

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER UCC
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018**

VISION STATEMENT

*We are the Church of the Redeemer, United Church of Christ,
an inclusive community committed to the worship of God, the work of justice,
and the recognition of our common humanity in the struggles of life.*

We follow Jesus Christ, who welcomes all people to his table.

*We celebrate the rich diversity of God's people:
in race, gender, age, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities,
marital and economic status and culture.*

*Join us on a journey of the Holy Spirit,
where faith and intellect meet, learning never ends,
and music and the arts draw us closer to our Creator.*

WELCOME

We are pleased that you could join us this morning; wherever you are on your life and faith journey, you are welcome at the Church of the Redeemer. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher at the back of the Sanctuary. If you would like more information about the church, fill out the visitor information form at the back of this bulletin and put it in an offering plate. We hope you will join us after the service at Coffee Hour for a time of fellowship – go out the side door and follow the crowds.

ABOUT US

The Church of the Redeemer is an open and affirming, theologically progressive, mainline Protestant church affiliated with the United Church of Christ (UCC). It was founded as a Congregational church in New Haven in 1838. Our identity is summarized by our vision statement.

CHILDCARE DURING AND AFTER CHURCH

Children are always welcome in church. Activity bags for older children and rocking chairs for adults with babies are available at the rear of the sanctuary. We have a nursery downstairs for children through age 6; you can take your child there at any time (follow the "Nursery" signs in the Tower Lobby or ask the ushers at the back).

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR THE OLDER CHILDREN

Children in preschool through grade 6 are invited to join their teachers downstairs for Sunday School during the Passing of the Peace. Visitors are welcome to join our classes or remain in worship.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

If you are having trouble reading this bulletin or hearing the service, the ushers can provide you with a large-print bulletin or an assistive listening device.

ANTHEM

Bobby McFerrin

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
she makes me lie down in green meadows,
beside the still waters she will lead.

She restores my soul, she rights my wrongs,
she leads me in a path of good things,
and fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land,
there is nothing that can shake me,
she has said she won't forsake me,
I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes,
she anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows.

Surely, goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will live in her house forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Courtney Mason

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us welcome one another with the traditional Christian greeting

"Peace be with you." "And also with you."

*Our children and teachers are invited to leave at this time to go downstairs for
Church school.*

*Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers through age 6. Parents may
accompany new children to get them settled and return to worship at any time.*

*Activity bags are available in the rear of the sanctuary for those children that
remain in the worship service.*

TESTIMONY

David Carter

HYMN OF PREPARATION *please stand*

There's a wideness in God's mercy
see page 9

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:14-21

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader:

God is still speaking.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Praying in Season

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS AND SILENT MEDITATION

Prayer requests may be offered aloud at this time.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *unison*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Kenneth Leighton

from *An Easter Sequence*
Sarah Reed, soprano

Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep,
and my sheep know me. Alleluia.

Prayer of Dedication

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O love, how deep
see page 10

BENEDICTION

AMEN

Please join the choir as we sing once in unison and twice in parts, repeating part four ("Alleluia") at the very end until all have sung a total of three times through.

*Part one is the first few rows of the lectern side.
Part two is the back few rows of the lectern side.
Part three is the back few rows of the pulpit side.
Part four is the front few rows of the pulpit side.*

1
Dm Gm C F 2
Dm Gm C F

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

3
Dm Gm C F 4
Dm Gm C F

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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POSTLUDE J.S. Bach

Prelude in A Major

*Please be seated during the postlude and use this time for silent reflection.
Please join us for refreshments in the Sterling Room following worship this morning.
You can get to the Sterling Room by exiting the side door at the front of the
sanctuary.*

THANK YOU TO THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Deacon Shepherd: Julie Moore

Call to Worship: Carolyn Ladd

Children's Message: Courtney Mason

Hospitality: Mark and Sara Dixon

Ushers: Ken Minkema and Lori Fast-Minkema

Nursery: Beth Pellegrino

Sunday School Teachers: Tony Pellegrino, Courtney Mason, and Brad Czepiel
Sunday School Shepherd: Caryne Eskridge



Next Sunday

Hospitality: Nate Brown and Melissa Knauert Brown

Ushers: Wes and Carol Poling, and Jon Reed

Introduction

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure

of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -
up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -
of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -

tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come
ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -
nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were

for the sin - ner, and more grac - es for the good; there is mer - cy
ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for
but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would

Interlude/Conclusion

with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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NEXT SUNDAY: SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, April 29, 2018

A Congregational Meeting called by the Leadership Council will be held immediately following the worship service on Sunday, April 29, 2018, for the following purposes:

1. To vote on the approval of the minutes from the Special Congregational Meeting held on December 3, 2017.
2. To hear and vote on the revised 2018 budget as amended to include expected expenses for the period July 1 through December 31, 2018.
3. To hear and vote on a resolution to borrow from the endowment fund if more than 5% of its value is approved in the revised budget.
4. To hear and vote to approve the summary entitled “The Church of the Redeemer on One Page” with such changes as approved at the meeting, and to authorize its distribution to churches being considered for partnership.
5. To hear and act upon any other business brought before the congregation.

