

# NEW COVENANT

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Brad Rito

**PRELUDE**

*Gather Us In*

- Hayes

*Elissa Hock-Wimmer, Musical Director*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**People: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
I try to count them- they are like the sand.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN**

*Praise God for This Holy Ground*

Glory to God, #405

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God in Christ, who endured the cross in your own flesh for our sakes,  
hear us as we confess our sin.**

**We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering.**

**We would carry our cross, but it weighs too much.**

**We count the cost of following you- as long as there are benefits;  
but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect.**

**Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey,  
and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

*(you are invited to share the Peace of Christ as you feel comfortable doing)*

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE** *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* Glory to God, #801

\* congregation standing (if able)

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

*Exodus 20:7*

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

### MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Glory to God, #802

### SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

<sup>1</sup>“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## PRE-SERMON PRAYER

### MEDITATION

Commandments III: The Power of a Name

## POST-SERMON PRAYER

### ANTHEM

*Will You Come And Follow Me*

- Bell/Maule

sung by Ken Heischman and Dan Derbin

\*LITANY OF AFFIRMATION: from *Shorter Westminster Catechism*, 7.053-.056

Leader: What is the Third Commandment?

People: **The Third Commandment is, “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.”**

Leader: What are we specifically taught by these words, “before me,” in the First Commandment

Leader: What is required in the Third Commandment?

**People: The Third Commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.**

Leader: What is forbidden in the Third Commandment?

**People: The Third Commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.**

Leader: What is the reason annexed to the Third Commandment?

**People: The reason annexed to the Third Commandment is that, however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

*(Joys)*

Leader: Lord, we praise you.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(Concerns)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayers.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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.**

## INVITATION TO SHARE:

### OFFERING & MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Glory to God, #835

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

Glory to God, #450

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Surely the Presence of the LORD*

*(See screens)*

### POSTLUDE

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

- Hayes

## Announcements

**Prayer Request**—For the health of *Thelma Bell, Barb Clough* and *Betsy Davis*  
*The Ritos* are trying to sell their house in Arkansas  
Turmoil at *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

**Happy Birthday, Lev**—The floral arrangements were given to glorify God, in honor of Lev Anderson's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

**AkronReads** needs volunteers who will give 1 hour a week of his or her time, for 9 weeks, to work with one second grader at Portage Path CLC. That gift could make a big difference in one child's life. To sign up or get more information please talk with Shelley Koutnik.

**2023 Directory**—Are you still using your landline? Would you prefer for church members to send you a text? Let Nancy, Susie or Reesá how you want people to contact you, so we can update the church directory. We need your information as soon as possible. Please, email ([office@covenantakron.org](mailto:office@covenantakron.org)) or call (330.253.6989) with your information.

**Rain Bonnets**—Ladies, if you would like a free rain bonnet, please take one. They are above the coat rack to the right of the bulletin board.

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