



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
United Church of Christ



**Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for November 1, 2020**

All Saints Day

Prelude *How Blessed You Are, Dear Saints* Brahms
Jason Aquila, Organist

Call to Worship

ONE: With people from all times and places,

MANY: God calls us to worship and share together this mystery of life, and faith, and love!

ONE: In the company of those well-known and little known,

MANY: God invites us to journey together along this way of mystery.

Hymn #299 *For All the Saints*

Prayer of Invocation

Creator and Redeemer of all souls, we have joy at this time in all who have faithfully lived, and in all who have peacefully died. We thank you for all happy memories and all living hopes; for the sacred ties that bind us to the unseen world; for the dear and holy dead who surround us like a cloud of witnesses and make the hidden heaven a home to our hearts. By your saving love, may we be followers of those who already inherit your promise. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Message for Young Christians Margaret Borrelli

Special Music *Heaven's Choir* Choplin
Redeemer UCC Chancel Choir
Carol Peddie, Director of Music

Scripture *Revelation 7:9-17 (The Inclusive Bible)* Matthew Williams
1 John 3:1-3 (The Inclusive Bible)

ONE: Our God is still speaking.

MANY: Thanks be to God

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12 (The Message)

Sermon

Following in Their Footsteps
The Rev. R. Brooke Baker

Remembering the Saints

Ginny Stepler	Michael Kvasnicka
Lois Schultz	Ellen Cronk
Dan Zerbey	Bev Eckert
Eddie Myers	Chuck Hughes

The Victims of COVID-19

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Healing God, we confess that we live in unhealthy ways. We put our own desires above the needs of others in the world, even above our own needs. We consume more resources than we need; we save up enough for ourselves into the future but fail to see the daily hunger and homelessness around us. Forgive us for our selfish ways, and help us to seek You in our daily lives, so that we might serve You in the world around us, every moment, and love our brothers and sisters as we love ourselves. In the name of Christ, who calls us into restoration, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hymn #332

As We Gather at Your Table

The Sacrament of Communion

Communion Prayer

Holy God, the fountain from which all life springs and the reservoir into which all life flows, we honor you. We pray that in life and in death we, like Jesus, will always be sustained by your love, and that when the time comes we will be received back into the eternity of life with you, just as you have welcomed the saints. We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

Blessing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table where, along with your saints, we receive all Christ's gifts. Provide for your church on earth a strong faith and increased love for one another. Give us the grace to praise you with our lives in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn #382

Come, We Who Love God's Name

Benediction

Postlude

Heavenly Sunshine

Arr. Hayes

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