

Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ

Order of Worship

June 24, 2018 — Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Dance of the Blessed Spirits

Gluck

Jason Aquila, Organist

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is the sower, planting seeds;

Many: May the seeds God has planted grow and blossom in us!

One: God is the gatherer at harvest-time;

Many: God sees our potential, and uses it for the Beloved Community.

One: God is the one who encourages us to grow;

Many: God desires for us to build the reign of God on earth, as it is in heaven.

One: Come, worship God, by living faithfully into God's desires for us;

Many: Bear spiritual fruit, flourish in God's love, and grow!

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 441

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

*WE PRAY TOGETHER

**Ever-living God, you are like the sea:
Powerful and endless, yet soothing and constant.
Let us feel your refreshing presence
as we gather near your waters**

Welcome to the Rev. Malcolm Himschoot

We are please to welcome the Rev. Malcolm Himschoot to the pulpit this morning. Rev. Himschoot serves the United Church of Christ as the denomination's Minister for Ministerial Transitions. He studied urban ministry at the Iliff School of Theology, graduating with an MDiv in 2004. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ while serving the ecumenical Denver Inner City Parish. From there he served in pastoral ministry with Plymouth Church in Minneapolis, and with Arvada UCC, Community UCC of Boulder, and Parker UCC in Colorado. He briefly taught at the Iliff School of Theology and served a program coordinating role with the Open and Affirming Coalition.



A widely-known transgender man and educator, Himschoot's early story was made into a documentary, *Call Me Malcolm*, which showed at film festivals, colleges, universities and seminaries. For that work he was the 2011 recipient of the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries' Social Prophet Award. His volunteer work has included community organizing for responsible development, immigration reform, criminal sentencing reform, and Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ-Northeast Ohio).

Himschoot is a father, a Cleveland urban farmer's husband, and a writer. His 2016 article, "Practices of Spirit for Transgender and Genderqueer Christians" was published in Vol. 8 of *Sacred Spaces: The E-Journal of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors*.

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All are Welcome

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THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today, June 24

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 25

Happy 61st Birthday, UCC!!

Chair Yoga 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, June 26

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

Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 28

Thursday Gathering, 5 p.m.

Deagan's Kitchen,

14810 Detroit, Lakewood

Sunday, July 1

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sign up for the Westlake

July 4 Parade

SPECIAL THANKS

Acolytes: Elizabeth Hille

Liturgist: Alex Tomoff

Flowers and Bulletins: This morning's altar flowers and bulletins are sponsored by Carol and Chuck Mealy, who are thankful for their many Blessings, a wonderful family, and for 52 years of marriage.

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.**

SIGN UP FOR JULY 4 Don't forget to **sign up to be part of the Redeemer UCC group at the July 4 parade — see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board!** March with Redeemer, and wear one of our spiffy new t-shirts!

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.

DINNER AT DEAGAN'S KITCHEN! Join us for the next Thursday dinner gathering, which will be June 28 at 5 p.m. at Deagan's Kitchen, 14810 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood! Sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Room. See you there!

YOGA REMINDER Chair Yoga classes are every Monday at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You know you want to check it out! Namaste! Talk to Chair Yoga class members Janet Kramer or Bonnie Hawver for more info, or ask Nurse Gayle.

to wade in the possibilities of life
that you offer us this day. 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, Minister for Faith Formation

(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

Love Grows Here

Besig

Jane Huml, soloist

TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing our sins and opening our hearts, so that we do not deceive even ourselves, and exclude ourselves from your presence.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Father, Mother, and Creator of us all, we confess that we have not lived into our potential. We have shied away from the gifts you have given us. We have thought ourselves too small or too weak. We have thought our resources too meager and the risk too great. Forgive us for not seeing ourselves the way you see us, as fully

embodied vessels of your love in this world, full of the Spirit. Renew in us your Spirit of encouragement, wonder, and joy, and send us forth into this world that desperately needs your love, peace, and justice. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God knows you. God knows everything about you. God made you in God's image. God has filled your heart with good things, filled you with the Spirit. You are forgiven so that you may go out into this world and share God's love, peace, and justice.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (NRSV, p. 1054)

Our God is still speaking:

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41, p. 914

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

A Life with No Storms?

The Rev. Malcolm Himshoot

WE RESPOND TO OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

WE SING TOGETHER No. 436

God of Grace and God of Glory

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

O God, you have offered unique gifts to each one of us. Teach us to celebrate and share those gifts so that we may create communities of graciousness and love. Through Jesus, we are

reminded of the difference that an individual contribution can make. Let us offer our gifts generously for the service of all.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Adagio in D Minor

Alcock

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:

Bighearted God, we ask you to take these gifts, bless them, and use them to calm storms and create in our communities new, imaginative, and life-giving streams. Amen.

*WE SING TOGETHER No.478

I've Got Peace Like a River

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

Allegro in C

Arne

Jason Aquila, organist

DEPART TO BE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE WORLD

Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance adapted from rev-o-lution.org; Prayer of Invocation, Call to offering, and Prayer of Dedication from UCC Worship Ways.