Copies of the relevant documents will be distributed by email and made available from the Church office in advance and on the date of the meeting.

The Leadership Council encourages you to attend this important meeting. A quorum for the meeting consists of 20% of all members and associate members, and the affirmative vote of a majority of those members and associate members present at the meeting will be required to approve each action item.

Kay Comendul, Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMORROW: THE EVENING BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Evening Book group will be on Monday, April 23 at 7:30 pm to discuss *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward. The group will meet at the home of Kathy Hagearty. All are welcome.

THIS TUESDAY: THE NOON BOOK GROUP

The Noon Book Group will meet Tuesday, April 24 in the Phillips Room to discuss *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore. Bring your lunch and join discussion and fellowship!

THE KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group meets every third Thursday of the month at 2:30 in the afternoon in the Sterling Room. Please join us for this vital ministry of creating prayer shawls for those who need comfort in difficult times. The pattern is very simple and we will teach the stitches to anyone who joins us. We also can supply the yarn. We would love to have some new members! The next meeting is May 17.

YOUTH GROUP

Today (Earth Day!): The Youth Revival is the BEST youth-led and youth-focused worship service the CTUCC hosts all year! Youth who RSVP'd will be meeting at 1:00 pm on at Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church (217 Dixwell Ave, New Haven) to attend this dynamic music-filled service together with even more youth from the New Haven area! Youth should be returning from this service around 5:00 pm.

April 27th-28th is the Confirmation Service & Learning Trip to Boston, MA. Those who RSVP'd will spend one night in Boston and return on Saturday evening after dinner. While in the city, they will be working with Common Cathedral's City Reach program assisting in serving the homeless. Help by donating clothing for the youth to bring and distribute among those they will be serving in the city.

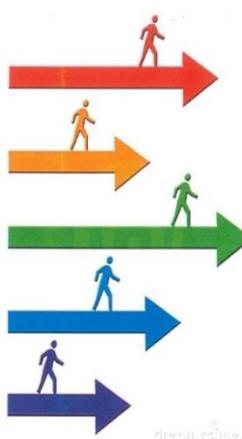
Have you ever thought to yourself, "I wish we could do THIS at Youth Group..."? Have you ever wondered why we do the things we do? Come raise your voice and help to create the 2019 Youth Group & Confirmation event calendar for next year! We will have a **special Chill Night on May 6th** to have this conversation, and we want to hear from you. Be there!

Be sure to mark your calendar and save the date for **Beach Day on May 20th!** Your friends are welcome and we will have details to come.

CHURCH MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, April 22, 2018	8:30 am	Senior Choir, sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday school
	11:15 am	Children's choirs rehearse
	11:30 am	Budget info session and discussion of retreat document
	1:00 pm	CTUCC Youth Revival in Hartford meet at Dixwell Ave. Congregational, 217 Dixwell Ave., New Haven
Monday, April 23, 2018	7:30 pm	Evening Book Group, Home of Kathryn Gaffney
Tuesday, April 24, 2018	12:00 pm	Noon Book Group, Phillips
Thursday, April 26, 2018	7:45 pm	Senior choir, sanctuary
Friday, April 27, 2018		Youth Boston trip departs
Saturday, April 28, 2018		Youth Boston trip returns
Sunday, April 29, 2018	8:55 am	Senior Choir, sanctuary
	9:30 am	Chancel choir, sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday school
	11:15 am	Children's Choirs rehearse
	11:30 am	Congregational Meeting

An All-Church Gathering



NEXT STEPS: Part 9!

Sunday, May 6, 2018

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*We'll explore two lanes:
"Re-create" and "Downsize"*

Among other questions, we'll discuss how Redeemer might focus resources (staff, funds, member participation) to become sustain-able and flourish. If you'd like to be part of preparing for this session, please contact Moderator, Bob Parker.

Lunch & childcare will be provided!

SAFE CHURCH POLICY

The Church of the Redeemer aspires to provide a safe environment for people of all ages; physical and sexual abuse and harassment will not be tolerated in any way. The full text of our Safe Church policy is available on our website.

REDEEMER OFFICE HOURS

The Redeemer office is open Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. You may also contact the office by sending an email to redeemer@uccredeemer.org.

CONTACT REVEREND MURTHA

Susan may be reached via the Redeemer office at (203) 787-5711. You may also reach her via email at susanjdarc@gmail.com or by telephone at (203) 936-9356.

WELCOME VISITORS TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER UCC!

Please let us know more about you and how we can serve you.

Please complete this card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

I would like to be on your mailing list to receive newsletter (email or USPS)

I would like information about Sunday School for my children:

Name(s)/Ages(s): _____

I would like a call from the Pastor.



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