



**CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**  
United Church of Christ



**Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ  
Order of Worship for September 20, 2020**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Just Peace Sunday**

*It is not enough to be busy. So are the ants. The question is: What are we busy about?  
~ Henry David Thoreau*

**Prelude** *When Morning Guilds the Sky* Arr. Charity Book Putnam  
Jason Aquila, Organist

**Call to Worship**

**ONE:** Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

**MANY:** Lord, come into our hearts this day.

**ONE:** Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

**MANY:** Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.

**ONE:** Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

**MANY:** Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives.

**Hymn #23** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Lord, who lifts us up, reside in our hearts today. Help us to listen closely for your word to us. Remind us that you are always with us, throughout all of our lives. Give us confidence in your presence, so that we may go into your world ready to witness to your love through our works and our deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Faith Formation Moment**

Margaret Borrelli

**Special Music**

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace  
Redeemer UCC Chancel Choir  
Carol Peddie, Director of Music

Victor Johnson

**Scripture**

*Jonah 3:10-4:11 (The Inclusive Bible); Psalm 145:1-8 (NRSV)*  
Mary Kanzeg

**ONE:** Our God is still speaking.

**MANY:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel** *Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)*

**Sermon** *Grace and Mercy*  
The Rev. R. Brooke Baker

**Hymn #573** *Lead On Eternal Sovereign*

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

**Hymn #575** *O for a World*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Rondo from "Pastoral" Sonata* Beethoven  
Jason Aquila, Organist

*Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation from [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com).*