



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



**ATTENTION:** Due to having to cancel outside worship last week, we will hold worship on the lawn on Sunday, November 8, 9 AM. Please bring your chair and wear your mask.

## **Reflections from Pastor Brooke for November 6, 2020**

*Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*

~ Psalm 78:1

As I write this, we do not yet have a decision on who will be our next President of the United States. Prior to the election, I encouraged you to vote for the person who most reflected our Christian teachings. On Monday, I encouraged you to remember that whoever won and however our neighbors voted, they were still beloved of God. The voting is done, if not the counting, and we are still called to follow the teachings of God.

Remember a couple of week ago when we talked about the two greatest commandments — love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself? Those are the teachings we are to follow. If your candidate doesn't win, take as much time as you need to grieve; I know I will. If your candidate does win, incline your ears to the words of God's mouth and love. Love is an action in this case, not simply a feeling.

This election has shown me a lot, some of which I wish I didn't know. But it has reminded us that there is a lot of division in this country, and the way to begin to breach that divide is to sow love — through seeking justice, listening to what the marginalized need, and following the teachings of God. So no matter what time of day or night you read this — go sow some love!

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Brooke*