



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



## Reminders

Due to rain predictions, there will be **no worship on the lawn** this week.

**This Sunday is the Fall Congregational Meeting that will begin via Zoom immediately after worship.** If you are a member, please plan on logging on via the Zoom link or calling in for the meeting so we can be sure to have a quorum.

**Sunday is Stewardship Sunday.** Please prayerfully consider how you can support the ministries at Church of the Redeemer with your gifts. You are invited to drive up to church to drop off your pledge cards following the Fall Congregational Meeting.

Zoom instructions for the Congregational Meeting (NOTE: These are the SAME as the worship Zoom links, so if you are attending worship via Zoom on Sunday, just stay online after worship ends.):

**ID and Password for all methods of accessing worship:**

- **Meeting ID:** 914 1102 3120
- **Password:** 630507

**JOIN ZOOM MEETING VIA COMPUTER OR TABLET:**

<https://zoom.us/j/91411023120?pwd=WldJYmc3VXM2ZHFIZGFkdnkraUllZz09>

**DIAL IN TO JOIN BY PHONE:**

- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/adr0N7dwl8>



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## **Reflections from Pastor Brooke for November 20, 2020**

*Make a joyful noise to God all the earth. Worship God with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. ~ Psalm 100:1-21*

It seems appropriate that on the Sunday before Thanksgiving we have such a joyful psalm. This is the time of year when we gather with family, create memories, eat lots of food, and give thanks for the people and things in our life that we appreciate. Except this year — if we are wise — we will not be gathering with family in person.

This does not mean that we cannot gather — it will simply be over the phone or computer. This will certainly be a memorable Thanksgiving, and perhaps the amount of food will be smaller, but no less nourishing.

The thing that we can and should do every day — not just on Thanksgiving — is to give thanks. I know that this year is difficult for a whole host of reasons, but if you can find nothing else for which to give thanks, we can be thankful that we worship a God who is loving and forgiving; a God who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. A God whose love is endless and whose mercy and grace abounds.

So whether your Thanksgiving looks like past years (and it should not!), please know that you are loved by God and by me; and if nothing else, that is something for which to give thanks. Happy Thanksgiving!

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Brooke*