

The
**Church of the
Covenant**
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day



Gathering

The McGaffin Carillon

Keiran Cantilina, Carillon

Lyre

Kitty Taylor

Prelude

Improvisations
Jazz Ensemble

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. Jessie MacMillan

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.

* *Call to Worship*

We come to join with all the earth in praise:
**to sing a new song to the Lord,
who has done marvelous things,
who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.**

We praise the Lord with joyful noises
joining the symphony of the earth:

**the roar of the ocean,
the call of the birds,
the wind across the hills,
people in every corner of the globe.**

On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,
we greet you with joy, our living God!

* *Hymn 770*

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE



An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

Call to Confession

Jim Smekal, *Liturgist*

OUR LITURGIST is James Smekal.

James is a 3rd Generation American whose grandparents emigrated from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Educated in the Cleveland Public School System, after earning BS and MBA degrees, he enjoyed a 40-year career as a marketing executive in companies across the States. With Nancy, they celebrate 48 years of marriage. Their son was baptized at The Covenant. They served as deacons, elders, or trustees at Covenant and other Presbyterian USA churches. Jim works now as a Realtor®. He is passionate about architecture, music, travel, the sea, and sailing. They enjoy visiting family and grandchildren. They split their time between homes in Bratenahl and Béziers, France.

Prayer of Confession

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less-convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Kyrie from A Little Jazz Mass

Chancel Choir and Jazz Trio
Bob Chilcott

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News!
The only one who could judge us calls us friends.
Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.
By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away,
and we are made new.
Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.

Today

*Annual Meeting,
Sanctuary,
Following Worship*

Your nominating committee will present its slate of officers for session, trustees, deacons, and next year's nominating committee for your vote. All are welcome to attend, though voting is limited to active members of the congregation.

Covenant's annual report, covering May 2023 through May 2024, will be available at the meeting.

Gloria from A Little Jazz Mass

Chancel Choir and Jazz Trio
Chilcott

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Glory to God in the highest.
And on earth peace to all those of good will.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Thou who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.
For Thou alone art holy, thou alone art the most high,
Jesus Christ.

Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Psalm 98

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Robin Craig

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.**

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

Bob Chilcott has been involved with choral music all his life, first as a chorister and then a Choral Scholar at King's College, Cambridge. In the preface to his musical score for *A Little Jazz Mass*, Chilcott notes "I have always loved jazz. At the beginning of my writing career I worked from time to time as an arranger for the now defunct BBC Radio Orchestra and, while a member of the King's Singers." The mass was first performed at the 2004 Crescent City Choral Festival in New Orleans. We welcome our jazz trio for the music this week: Ruben Shonik on drums and Kent Manion on bass — both CWRU students and members of Paul Ferguson's Jazz Ensemble — and our own Jonathan Moyer on piano.

ENCOUNTER

We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed to us through the Bible.

Scripture **John 15:9-17**

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The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Abide In Love

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

* Hymn 521

In Remembrance of Me

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Announcements and Celebration of Community

Rev. Jessie MacMillan

Invitation to Offering



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Offertory

Benedictus from A Little Jazz Mass

Chancel Choir and Jazz Trio
Chilcott

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharist

Invitation to Table

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...

Sanctus from A Little Jazz Mass

Chancel Choir and Jazz Trio
Chilcott

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Agnus Dei from A Little Jazz Mass

Chancel Choir and Jazz Trio
Chilcott

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.
Lamb of god, who takes away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Prayer After Communion

* Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

* *Charge and Benediction*

* Please stand as you are able

Our ushers today are: *Nikki Elliott and Nancy Smekal.*

Our greeter today is: *Beth Holbein.*

The custodian on duty is: *Damytrez Vazquez.*

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

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.

The Flowers In The Chancel Urn are given to the glory of God, and in memory of *Gabriella Shuskey's* birthday on May 15th, by *Norma Shuskey.*

We Keep in our Prayers: Zoe Ann Brown, Cary Arden, Venerine Branham, Corky Carl, Edward A Crooks, 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, 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.

Congratulations!

Clifford, Qujane and Lil Cliff Gulley welcomed a baby girl, *Aria Gianna Zayne Gulley*, to their family on April 19th. *Kenyon and Stephanie Johnson* are proud grandparents to nine now!

This Week at Covenant (May 5– May 11)

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;

Annual Congregation Meeting, Sanctuary, 11:00 am;

Swahili Service, Yost Chapel, 11:00 pm;

Reception, Reception Room, 11:30 am;

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

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

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

Children/Youth Singers, Meeting Room, 12:00 pm.

