



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
United Church of Christ



**Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for November 22, 2020**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Stewardship Sunday

*The important question to ask is not “What do you believe?”
but “What difference does it make that you believe?”*

Does the world come nearer to the dream of God because of what you believe?

~ Verna J. Dozier

Prelude

Take My Life, God, Let it Be
Jason Aquila, Organist

Arr. Nixon

Call to Worship

ONE: It is harvest time! God is gathering us in!

MANY: Come! Let us share all of our good gifts with God!

ONE: God has planted seeds in us and now the time is ripe;

MANY: Come! Let us celebrate and rejoice in what God is doing in us!

ONE: God has plans for us, plans for a future with hope.

MANY: Come! Let us rejoice in God’s reaping at harvest time Let us share our gifts for the glory of God!

Hymn #300

Jesus Shall Reign

Prayer of Invocation

God of justice and peace, bring your dazzling light into our hearts and spirits that we might see the glorious opportunities we have to serve you. Help us to see that following your mandate to feed the hungry, bring nourishment to those who thirst, offer clothing to those in need, visit the sick and those who are imprisoned, welcome the stranger — any activity of service as an act of great privilege and joy. We praise you for the light of your son, Jesus Christ, who boldly bids us care for each other and become those who would bring good news of peace for all. Amen.

Faith Formation Moment

Pastor Brooke

Special Music *We Come to Say Thank You* Choplin
Redeemer UCC Chancel Choir
Carol Peddie, Director of Music

Scripture *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (NRSV);* Jeff Kirkby
Ephesians 1:15-23 (The Inclusive Bible)

ONE: Our God is still speaking.

MANY: Thanks be to God

Gospel *Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)*

Sermon *Right or Left?*
The Rev. R. Brooke Baker

Blessing of the Pledges

Hymn #654 *Here Am I*
Chalice Hymnal

The Pastor's Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn #419 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Benediction

Postlude *Give Thanks* arr. Hayes
Jason Aquila, Organist

Call to Worship from rev-o-lution.org; Prayer of invocation from Worship Connection at ministrymatters.com.

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