

Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ

Order of Worship

July 8, 2018 — Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Bold words are spoken in unison
Bold Italics are words sung in unison

If you want to build a ship, don't herd people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea."

~ Antoine de Saint-Exupery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Morning from Peer Gynt

Grieg

Jason Aquila, Organist

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The prophets of old spoke of God's justice, even when it was unwelcome. Who will hear their message?

Congregation: We will listen and we will hear!

Leader: Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching all who would listen. Who will hear his message?

Congregation: We will listen and we will hear!

Leader: Christ sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news in any place that would welcome them. Who will hear their message?

Congregation: We will listen and we will hear!

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today, July 8

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Men's Group, 8:45 a.m.

Monday, July 9

Chair Yoga 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, July 10

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

Wednesday, July 11

Ice Cream @ Mitchell's, 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 14

Kaserman Memorial Svc, 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 15

8th Sunday after Pentecost

SPECIAL THANKS

Liturgist: Rudy Duscha

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM! Mark your calendar: the next **Ice Cream Gathering** at Mitchell's Westlake, 26161 Detroit Road, is **Wednesday, July 11, from 7 to 8 p.m.**

THANKS TO EVERYONE who participated in the Westlake July 4 Parade — from those who walked to those who cheered them on!

WE NEED EMPTY CEREAL BOXES Drop off cereal boxes for Faith Formation in the office throughout the summer.

YOGA REMINDER Chair Yoga classes are every Monday at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

HILLE/FOOTE LEMONADE STAND JULY 19, 6-8 P.M., 21870 Cromwell Ave., Fairview Park. Help support Elizabeth, Andrew, Nola, and Graham's lemonade stand: All proceeds benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand, a childhood cancer research organization.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT AUG. 26, 10:30 A.M. – 2 P.M. Join us at Elmwood Cabin, 600 Elmwood Road, Rocky River, for Redeemer's all-church retreat, including worship, a potluck picnic, and activities as we roll out **MESSY CHURCH!**

CONFIRMATION TRIP TO THE UCC CHURCH HOUSE On Monday, Aug. 13, our 2018-2019 confirmands will visit the UCC Church House at 700 Prospect in downtown Cleveland. We will meet at the church at 11 a.m. Other adults are welcome to join us. You must be able to walk some distance. Contact Margaret Borrelli if you wish to attend.

**hear the message we are speaking through these our gifts,
and aid us in spreading that message of hope and love to
those whose voices have been silenced. May they
strengthen our congregation so that we may continue to
listen to those in need.**

*WE SING TOGETHER No.459
Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

THE PASTOR OFFERS FINAL WORDS AND A SUNG BLESSING

***Wherever you go God is with you,
Wherever you go God is there.
Wherever you go, whatever you do,
You are in God's care.***

***Wherever we go God is with us,
Wherever we go God is there.
Wherever we go, whatever we do,
We are in God's care.***

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Nove de Julho (The Ninth of July)

Ernesto Nazareth

Jason Aquila, organist

*(July 9 is an Argentine day of celebration of their independence, which
was declared July 9, 1816.)*

DEPART TO BE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE WORLD

*Call to Worship, Call to Offertory, and Prayer of Thanksgiving from UCC
Worship Ways; Prayer of invocation adapted from Andrew Kimmitt; Call
to confession, prayer of confession, and words of assurance from
bruceprewer.com.*

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OF CHRIST**



is an Open and Affirming, Just Peace Congregation:

All are Welcome

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Leader: God's prophets are among us still, around
the world and in these pews. Who will hear
their message?

Congregation: We will listen and we will hear!

*WE SING TOGETHER No. 67
Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling
(vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

*WE PRAY TOGETHER

Loving God,

**You are God above all else, the Almighty: who speaks and
creates, whose Word is life itself.**

**Yet you are also the God who comes among us, who
worked wood, who taught and healed, who washed feet,
and tended to the least.**

**You are the God who calls us, the One who reaches out in
Spirit, who welcomes us into your presence and makes us
holy.**

**As we worship you now, God, may you meet us here — in
this place, at this moment, that we might share in your love
and grow in your service. Amen.**

*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

Margaret Borrelli

Faith Formation Minister

*(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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

He is Here
Talley, Arr. Wyrzten
Konnie Wenneman, soloist

TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

During a few moments of silence, let us place ourselves within the light of Christ, examine our hearts and minds, and recognize where we have lost our way and neglected our calling.

Prayer of Confession

ONE: If we have been so busy that we don't notice the needs of others, or have resented those who do take time to be kind and generous, or have disgraced our faith by becoming self absorbed,

MANY: Forgive us, loving God, and save us from ourselves.

ONE: If we have been too proud to undertake humble tasks, or too impatient to do tasks that have no immediate reward, or too stubborn to seek the help of others,

MANY: Forgive us, loving God, and save us from ourselves.

ONE: If we have magnified small wrongs done to us, or have allowed tiny difficulties to frustrate us, or have been thick-skinned, inflexible or unteachable,

MANY: Forgive us, loving God, and save us from ourselves.

Words of Assurance

My fellow pilgrims on Christ's mountain road, take heart. God does not have to be persuaded to forgive us; it is more likely our pride that holds us back from accepting forgiveness. Please, for Christ's sake, let down your guard, open your mind and heart, repent and accept the Gospel of free grace. May it be so.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 2:1-5 (Common English Bible)
Psalms 123 (NRSV, p. 560)

Our God is still speaking:

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13 (CEB)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Who Aren't We Listening To?
Pastor R. Brooke Baker

WE RESPOND TO OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

WE SING TOGETHER

No. 393

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

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

Having heard God's call to generosity, let us listen and respond with open hearts.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Air
Purcell
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:

Outspoken Prophet,