

Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ Order of Worship

May 27, 2018 — Trinity Sunday

*Please stand ... in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.

Bold words are spoken in unison

Bold Italics are words sung in unison

But, someone, please give me – who is born again but still so much in need of being born anew – give me the details of how to live in the waiting cocoon before the forever begins.

~ Ann Voskamp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Holy, Holy, Holy

Canning

Jason Aquila, Organist

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT OF CHRIST, a symbol of Jesus' presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God beyond all names and images,

Many: We worship you in faith.

One: God in the Christ with human face,

Many: We worship you in truth.

One: God who moves, draws, forms and enlightens our life,

Many: We worship you in Spirit.

One: God in relationship.

Many: God the beginning and God the end,

All: You are our God.

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 66

O Day of Radiant Gladness

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today, May 27

Trinity Sunday

Monday, May 28

Happy Memorial Day!

Tuesday, May 29

Quilters 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 2

Pride CLE — *Leave from the church at 9 for breakfast with Pilgrim UCC before the parade*

Sunday, June 3

Thank you, Chancel Choir and Carillon Bells, for a great year!

SIGN UP FOR THE JUNE 2 PARADE Sign up to join UCC churches across Cleveland as we march in the Pride Parade June 2. Meet at the church. We'll leave at 9 a.m. for breakfast at Pilgrim UCC before the parade. It'll be a fun day of food, fellowship and good times, and **a great way to represent our congregation to our neighbors!**

FROM DIANE KVASNICKA On **Saturday, June 16, at 4:30 p.m.**, my daughter, Laura Ann Kvasnicka, will be marrying Matt Grinstead here at Church of the Redeemer UCC. As many of you know, Ausma has been a lifelong member of Redeemer. And, many of you have watched her grow up into the fine young lady she has become. You are all invited to attend the ceremony! Please come. We'd love to see you on this special occasion.

WE NEED EMPTY CEREAL BOXES! Faith Formation is collecting all sorts of empty cereal boxes for the summer church school program. Drop them off in the office throughout the summer.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES Thursday, June 7, 2018, 12-1 p.m., A Safe Drive Through the Aging Process Bring your lunch; beverage and dessert provided. Sign up by June 4.

THANK YOU CHANCEL CHOIR, DIRECTOR CAROL PEDDIE, AND ORGANIST JASON AQUILA for the great concert last Sunday. ***Feelin' the Love*** was wonderful!

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 273

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

THE PASTOR OFFERS FINAL WORDS AND A BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

O Blessed Holy Trinity

Bender

Jason Aquila, Organist

DEPART TO BE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE WORLD

Call to Worship from rexaeprogressive.com; Prayer of Invocation and Call to Offering from UCC Worship Ways; Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance from bruceprewer.com; Prayer of Dedication from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com.

SPECIAL THANKS THIS MORNING:

Liturgist: Alex Tomoff

Acolytes: Ben and Victoria Miller

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Diane Kvasnicka, in honor of all the wonderful people at Church of the Redeemer UCC.

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OF CHRIST



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All are Welcome

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*WE PRAY TOGETHER

O God of Mystery,

Within your very self you model the beloved community.

You are the Wisdom within our hearts,

The Word who dwells among us,

The Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves.

Let us know your presence here today

In a new way, that we might celebrate your love

and go forth rejoicing with the Prophet Isaiah,

saying: "Here am I. Send me."

*WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,

Three in One; as it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE LISTEN FOR OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Pastor Brooke

(Following these moments, our children recess to their Sunday Morning Program. Our nursery is available for infants, and there is a lounge opposite the sanctuary where the service may be heard. You may wish to join in blessing the children as they go by singing:)

Go now in peace; go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

ev'-ry-where, ev'-ry-where you ... may ... go.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHANCEL CHOIR

By Our Love

Nockels/McDonald

Carol Peddie, Director

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is always more eager to forgive than we are to confess.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we never praise you enough, nor serve you well enough, nor love you deeply enough. We try. Yet we falter. Always we fall short. Sometimes we realize our limitations, sometimes we don't. Yet you, holy Friend, go on loving and nurturing us, not counting our sins but multiplying your grace and mercy. With your steadfast love, have mercy on us again today. With your saving love, have mercy on us today. With all your enlivening love, Spirit of God, have mercy on us today.

We place in your hands all that we have been and what we are at the moment, so that what we may yet become shall exceed our expectations. To your eternal praise and glory. Amen!

Words of Assurance

People of God, be certain of this: Forgiveness is real. Starting afresh is real. The regeneration of our thoughts, feelings and motivations is real. Sisters and brothers in the family of God, you are a most fortunate people. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit, *will* save you from all evil and give you the final victory!

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 6:1-8, p. 622 (NRSV)
Romans 8:12-17, p. 1030 (NRSV)

Our God is still speaking:
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17 (The Inclusive Language Bible)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

I Have a Question for You
Pastor R. Brooke Baker

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 267

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

WE RESPOND TO OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER

WE PRAY TOGETHER THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

Our Father (God), 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.

WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN GRATITUDE TO GOD

Invitation and Offering

God is the Giver of life, Christ is the Gift sent to share our life, and the Holy Spirit the power that enables us to continue in generosity, justice and joy. Let us open our hearts and our lives to God and one another.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Petit Offertoire
Franck
Jason Aquila, Organist

*WE SING OUR SONG OF PRAISE

No. 780

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

*WE DEDICATE OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Let us pray together:

In grace, we bind ourselves to those who have no life; in hope, we bind ourselves to those who live in despair; in peace, we bind ourselves to all damaged by violence and hate; in gratitude, we offer our gifts and bind ourselves to you, O God, in the work of justice, love, and wonder as you build your community in our world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.