

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day



Gathering

The McGaffin Carillon

Keiran Cantilina, Carillon

Fish.

Mosaic from Kallistis,
Greece.

Organ Prelude

Oziah Wales, The Chancel Organ

Organ Symphony No. 2, Op. 20

Louis Vierne

II. Choral

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.

Greeting

Rev. Robin Craig

Introit

Beckwith Handbell Choir

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell, arr. Kirk

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 and is
staffed from 9:30 to 12:30
on Sundays. Infants and
toddlers may arrive prior to
the service. Children pre-K
through 5th grade are
welcome to start in worship
with their parents and leave
after *A Time for Young
Disciples* to go to the Crèche
for their lessons, crafts, and
other activities. Older
students from 6th through
twelfth grades join in
worship every Sunday and
youth events after worship.

* *Call to Worship*

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

You have put gladness in my heart

more than when their grain and wine abound.

Let us worship the Living God of Light!

Psalm 4:6-7

* *Hymn 238*

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Call to Confession

Hugh Burtner, *Liturgist*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you
with our whole heart and soul
and mind and strength.**

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Silent Confession of Sin

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news!
Christ is risen!
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
**Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

* *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;"

OUR LITURGIST is
Hugh Burtner.

My late wife Marilyn and I visited Covenant twenty years ago, in 2004. We found it to be a welcoming fellowship, and knew of its witness to social justice issues over the years. Because of my work as a college professor of religious studies I have, over the years, been able to make a contribution to studies here at Covenant, as well as elsewhere. I deeply appreciate Covenant's outreach in the church neighborhood. I am pleased to participate in this Christian fellowship which preaches the Gospel for the whole world and the whole person.

Today

Flowering Spirits:

Make and take

Lift your spirit by making a flower arrangement to take home or give to a friend. Learn a few tips for making the perfect gift for anyone and find out how The Deacons' Flower Ministry works to build up our faith community. Meet **Julie Mailey** in Dowd Commons from 11:30 to 12:30. Gloves and clippers are useful but not required; donations are welcome but not necessary.

Thank you!

We thank our retiring Saturday Tutoring Program Directors, **Brittney Terrell** and **Rafael Sturdivant**, for their years of dedication and caring to the program.

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture I John 3:1-7

NT page 240

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Beckwith Handbell Choir

Easter Bells

Michael Ryan

based on the hymntunes LASST UNS ERFREUEN and EASTER HYMN

Time for Young Disciples

Katherine Chilcote

Departing Music

These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Hymn 487, verse 5

**Then, tender God, each child embrace;
God give them blessings, grant them grace.
Surprise them, God, with wonders still,
And gently guide them to your will.**

Scripture Luke 24:36b-48

NT page 91

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Witnesses to Wonder

Rev. Robin Craig

* *Hymn 240*

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

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 service music today features two pieces played by the Beckwith Handbell Choir. Our Introit is the joyous and regal "Trumpet Tune," composed by the 17th century English composer Henry Purcell. Today's Anthem, "Easter Bells" by Michael Ryan, combines two popular, jubilant Easter hymn tunes: "Lasst uns erfreuen" (Hymn 15, "All Creatures of Our God and King") and "Easter Hymn" (Hymn 245, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today").

The Offertory, sung by the Chancel Choir, is taken from Amy Beach's Op. 8, "Three Choral Responses." Beach, who lived from 1867 to 1944, is known as the first successful American female composer to write large scale symphonic works, though she also wrote many sacred choral works. The choir sings the latter two responses, "Prayer and supplication" and "Peace I leave with you," whose texts are taken from Philippians 4:6-7 and John 14:27, respectively. Both texts bid listeners to forgo their fears and anxieties and find peace in God that goes beyond material understanding.

BELIEVING GOD CALLS US TO BE PEACEMAKERS

Prayer Against Gun Violence

Includes ringing of the Prayer Bell for those impacted by gun violence (23 more individuals in Cuyahoga County died from gun violence in March).

Ringing of the Prayer Bell.

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,**



Announcements and Celebration of Community

Rev. Robin Craig

Invitation to Offering

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Offertory

Chancel Choir

*With Prayer and Supplication and Peace I leave with You from
3 Choral Responses Amy Marcy Cheney Beach*

With prayer and supplication,
Let your requests be known unto God.
And the peace of God which passeth all understanding
shall keep your hearts and minds though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.
Not as the world giveth give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled.

Since a gunman opened fire at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012, killing 26 people, 20 of them children; **2,329** people in Cuyahoga County have been killed by guns. Since last month, **23 more individuals** have died by gun violence in Cuyahoga County.

- La'Quan Evans,
- Jordan Ball,
- Shemsi Utcha Baraka,
- Juan Ramon Lopez Ruiz,
- Daesha Delores Black,
- Brenton Belcher,
- Benjamin M. Rotger,
- Antwoina Marquette Carter,
- Jocelyn M. Hondlik,
- Christopher Joseph Guddy,
- Andre Lamont Parker,
- Daniel A. Sutton,
- Tosha Malea Williams,
- Reginald Darnell Overton,
- Antwon Jones,
- Ulysses Davis,
- Alexis Smith,
- Marsabian Kassim Pope,
- Anthony Grady,
- Artino S. Harris,
- James Matthew Pusey, and
- Marivireese Lashawn Whitlow.



