

The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**  
*Day of Pentecost*

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Service of Worship  
for the Lord's Day

**Youth  
Sunday**



*Gathering*

*The McGaffin Carillon*

George Leggiero, Carillon

*Prelude*

Jonathan and Samuel Moyer

*Cello Concerto in C Major, 1. Moderato*

Joseph Haydn

*Greeting*

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

*Introit*

Congolese Praise Chorus

\* *Call to Worship*

The Spirit of God calls us:

**By God's grace, may we live lives filled with compassion  
and gratitude.**

God says, you are mine. Go and change the world.

The Spirit of God enlightens us.

**Mirroring Christ's humility, may we grow in the wisdom  
of God's ways.**

God says, you are mine. Go and change the world.

The Spirit of God empowers us:

**United in God's love, may we become a voice for Justice.**

God says, you are mine. Go and change the world.

The Spirit of God sends us:

**Filled with the Holy spirit, may we share God's  
radical hospitality with all people.**

God says, you are mine. Go and change the world.

**Come, let us worship God.**

**Sacrament**

Rev. Anna Strickland

**WELCOME**

Convinced of God's grace, the Church of the Covenant seeks to be a welcoming spiritual home, live God's inclusive love, express Christ's compassion, and do justice in the world.

**CHILD CARE**

Child care is provided for infants, toddlers, and pre-K children in our Crèche. The Crèche is located on the second floor of the Education Wing. Infants and toddlers may arrive prior to the service. Children pre-K through 5th grade may leave after *A Time for Young Disciples* to go to the Crèche.



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## Today

\* Hymn 726      *Will You Come and Follow Me*      KELVINGROVE  
Verses 1, 4, and 5

### Youth Sunday!

*We celebrate and commission the Youth and their mentors who have been on an important journey this past year, as they have explored how to be Christ's disciples and to make a difference in our world during our yearlong confirmation class.*

*The Youth and their mentors who participated were:*

**Ali Abumba**  
(Gamaliel K. Muhani)

**Tilisia Abumba**  
(Katherine Chilcote),

**Yuniki Abumba**  
(Katherine Chilcote),

**Christopher Moyer**  
(John Marsh),

**Samuel Moyer**  
(Tom Denbow),

**Miguel Podojil Schlesinger**  
(Beth Holbein).

### Call to Confession

Samuel Moyer

Through confession, we have the opportunity to turn our bodies to God and, as one body, name the actions and inactions that separate us from God and one another.

Let us lift our hearts and voices together in prayer.

### Prayer of Confession

Samuel Moyer

**Lord, as a people called to live out your compassion, we confess we are often too busy and too self-focused to open ourselves to the needs of others.**

**Enlightened by your word to know what is good, and what you require of us, we ignore your wisdom, and follow our own ways.**

**Empowered to live humble and just lives, we allow our fears and hurt pride to create division instead of unity.**

**Sent in your name to change the world, we are too insecure to take the first step.**

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Samuel Moyer

Hear the Good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### \* Gloria Patri

**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.**

+ Or you may sing: "Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, the Spirit, Three in One;"



***The Hands of God***  
Christopher Moyer

## CALLED

*God's Spirit calls us.*

Samuel Moyer

Acts 2:17-18

Yuniki Abumba

**Congregation: We are a broken people,  
yet we have been called by God, filled with God's grace.**

Romans 3:21-24

Christopher Moyer

**Congregation: We are called to mirror Christ's compassion  
with a spirit of thanksgiving.**

1 Peter 3:8-9

Samuel Moyer

Philippians 4:4-7

Christopher Moyer

*Congregational Response*

*Hymn 288*

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

*Quote:*

Samuel Moyer

"Inside each of us there are powers so strong, treasures so rich, possibilities so endless, that to command them all to action would change the history of the world."

H. Jackson Brown Jr., Author of *Life's Little Instruction Book*

*Youth Statement*

Christopher Moyer

*Anthem*

Chancel Choir and Children Singers

*They Wanted to Follow Jesus* from "Thy Will"

Jennifer Conner

Well Jesus went out to the sea of Galilee,  
He let out a shout to the fishermen, "Won't you come and follow me."  
They all dropped their nets and hurried to Jesus on the shore  
they wanted to follow him, find out what this living is for.

