



Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for July 5, 2020
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The yoke is hard because the teachings of Jesus are radical: enemy love, unconditional forgiveness, extreme generosity. The yoke is easy because it is accessible to all — the studied and the ignorant, the rich and the poor, the religious and the nonreligious.

~ Rachel Held Evans

Prelude *America the Beautiful/My Country 'Tis of Thee* Arr. Hayes
Jason Aquila, Organist

Call to Worship

ONE: Jesus says Come to me—Everyone! When I play a joyful tune

MANY: we'll dance!

ONE: When I sing a lament

MANY: we'll weep!

ONE: When I chant for justice

MANY: we'll sing along!

Hymn #41 *Thank You, Jesus*

Prayer of Invocation

Like an oasis in the desert, worship satisfies our sin-besieged souls. Today, help us find the good in this life by delighting in your presence, and help us find the hope you have placed in our innermost selves. Amen.

Message for Young Christians Pastor Dilley

Special Music *Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor* Lazarus/Berlin
Redeemer UCC Chancel Choir; Carol Peddie, Director of Music

Scripture *Romans 7:15-25a (NRSV)*
Julie Barnes, Liturgist

ONE: Our God is still speaking.

MANY: Thanks be to God

Scripture *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (NRSV)*

Sermon *Yet Wisdom is Vindicated by Her Deeds*
The Rev. Elizabeth Dilley

The Pastor's Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Call to Confession

We are so skilled at being in control, at taking charge, Sabbath-Taking God, that we are not very good at resting. We think we have to be constantly busy, so we have no time for you. Forgive us, Shalom-Giving God. Help us to let go of our distractions, so you can act in us; calm our creaturely activity, so you can re-create us; help us to follow Jesus, not only into discipleship, but into our rest with you. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hymn #417 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*
(using alternate v. 4)

The Sacrament of Communion

Communion prayer

O steadfast God, you sometimes surprise us and ask us to do something that we have never considered; you enter our lives and ask us to do a task for you. Help us to take your yoke and learn from you. Help us to answer yes to your call. Our hunger is relieved, our thirst is quenched at this table. We find our way to Jesus here. We find rest for our souls and are ready to answer to your surprises. Amen.

Blessing of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Give us, O God, the courage to live a life of faith and trust, of welcoming and receiving, of grace and holiness. Let us go from this table renewed, to do your will on Earth. Amen.

Hymn #484 *O Come to Me, You Weary*

Benediction

Postlude *Paragon Rag* Scott Joplin
Jason Aquila, Organist

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