



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



**Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ**  
**Order of Worship for November 15, 2020**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

*You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore.*  
~ William Faulkner

**Prelude** *More Love to You, O Christ* Arr. Hayes  
Jason Aquila, Organist

**Call to Worship**

ONE: God is the Creator of the Heavens and Earth;

**MANY: God has made everything, and given it to us.**

ONE: Jesus is our Redeemer, our Savior, our Friend;

**MANY: Jesus has come to show us God's love, and teaches us to love one another.**

ONE: The Holy Spirit moves in us, brings us together, and guides us in life;

**MANY: The Spirit reminds us that everything comes from God.**

ONE: Let us share in all of the good gifts of God:

**MANY: Let us worship our God together as one.**

**Hymn #55** *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart!*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**O Lord, we gratefully acknowledge the gifts you have given to each of us for service in your world. Gifts of teaching, healing, inspiring, challenging and creating are all among the myriad of things you have placed in our lives. Direct our lives to use these gifts as we reach out to our neighborhood and nation, witnessing to your love and your healing mercy. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Faith Formation Moment**

Margaret Borrelli

**Special Music**

*Precious Jesus*  
Redeemer UCC Chancel Choir  
Carol Peddie, Director of Music

Althouse

**Scripture**

*Psalm 123 (NRSV);  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NRSV)*

Janet Kramer

ONE: Our God is still speaking.

**MANY: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel**

*Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)*

**Sermon**

*What We Do with Our Gifts*  
The Rev. R. Brooke Baker

**Hymn #370**

*What Gift Can We Bring?*

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

**Hymn #610**

*My Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Jason Aquila, Organist

arr. Lucas

*Call to Worship from [rev-o-lution.org](http://rev-o-lution.org); Prayer of Invocation from Worship Connection at [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com).*