*Refrain:* And they wanted to follow Jesus all day long  
and through the night.

They wanted to follow Jesus, learn the wrong from the right.  
They wanted to fish for people, help them come into the light.  
They wanted to follow Jesus all day long and through the night.

## GATHER

We gather to worship God on the Lord's Day (Sunday), because the Gospels testify that Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week.

## MUSIC NOTES

The hymns and choruses for today's service reflect the various themes from this year's confirmation class. The anthem and offertory, which will be performed by our children, youth, and Chancel choir, also develop this idea of discipleship. *Thy Will* is a musical offering of 8 songs with narration that explores how Hebrew and New Testament biblical personalities answered God's call to service. Dr. Jenny Conner wrote the show several decades ago for Covenant's Senior High Guitar Ensemble. Both of today's excerpts are from the second half of the show. "They wanted to Follow Jesus" is the story of various responses to Jesus' call. "Take Me Lord" closes "Thy Will" and is a confirmation of our own call to discipleship. Conner "recomposed" these two excerpts for today's service to create a fuller, choral setting.



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Down by the sea, Jesus taught throughout the day  
 but as it grew dark the others begged him send the people away.  
 "What food have you got to share?" "Just three fish, one loaf of bread."  
 Jesus blessed and passed it out and all the people were fed. *Refrain*

"What must I do," one asked, to enter the kingdom of the Lord?"  
 "Follow the ten commandments that God gave you before."  
 "But this I have done," he said. "Are you sure there's nothing more?"  
 "Yes, come follow me and give all your riches to the poor." "Uh oh!" *Refrain*

The sinner Zachias went and shimmied up a tree  
 so that when the Lord came by he'd be able to see.  
 The Lord called him down, that at his house they might sup.  
 Zachias replied where I have cheated four times more will I give up. *Refrain*

**ENLIGHTENED**

*God's Spirit enlightens us.*

Tilisia Abumba

Proverbs 1:5-7

Tilisia Abumba

**Congregation: We are enlightened by Christ's own example.**

Philippians 4:4-7

Miguel Podojil Schlesinger

*Congregational Response*

**Humble Thyself**

Hum - ble thy - self in the sight of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

Hum - ble thy - self in the sight of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ The

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ will lift \_\_\_\_\_ you up \_\_\_\_\_ high - er and high - er. The

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ will lift \_\_\_\_\_ you up \_\_\_\_\_ up in - to hea - ven the

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ will lift \_\_\_\_\_ you up. \_\_\_\_\_



Youth statement

Miguel Podojil Schlesinger

**EMPOWERED**

God's Spirit empowers us

Miguel Podojil Schlesinger

Ephesians 4:1-6

Miguel Podojil Schlesinger

**Congregation: We are empowered by the Spirit to seek unity in our diversity,  
as we work for God's justice in the world.**

Congregational Response

Micah 6:8

God has shown thee \_\_\_\_\_ Oh peo - ple \_\_\_\_\_ what is good and what the  
 Lord re-quires of thee. \_\_\_\_\_ God has shown thee \_\_\_\_\_ Oh peo - ple \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ what is good and what the Lord re-quires of thee. \_\_\_\_\_ But to do just - ly \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and to love mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_ and to walk hum - bly with your God. \_\_\_\_\_

Youth statement

Samuel Moyer

Musical interlude

**SENT**

Meditation

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

Announcements and Celebration of Community

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

Service of Baptism, Confirmation and Commissioning

Invitation to Offering

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*Offertory*

Chancel Choir and Youth Singers

*Take Me Lord* from "Thy Will"

Jennifer Conner

*Refrain:* Take me Lord, let me be a true and faithful child of yours.

With all I have to give, I want to serve you more.

Take this life of mine.

Give me ears that hear the fears and pain around me

Give me lips that speak the truths to set them free.

Give me gentle hands to reach the stranger

standing alone amidst the crowd that does not see. *Refrain*

Give me eyes that find the good amidst the evil.

Give me faith that's bold, and strength to do your will.