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

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

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

Cache, Lower Level, 10:00 am;

Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concert, *Elena Baquerizo*, organ, Sanctuary, 12:00 pm.

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

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

Ministry of Service Meeting, Zoom, 6:30 pm.

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

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7:30 pm.

Friday: Carillon Concert, McGaffin Carillon, *David Osburn*, 12:15 pm.

Saturday: Building and Grounds Meeting, Meeting Room, 9:30 am;

ESL Class, Library, 10:00 am;

Youth Sunday Preparation, Sanctuary, 11:00 am;

Recital: *Rachel Rose and Friends*, Sanctuary, 2:00 pm.

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Seeking the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Go to www.mlp.org for more information.



(ECCs) *Earth Care Congregations* are congregations that have committed to the "Earth Care Pledge" and accomplished a specific number of actions toward caring for God's earth in four categories: worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

The Church of the Covenant Staff

Pastoral

Covenant Pastor: Reverend Jessie MacMillan

Executive Assistant to The Pastor/Church Secretary: Sarah Andexler

Pilgrim in Residence: Rev. Robin Craig

Coordinator of Ministries to Students & Young Adults: Katherine Chilcote

Music and Programs

Music Director & Children/Youth Music: Matthew Garrett, PhD

Organist & Associate Music Director: Jonathan Moyer, DMA

Handbells & Associate Music Director: Michael Peters, PhD

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Announcements

Spring To It And Have Tea With Us!

Please join us, *The Ad Hoc Tea Ladies*, on **Saturday, May 18**, in Dowd Commons from 1 to 3 pm to celebrate Spring and share Buckingham Palace Garden Party Tea, sandwiches, scones and sweets.

Reservations are required; we would appreciate hearing from you as early as possible so we can plan for lots of great food for all. The cost is \$10 for those 15 and over and \$5 for those under 15. We will be charging \$15 for those registering after **Sunday, May 12**.

Payment can be made in the office. Cordially yours, *Jean Ganger*.



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.

New Phone System!

The Church of the Covenant has a new phone system that brings upgraded features for the staff as well as enhancements for after-hours callers. During business hours, Sarah or Willie will answer incoming calls as usual. If they are not available to take your call and after business hours, calls are routed to a modern auto-attendant that offers menu access to worship service information, the Pastoral Staff, and multiple other areas of church activity. There is a dial-by-name option to reach individual staff by entering the first three letters of the person's first name. As in the past, staff can be reached by extension. Staff extension numbers have changed. Please contact Sarah by email (sandexler@covenantweb.org) or by calling the church office (216-421-0482) to receive a pdf list of the new staff extensions. Printed copies are also available in the church office. In addition, the new phone system, allows the church to save on the monthly cost.

A Weekend of Special Concerts

Saturday, May 11, 2:00 pm

Covenant soprano soloist Rachel Rose and Friends present a recital of Classical and Romantic music from the sacred, art song, and operatic repertoire.

Sunday, May 12, 4:00 pm

Sunday Artist Series

Music Department Intern Oziah Wales presents Louis Vierne's complete *Organ Symphony No. 2*.

Sunday Artist Series: Wales Plays Vierne

Music Department Intern Oziah Wales presents an artist recital on Sunday afternoon, May 12 at 4:00 p.m. at the Church of the Covenant. The program showcases a complete performance of Louis Vierne's Organ Symphony no. 2 in E minor, on the Chancel Organ, along with a suite by the 17th century French composer Jacques Boyvin on the Newberry Organ.

Oziah graduated from Oberlin College and Conservatory in May of 2023 as a double degree student with a B.M. in organ performance and a B.A. in English. While attending Oberlin, he received awards in both of his majors: the English Department Andrew Bongiorno Award for Excellence in English and the C.B. Fisk Prize in Organ Performance. Oziah has participated in numerous masterclasses with renowned organists and pedagogues including Janette Fishell from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music and James O'Donnell, the former Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral and current professor at Yale University's Institute of Sacred Music. Oziah will be attending Yale starting in the Fall of 2024 to pursue a Master's degree in organ performance. Thank you Oziah for a wonderful job as Covenant's Music Intern over the past year!

CSA Year-end Vocal Recital

The Cleveland School of the Arts annual vocal recital is on **Monday, May 13th at 7 p.m.** in the Covenant Sanctuary. Come hear and support these talented young singers!

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: mgarrett@covenantweb.org. Sunday Rehearsals: **April 28, May 5, May 12** at 12:00 pm, **Saturday Rehearsal: May 11** at 11:00 am.

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.



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