



THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER UCC
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

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.

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PRELUDE Geoffrey Shaw Prelude Variations on an Irish melody

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

INTROIT Jacques Berthier Glory to God

Please sing with the choir.

We will sing once in unison and twice through in parts, repeating the last two measures until all are finished.

Part one is the first few rows on the lectern side;

part two is the back few rows on the lectern side;

part three is the back few rows on the pulpit side;

and part four is the front few rows on the pulpit side.

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CALL TO WORSHIP *please stand*

Leader: O God, may we see you and know you. And may we see each other
and know you. May we listen with common ears and sing with one
voice. Come and worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

For the healing of the nations
#576 New Century Hymnal

CENTERING PRAYER

ANTHEM arr. Julie Blue Raspe

from *Piae Cantiones*
Let us with a joyful mind

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Shelly

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.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION *please stand*

Make me a channel of your peace
see page 9

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-26

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader: God is still speaking.
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Conflict

Reverend Stackhouse

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

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Kola Owolabi

Prayer of St. Francis

CONGREGATIONAL DOXOLOGY *please stand*

(Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen)

**Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God and Jesus Christ the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One:**

**O Praise God, O Praise God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

We shall overcome
#570 New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

Abraham Maraire

Hallelujah!

Please sing with the choir.

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POSTLUDE

César Franck

Sortie

*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

Reader: Barbara Libby

Hospitality Servers: Bill and Julie Moore, and Matt Taylor and Myra Jones-Taylor

Ushers: Bill and Julie Moore, and Courtney Mason

Nursery Assistant: Peggy Strickler

Sunday School Teachers: Carol Nardini, John Bradley, and Lori Fast-Minkema

Columbus House: Lorraine Morrissey, Cheryl Bergman, George Lindsay,
Jodie Brandriff and Harlene

Next Week:

Hospitality Servers: Anne Schenck and Georgia Erickson

Ushers: Church Peterson and Carol Nardini

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY: IMPORTANT JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE AT REDEEMER

Be sure to be in worship if at all possible on Sunday, February 19 at 10 am. This service has been jointly planned by Shelly and the Coordinating Team for the new congregation. (Bonnie will be away that Sunday.) We know you have had the chance to give much input on the new congregation and are eagerly awaiting the recommendations by the working groups. Much more information will be available during worship on this day.

THIS AFTERNOON: ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL FOR MAEBA JONAS

Join us today at 3 pm as the New Haven Association of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ meets to listen to our Member in Discernment, Maeba Jonas, present her reflections on her call to ministry and her beliefs. After Maeba speaks, anyone is welcome to ask her questions. Following that time, only delegates and clergy will stay to vote. After the vote, we will hold a reception to, we are sure, celebrate Maeba moving through the final requirement for ordination in the UCC!

THIS TUESDAY: THE NOON BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of The Noon Book Group will take place at 12 Noon on Tuesday, February 14th in the Phillips Room when the discussion will center on *The Book of Forgiving* by Desmond Tutu. Bring your lunch and join in the discussion.

THE EVENING BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Evening Book Group will take place on February 27th at the home of Anne Schenck to discuss Colson Whitehead's *The Underground Railroad*. Please come join us. New members are always welcome. Planning ahead, the group will discuss *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy at their March 27th meeting.

FLOWER DONATIONS

The flower chart for donating arrangements for Sunday worship services is posted in the Tower Lobby. Please sign up to donate flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends. Just send a check payable to "The Church of the Redeemer" for \$50.00 to the church office, along with a note indicating any special requests for special colors or seasonal flowers and in whose memory or honor you are giving them. You may also provide flowers yourself, but please notify Barbara in the church office.

INSIDE THE BOX:

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF REPLICA SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELL

To help people understand that prolonged isolation is a form of torture, the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) has created a replica solitary confinement cell. The NRCAT's replica solitary confinement cell is now coming to New Haven, CT where for three weeks it will be on display, giving people an opportunity to experience for themselves the inside of a solitary cell and hopefully from that experience become an advocate for its eventual ban.

Where:

Yale Law School Library, 127 Wall Street, Sunday, Feb. 12- Saturday, Feb. 18

For more information go to: www.insidetheboxnhv.org

ABRAHAM'S TENT OUTREACH MISSION

Abraham's Tent is a cooperative effort between Columbus House and congregations of faith in greater New Haven. These congregations open their facilities to house up to 12 homeless people overnight for one week each during the winter months. This year United Church on the Green and Church of the Redeemer are collaborating on Abraham's Tent which will be hosted at United Church on the Green from **March 27th through breakfast on April 3rd**. We are looking for 3-4 individuals or families to collaborate in providing each meal, and a few people to socialize with the guests each evening. A change from last year: All overnights will be done by Yale Hunger and Homeless Action Project (YHHAP) a student run action group of Yale undergraduates. Everyone participating in this program must attend one orientation session regardless of if they have participated in the past. Orientations dates will be announced in the near future. The planning committee includes Lorraine Morrissey from Church of the Redeemer and George Lindsay from United Church on the Green. Please e-mail them with questions or to volunteer at AbrahamsTent@UnitedNewHaven.org. Also: A form on which you can sign up or donate in lieu of participating has been included in today's bulletin and a sign-up chart is posted on the Missions Bulletin Board.

CHURCH MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, February 12, 2017	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
	3:00 pm	Ecclesiastical Convention for Maeba Jonas, sanctuary
		Reception to follow in Sterling
	4:00 pm	Columbus House
	6:00 pm	OWL, Youth Room
Tuesday, February 14, 2017	12:00 pm	Noon Book Group, Phillips
Thursday, February 16, 2017	7:45 pm	Senior Choir, sanctuary
Sunday, February 19, 2017	8:55 am	Senior Choir, sanctuary
	10:00 am	Joint Worship and Sunday school
	11:15 am	Children's Choirs rehearse

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 STACKHOUSE

Shelly is in the Redeemer office Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (787-5711). You may also reach her via email at rastackhouse@gmail.com.

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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