Give me words that mend, and love that's never ending.

Help me listen to that voice so small and still. *Refrain*

### *The Eucharist*

*Invitation to Table*

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

*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, Amen.**

*Words of Institution*

Distribution of the elements

*Please hold the elements, so that we may partake together*

*Prayer After Communion*

\* Hymn 69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM (SCHUTTE)

\* *Charge and Benediction*

*Special Music*

Congolese Praise Chorus

*Carillon Postlude*

George Leggiero

\* *Please stand as you are able*

Our ushers today are: ***Beth Holbein and Nancy Smekal.***

Our greeter today is: ***Barb Clint.***

The custodian on duty is: ***Damytrez Vazquez.***

The audio/visual technician today is: ***Ken Wendt.***

We welcome everyone who is joining us for worship online on Sundays and throughout the week. We're thankful that our congregation is expanded through digital ministry! **Complete announcements are available in the weekly E-NEWS and COVENANT LIFE.**



#### **Contact One of Our Pastors**

To schedule an appointment, call the office at 216-421-0482, or email Pastor Jessie at [Pastor@Covenantweb.org](mailto:Pastor@Covenantweb.org) or Pastor Robin at [rcraig@covenantweb.org](mailto:rcraig@covenantweb.org).

**The Church of the Covenant** extends its deepest sympathy to ***Jenny Conner***, on the death of her grand-nephew ***Gabriel*** who died on Wednesday, May 8th.

**The Church of the Covenant** extends its deepest sympathy to ***Rev. June Begany***, on the death of her sister ***Lois J. Wilson*** who died on Wednesday May 15th.

**The Flowers In The Chancel Urn** are given to the glory of God, and in memory of ***Jean Sacatsh***, by her nephew, ***Don Nelson.***

**We Keep in our Prayers:** Hailee Rose A., Zoe Ann Brown, Cary Arden, Venerine Branham, Corky Carl, Edward A Crooks, Joan Drushel, Sonia Golden, Min Gressley (Dave Gressley's mother), Ruth Hatcher, Patrick Hoover (Ann Williams's nephew), Conor Joyce (Kathy Farkas's nephew), David Keltner, Mike Maldonado, Reathel McWhorter, Cathy Miller, Richard (Dick) Miller, Lois Miller (Nessa Gressley's mother), Nancy Miller (Nessa Gressley's sister), Luther Moss, Susan Moyer (Jonathan Moyer's mother), Nicole Murray, Tonia Myers, Crystal Pryor (Nicole Murray's daughter), David Nelson (Suchi Nelson's brother), Diane Papp, Mark Perrings and family, and Echo (grandson of Barb Clint's friend), and North Presbyterian Church. We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or homebound and for patients, family, and staff in surrounding hospitals.

## This Week at Covenant (May 19– May 25)

**Today:** Child Care, Crèche, 9:30 am;

Sunday School, Crèche, Infants –Age 6, 9:30 am;

Carillon and Organ Prelude, 9:45 am;

Worship, Sanctuary, 10:00 am;

Reception, Reception Room, 11:30 am;

Sunday School, Ages 7–11, Interfaith/Prayer Room, 11:30 am;

Sunday School, Ages 12+, Living Room, 11:30 am.

**Monday:** Parking Lot Task Group, Zoom, 10:30 am;

Personnel Committee Meeting, Zoom, 6:00 pm;

Bible Study, Zoom, 7:00 pm.

**Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:30 am;

Cache, Lower Level, 10:00 am;

Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concert, *Kaori Hongo*, organ, Sanctuary, 12:00 pm;

Membership Cultivation Meeting, Meeting Room/Zoom, 12:30 pm;

Trustee Meeting, Meeting Room/Zoom, 6:30 pm.

**Wednesday:** Young Adults Bible Study, Library, 12:00 pm;

12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith Hall, 5:30 pm;

Session Meeting, Meeting Room/Zoom, 7:00 pm.

**Thursday:** Midday Prayer, Zoom, 11:00 am;

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7:30 pm.

**Friday:** Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, *Patrick Macoska*, 12:15 pm.

**Saturday:** ESL Class, Library, 10:00 am.

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