

**Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ  
Order of Worship for March 29, 2020  
The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



*Cynicism is when a small mind and a hurt heart reject the hope, love,  
and truth of a big and caring God. ~ Jayce O'Neal*

**Call to Worship**

ONE: Coming from places that have seen better days,  
**MANY: God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.**  
ONE: Coming with our breath taken away by grief,  
**MANY: the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connection with  
God and with one another.**  
ONE: Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,  
**MANY: Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death, speaking in word and  
sacrament, and building community for holy service.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk — places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. When we end this time of worship, help us live the teachings we proclaim when we are gathered together, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Psalm 30**

ONE: Out of the depths I cry to you,  
**MANY: O God, hear my voice!**  
ONE: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!  
**MANY: If you, O God, should make iniquities, who could stand?**  
ONE: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.  
**MANY: I wait for God, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.**  
ONE: My soul waits for God more than those who watch for the morning,  
**MANY: More than those who watch for the morning.**  
ONE: O Israel, hope in God!  
**MANY: For with God there is steadfast love.**  
ONE: With God is great power to redeem;  
**MANY: It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

**Scripture**

John 11:1-45 (NRSV)

**Hymn #403**

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

*Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation adapted from Worship Elements at [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com).*