



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
United Church of Christ



REMINDER: *Bring your chair and your mask and join us for worship this Sunday at 9 a.m. on the lawn. Our regular weekly Zoom worship service is at 10:30 a.m.*

Reflections from Pastor Brooke for August 7, 2020

Let me hear what God the Sovereign will speak, for God will speak peace to the people.
~ Psalm 85:8

Where is this peace that the psalmist is talking about? 2020 has not seemed terribly peaceful. A friend posted a meme on his Facebook page that read, “Dear August, I don’t want any trouble from you. Just come in, sit down, don’t touch anything, and keep your mouth shut.” It made me laugh and also reminded me that it is God the Sovereign who is in control. However much control we thought we had prior to this pandemic, the psalmist reminds us that it is God who speaks peace. While our world may seem chaotic, God offers us a peace that passes all understanding.

Even though things are not the way we might wish them to be, we can certainly see the places where there is peace in our life. There is peace in worshiping a God who is always present to us, regardless of where we are. There is peace in the ability to still be able to gather for worship — admittedly in a way that may not be as satisfying, but a sense of community is still possible. There is peace in hearing from our church family via telephone, or cards, or socially-distanced visits. There is peace in knowing that no one in our church family has become seriously ill with the virus.

It is easy to get caught up in the negative parts of this pandemic, but the psalmist reminds us that we worship a Sovereign God who continues to speak peace in the midst of it. Do you hear the voice of the Stillspeaking God?

Blessings,

Pastor Brooke