



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



**Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ**  
**Order of Worship for October 25, 2020**

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**UCC Higher Education Sunday**

*The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image. If in loving them we do not love what they are, but only their potential likeness to ourselves, then we do not love them: we only love the reflection of ourselves we find in them. ~ Thomas Merton*

**Prelude**                    *Prelude No. 11 from Well-Tempered Klavier, Book 2*                    J. S. Bach  
Jason Aquila, Organist

**Call to Worship**

ONE:     You, O God, know our hearts.  
**MANY:   Guide our hearts, O God.**  
ONE:     You, O God, see our ways.  
**MANY:   Shape our ways, O God.**  
ONE:     You, O God, call our spirits.  
**MANY:   Call us now, O God, as we call on you.**

**Hymn #43**                    *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**God, you are God forever. This alone is cause for celebration, but we also know that we are your people! As we feel your love washing over us now, may we love you with every part of our being: heart, mind, body, and soul. We celebrate your love in our lives, and we ask for your help as we try our best to boldly share the good news of your love with others. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who models the way for us. Amen.**

**Faith Formation Moment**

Margaret Borrelli

**Special Music**

*Our God is in Control*  
Carol Peddie, vocal solo

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*When our vision of God is small,  
Our problems seem great in size;  
Then we must believe the Lord with our all  
And on Him fix our eyes.*

*As we place our faith in the Lord,  
Our worry will decrease;  
And when we delight ourselves with His Word,  
We sense His perfect peace.*

**Chorus:**

*Our God is in control, though pressures burden the soul;  
He allows both major and minor in His perfect harmony.  
God is in control, though pressures burden the soul;  
His sov'reign plan is a symphony which will ring for eternity.*

**Scripture**     *Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17 (NRSV); 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (NRSV)*  
                         Rudy Duscha

ONE:     Our God is still speaking.

**MANY:     Thanks be to God**

**Gospel**                             *Matthew 22:34-46 (The Inclusive Bible)*

**Sermon**                             *Can I Ask You A Question?*  
   The Rev. R. Brooke Baker

**Hymn #290**                         *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

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

**Hymn #551**                         *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                         *Fugue No. 11 from Well-Tempered Klavier Book 2*                         J. S. Bach  
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*Call to Worship from UCC Worship Ways; Prayers of Invocation from Worship Elements  
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