THURSDAY 25th	Cache, 10:00; Theology on Tap @ The Jolly Scholar, 5:30; Classrooms to Corporations, 6:00; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30
FRIDAY 26th	Covenant Food Pantry, 10:00; Friday Lunchtime Carillon Concert, 12:15
SATURDAY 27th	The front parking lot is being coated. <i>No parking until Sunday morning.</i>

Next Sunday, May 28

(food collection – children in worship)

MUSIC REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 8:30

CRÈCHE NURSERY, Education Wing, 9:30

WORSHIP, Sanctuary, 10:00

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP, Reception Room, 11:00

The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 29.

Covenant Student Ministries



Former Covenant Student Ministries invites you to join the Covenant community for a time of fellowship following the worship service! If you would like more information about our student ministry, meet up with Kevin Lowry, our Chaplain for Students in the main entrance of the church before or after the worship service. You can contact Kevin by email at lowry@CovenantWeb.org or by calling 261-421-0482 ext. 236. You can also check out our online community on our Facebook Page—Covenant Student Ministries — or our website CovenantWeb.org/university-students.

Centered in University Circle, Covenant Student Ministries is a welcoming community for college students that seeks to live out God's inclusive love on campus and in our world through faith, fellowship, and service.



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