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* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

* *Charge and Benediction*

Rev. Robin Craig

*Organ Postlude
Fugue in g minor*

Jonathan W. Moyer, The Newberry Organ
Johann Adam Reincken

Carillon Postlude

Keiran Cantilina

* *Please stand as you are able*

Our ushers today are: *Nikki Elliott and Suchi Nelson.*

Our greeter is: *Barb Clint.*

The custodian on duty is: *Damytrez Vazquez.*

The audio/visual technicians today are: *Ken Wendt and Gina Young.*

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 the office to sign up.**



Contact One of Our Pastors

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

Rev. Jessie will be out of the office from April 9th until April 19th.

Rev. Robin will be out of the office from April 15th until April 22nd

The Flowers In The Chancel Urn are given to the glory of God, and in memory of *William Hoover* in honor of his birthday on April 18th, by his daughter *Julie Mailey*.

We Keep in our Prayers: Zoe Ann Brown, Cary Arden, Venerine Branham, Corky Carl, Joan Drushel, Sonia Golden, Min Gressley (Dave Gressley's mother), Ruth Hatcher, Fritz Haiss, Patrick Hoover (Ann Williams's nephew), Conor Joyce (Kathy Farkas's nephew), David Keltner, Julie Longfield, Mike Maldonado, Reathel McWhorter, Cathy Miller, Richard (Dick) Miller, Lois Miller (Nessa Gressley's mother), Nancy Miller (Nessa Gressley's sister), 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, Gabriel (Jenny Conner's grand-nephew), 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.

Believing God Calls Us to be Peacemakers

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The names of those at least 18 years of age are: La'Quan Evans, Jordan Ball, Shemsi Utcha Baraka, Juan Ramon Lopez Ruiz, Daesha Delores Black, Brenton Belcher, Benjamin M. Rotger, Antwoina Marquetta Carter, Jocelyn M. Hondlik, Christopher Joseph Guddy, Andre Lamont Parker, Daniel A. Sutton, Tosha Malea Williams, Reginald Darnell Overton, Antwon Jones, Ulysses Davis, Alexis Smith, Marsabian Kassim Pope, Anthony Grady, Artino S. Harris, James Matthew Pusey, and Marivireese Lashawn Whitlow. **Eight** victims **died by suicide** and one homicide victim was **under eighteen**.

Mark Your Calendars

Habitat Faith Build - **Saturday, May 18, Saturday, August 24, Saturday, September 28, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Join us again this year to help build houses through the *Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity's Faith Build*. We will be working to help build a new home, and spruce up the neighborhood in the Buckeye-Woodhill area on the east side of Cleveland. If you are interested please contact Jim Prince at princeco4@aol.com for further information.

Children and Youth Singers | Youth Sunday | May 19, 2024

Calling all parents and guardians of Covenant's young children (ages 7-11) and youth (middle school and high school students). **Dr. Matthew Garrett** will be leading children and youth singers in musical preparation for **Youth Sunday, May 19**. Singing rehearsals will be held during the Sunday School hour in the Education Wing. To learn more about this musical opportunity, contact Dr. Garrett: ngarrett@covenantweb.org Sunday Rehearsals: **April 28, May 5, May 12** at 12:00 pm.

Covenant will celebrate the children and youth of our church during the 10:00 am **Youth Sunday** worship service. Children and youth will help lead this worship service through a combination of scripture, their own shared stories, and the message through music. Parents and guardians will need to bring participating children and youth to church at **9:00 am on May 19th** for service preparation. If transportation is a need, please indicate this to one of the Sunday School leaders so we can get permission forms signed and rides arranged.

This Week at Covenant (April 14– April 20)

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, 11:00 am;

Swahili Service, Yost Chapel, 11:00 am;

Sunday Seminar, *Flowering Spirits: Make and Take*, Dowd Commons, 11:30 am;

Science of Spirituality, Herrick Room, 11:30 pm;

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

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

Cleveland Community Guitar Orchestra Rehearsal, Van Horn Choir Room, 1:15 pm;

UPCaM Dinner Church, Dowd Commons, 6:00 pm.

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

Book Club: *An Altar in the World*, Meeting Room, 12:00 pm;

Nomination Committee Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 pm.

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

Cache, Lower Level, 10:00 am;

Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concert, *Noah Duckwall*, organ, Sanctuary, 12:00 pm;

Trustee Meeting, Meeting Room, 6:30 pm.

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

Collaborative Class - Wisdom of Storytelling, Library, 3:00 pm;

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

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

Makers Space, Crèche, 2:30 pm;

Beckwith Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Beckwith Handbell Room, 6:15 pm;

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7:30 pm.

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

Saturday: Cleveland Community Guitar Orchestra Rehearsal, Van Horn Choir Room, 10:00 am;

Swahili Meeting, Yost Chapel/Dowd Commons, 12:30 pm.

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