

Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ

Order of Worship

August 19, 2018 — Thirteenth 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

Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world.

Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.

~ Rumi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

You are the Way

Nixon

Jason Aquila, Organist

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The wisdom of God is offered to us in the story of Jesus.

Many: May our hearts be receptive to the story and the wisdom.

One: The Love of God is showered abundantly upon us.

Many: May our spirits be immersed in the knowledge of God's love.

One: God provides bread for our souls, and calls us forth to nourish others.

Many: May we willingly receive what God gives us, and generously share it. Let us worship God!

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 1

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today, Aug. 19

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Brief Congregational Meeting
following worship

Monday, Aug. 20

Chair Yoga 11:15 a.m.
Consistory, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 21

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

Sunday, Aug. 26

Worship and Retreat at Elmwood
Cabin; no worship at the
church, 10:30 a.m.—2 p.m.

ALL-CHURCH WORSHIP AND RETREAT NEXT SUNDAY, 10:30 A.M. – 2 P.M. Join us at Elmwood Cabin, 600 Elmwood Road, Rocky River, for Redeemer's all-church worship and retreat, including a special worship service, potluck picnic, and activities as we roll out **MESSY CHURCH!** Sign up in the Gathering Room. **THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE HERE AT REDEEMER ON AUG. 26.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Homecoming Sunday is Sept. 9. A potluck picnic on the lawn will follow worship, featuring those exceptional Zaugg Dogs! There will be indoor and outdoor seating.

LIFE LINE SCREENING NOV. 6 Register and receive a discount at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle. Questions? Contact Nurse Gayle for more information.

SIGN UP TO HELP WITH MESSY CHURCH Messy Church is a once-monthly time when families come together to enjoy being together, making things together, eating together, and celebrating God together. If you want to see Messy Church at Redeemer, sign up in the Gathering Room.

HELP OUT WITH THE COMMUNITY MEAL Jeff Reitz is cooking at the Redeemer/Clague UCC Community Meal this month, slated for Aug. 25. See the sign up sheet in the Gathering Room.

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 531

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

THE PASTOR OFFERS FINAL WORDS AND A BLESSING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

And Can It Be

Arr. Hayes

Jason Aquila, Organist

DEPART TO BE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE WORLD

Today's prayer of confession is adapted from a prayer of confession from UCC Worship Ways for August 19, 2018.

SPECIAL THANKS

Liturgist: Julie Barnes

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Gloria McIntyre in memory of her grandmother, Zsuzsuanna Boszlay, and her aunt, Elizabeth Boszlay.

Special thanks this morning, and a huge welcome back, to the Rev. Kelly J. Burd. Pastor Brooke and Rev. Kelly are swapping pulpits this morning. While Rev. Kelly is here, Pastor Brooke is preaching at Pilgrim UCC in Tremont!

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*WE PRAY TOGETHER

One: Holy One, we gather in trust, for you nourish us with Living Bread in Jesus.

Many: We come to praise you, knowing our ancestors found you loving and faithful, and that we ourselves have experienced your goodness.

One: We come to seek your will and your way, depending on such knowledge to discern good from evil.

Many: Fill us with such understanding and knowledge that we may act as instruments of your loving desire for creation. Grace us with the presence of Christ in this place, and send us into the world with greater faith and wisdom, ready to help Christ tend to the world's broken places with love, healing, justice and peace. 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

Blessing of the Backpacks

Bless these backpacks. Make them strong for their job of helping these children and youth learn. May their straps never break, their padding never give out, their zippers never jam.

May they never be forgotten in strange places, may the burdens in them be light, and may the bodies that bear them be strong and growing, and whole and blessed, ever blessed, by your Love.

In the name of the great teacher at whose knee we are all students. Amen.

(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

Turn, Turn, Turn (from Ecclesiastes)
Pete Seeger
Cory and Al Svette, duet

TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All Wise God, we thank you for your deep mercy. Wanting to honor you, we humbly reflect on our words, thoughts and deeds. We confess that we fool ourselves into believing that we possess all of the knowledge that we need. Although we say we want to hear your still-speaking voice, we often fail to recognize and trust that we are always in your presence. We pursue false idols that cannot satisfy our spirits or teach us your wisdom — the ways of love and truth. Forgive and renew us with the Holy Spirit. We want to know and abide by your will. Help us to discern your wisdom that we might be worthy disciples of Jesus Christ, whom we strive together to follow. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor: We have received God's continuing offer of a lasting covenantal relationship. God forgives us through Jesus Christ, the living bread. Accept yourself, and believe that this moment can mark a new beginning in faithfulness.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Psalm 111 (NRSV, p. 484)
Proverbs 9:1-6 (NRSV, P. 580)

Our God is still speaking:

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FROM OUR GOSPEL

John 6:51-58 (NRSV, P. 973)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Chasing Wisdom
The Rev. Kelly J. Burd

WE RESPOND TO OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

WE SING TOGETHER

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Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
Van Hulse
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:

Bless these gifts, O God, and the hands and hearts that offer them in faith for the revealing of your vision in our lives and world. Amen.