



**Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ  
Order of Worship for April 26, 2020**

**Third Sunday of Easter; Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries Sunday**

*We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business;  
we are each other's magnitude and bond." ~ Gwendolyn Brooks*

**Prelude**

Jason Aquila, Organist

**Call to Worship**

ONE: Travelers on the Way, what shall we do?

**MANY: We shall praise God who hears our prayers, who draws near to us,  
and brings new life out of death.**

ONE: Dear Ones, how shall we live?

**MANY: With the confidence of God's beloved children, with security and joy  
of God's saving grace.**

ONE: Friends old and new, what is the promise?

**MANY: New life, forgiveness of sin, the Spirit as gift!**

ONE: Beloved Siblings, how shall we praise?

**MANY: We lift our voices and our hearts in love, thanks, and praise! We will  
praise the Lord as long as we live!**

**Hymn #43**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Prayer**

**Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the  
Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us  
and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name.  
Amen.**

**Children's Message**

Margaret Borrelli

**Special Music**

*Down From His Glory*  
by William E. Booth-Clibborn  
*Carol Peddie, Soprano*

**Scripture**

Janet Kramer

*Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (NRSV), Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (NRSV)*

ONE: Our God is still speaking.

**MANY: Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel** *Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)*

**Message** *It's the Little Things* The Rev. R. Brooke Baker

**Hymn # 255** *Jesus, Sovereign, Savior*

**The Pastor's Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn #99** *Abide with Me*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Jason Aquila, Organist

*Call to Worship from UCC Worship Ways; Prayer of Invocation from Worship Connection at [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com).*

### **About Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries Sunday**

In 1975, Pacific Islander and Asian America Ministries (PAAM) was voted into existence by the 10th General Synod as a recognized Special Interest Group within the UCC.

The 17th General Synod (1989) adopted the pronouncement, "A United Church of Christ ministry with Pacific Islanders & Asian Americans" and the 18th General Synod (1991) designated every last Sunday of April as PAAM Sunday for all UCC churches to recognize and celebrate the gifts and contributions of Pacific Islanders & Asian Americans in the life of the UCC.

PAAM has initiated, sponsored, supported and participated in many activities on local church, regional, national, and ecumenical levels. It has worked for greater Pacific Islander Asian American representation on the national and conference boards and staff positions. As an advocate for human rights in Asian and Pacific Island countries, PAAM has questioned the role of our church and nation in these countries. PAAM continues to address institutional racism within the church and society. PAAM is also concerned with strengthening local churches, as well as nurturing and developing clergy, lay leaders, and youth.

*– from the Hawai'i Conference UCC's weekly eblast*