



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
United Church of Christ



Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for August 16, 2020

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Truth can be told in an instant, forgiveness can be offered spontaneously, but reconciliation is the work of lifetimes and generations. ~ Krista Tippett

Prelude *Intermezzo, Op. 117* Brahms
Jason Aquila, Organist

Call to Worship

ONE: Each one of us here is different.

MANY: We are unique individuals.

ONE: We come from various backgrounds.

MANY: We come with differing needs and dreams.

ONE: Yet the Lord calls us to worship in unity.

MANY: Praise be to God who blesses our diversity and our unity.

Hymn #13 *O My Soul, Bless Your Creator*

Prayer of Invocation

Merciful God, we boldly pray to you, confident that you will not reject us. In spite of our human failings, your love continues to draw us together. Be with us today, as we rejoice in the power of your love. Sing with us today, as we proclaim the good news of your grace. Dance with us today, as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ. How good it is to be together! Hallelujah! Amen!

Message for Young Christians Margaret Borrelli

Special Music *Close Every Door* Rice/Webber
From Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Cory Svette, solo

Scripture *Psalms 133 (NRSV)* Janet Kramer
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (NRSV)

ONE: Our God is still speaking.

MANY: Thanks be to God

Focus Scripture

Genesis 45:1-15 (NRSV)

Sermon

Forgiveness, Can You Imagine?
The Rev. R. Brooke Baker

Hymn #565

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

The Pastor's Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn #388

Help Us Accept Each Other

Benediction

Postlude

Sing Praise to God
Jason Aquila, Organist

Arr. Hayes

Call to Worship from Worship Connection at ministrymatters.com; Prayer of Invocation from Worship Elements at ministrymatters.com.