



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



**Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ  
Order of Worship for September 6, 2020**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*For most, reconciliation will not happen as a part of a normal course of events.  
It has to be intentional. ~ Wayne Gordon*

**Prelude** *Adorn Yourself, O Dear Soul* Brahms  
Jason Aquila, Organist

**Call to Worship**

ONE: How shall we live in the love of God?

**MANY: We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.**

ONE: How shall we witness God's forgiving love?

**MANY: We will reach out others with compassion.**

ONE: Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.

**MANY: Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace.**

**Hymn #312** *We Love Your Realm, O God*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Gracious God, we come this day seeking courage and hope for the future. Our world is in such peril. Heal these wounds and quiet the words of division. Help us to bring peace in our families and communities. Banish the darkness of doubt and fear; anoint us with your light and love that we may spread the good news of your mercy to everyone. Amen.**

**Message for Young Christians** Margaret Borrelli

**Scripture** *Psalms 149 (NRSV); Romans 13:8-14 (NRSV)*  
Janet Kramer

ONE: Our God is still speaking.

**MANY: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel** *Matthew 18:15-20 (The Inclusive Bible)*

**Sermon** *Are We Listening?*  
The Rev. R. Brooke Baker

Hymn #337

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

## The Pastor's Prayer and Lord's Prayer

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Forgiving and loving God, our hearts are filled today with pain and concern for the future of humankind. Words of anger assail our airways – we cannot escape from the threats being thrown about. In our fear, we cry “Where are you, O Lord?” Forgive us when we forget that you are always with us, through times of peace and times of war. Help us to reach out to others with the assurance of your love and presence. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance

### Special Music

*Remember Me*

Andrews/Adams

Redeemer UCC Chancel Choir

Carol Peddie, Director of Music

Leslie Patzwahl, flute

## The Sacrament of Communion

### Communion prayer

Creating God, we give thanks that you brought this world and all of humanity into being, breathing life into us. You show yourself in each face we encounter, every being and creature created in your image. We thank you for your covenants. You taught us how to serve you, and how to honor each other. We offer thanks that when we ignored your embrace, you persisted in reaching out to us. We thank you most for the life and ministry of Jesus. Amen.

### Blessing of the elements

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Hymn #393

*Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*

## Benediction

### Postlude

*Hostel*

Robert Schumann

Jason Aquila, Organist

*Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance adapted from Worship Connection at [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com); Call to Confession from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com); Invitation to Communion, Communion Prayer, and Prayer of Thanksgiving adapted from UCC Worship Ways.*