



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
United Church of Christ



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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Some people, in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book, the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Note it. Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead God set before your eyes the things that God had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?

~ Augustine of Hippo

Prelude

Morning Has Broken
Jason Aquila, Organist

Arr. Halberg

Call to Worship

ONE: We come, to proclaim God's majesty, giving thanks to the One who has called us to speak to the worlds,

MANY: We will sing praises to God, telling of all the wonders of our lives.

ONE: We come, thankful that we are God's children, rejoicing as we worship our God.

MANY: We know that God is always with us; that the word gives us life and hope.

ONE: We come, because God keeps promises; God's faithfulness is everlasting.

MANY: Praise God! Praise God!

Hymn #21

God Reigns O'er All the Earth

Prayer of Invocation

Holy One, you call us to find your kin-dom already hidden in our world — in tiny, transforming possibilities; in beauty that calls us to surrender all; in complicated choices that call for wisdom. Reveal yourself here in this moment and heighten our senses that we may find you and join you in building this kin-dom of love, and hope, and peace. In the name of the One who calls us to seek, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

Message for Young Christians

Pastor Brooke

Special Music

Eagle's Wings Medley
(*On Eagle's Wings*, Joncas; and *It is Well with My Soul*, Spafford/Bliss)

The Redeemer UCC Chancel Choir
Carol Peddie, Director of Music

Scripture

Genesis 29:15-28 (NRSV)

Julie Barnes

ONE: Our God is still speaking.

MANY: Thanks be to God

Scripture

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NRSV)

Sermon

What is This Kingdom?
The Rev. R. Brooke Baker

Hymn #451

Be Now My Vision

The Pastor's Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn #300

Jesus Shall Reign

Benediction

Postlude

Air de Ballet No. 1
Jason Aquila, Organist

Pauline Viardot-Garcia

Call to Worship from Lectionary Worship Aids: Series VIII - Cycle A by Thom. M. Shuman; Prayer of Invocation from UCC Worship Ways.