



**THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER UCC  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 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.

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 18, 2018**

PRELUDE          Anton Bruckner          Prelude and Fugue in d minor

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME          Jordan Rebholz

INTROIT          Glorious is your name  
*Please join the choir as we sing the Introit*

Glo-rious is your name, O Je-sus, prais-es to your name. Oh, glo-ri-ous and

righ-teous and ho - ly is your name. Oh, glo - ri-ous is your name.

I feel your pres-ence in this place, your Spir - it makes me whole; I can

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a piano accompaniment on the left and a vocal line on the right. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

feel your warm em - brace and all the joy with-in my soul, Oh, glo - ri-ous

is your name, Oh, glo - ri-ous is your name.

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CALL TO WORSHIP *please stand* Bailey Sullivan

Leader: Lord, with my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

**People: I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.**

Leader: I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

**People: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O how glorious, full of wonder  
#558 *New Century Hymnal*

CENTERING PRAYER

ANTHEM

arr. Paul Berry

Motherless Child  
African-American Slave Song

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jordan Rebholz

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

Amazing grace  
#547 New Century Hymnal

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
John 12:20-33

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader:

**People:**

God is still speaking.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The hour has come

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

There is a balm in Gilead  
*#553 New Century Hymnal*  
Verse 1: choir  
**Verses 2 and 3: all**

OFFERTORY

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem    Anonymous                      Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful  
lives: to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk  
in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

Congregational Doxology *please stand*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

Christ, all crea - tures here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it

ev - er - more; one God, tri - une, whom we a - dore. A - men.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt. TALLIS' CANON  
MUSIC: Thomas Tallis, c. 1561 LM

Prayer of Dedication

RECESSIONAL HYMN

We shall overcome  
#570 New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION



AMEN

*Please sing with the choir*

God be with you  
Verse 1: choir  
**Verses 2 and 3: all**

*Unison* *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:  
tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:  
thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:

*Unison*

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

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POSTLUDE

Johann Pachelbel

Fugue in d minor

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

Deacon Shepherd: Nancy Carrington

Reader: Bailey Sullivan

Hospitality: Susan Gooley and Barbara Libby

Ushers: Bob Parker and Marilyn Toland

Sunday School Teachers: Nancy Carrington, Tony Forman, and Grace Halsey

Thank you to Bobby Rebholz for the artwork on the cover of today's bulletin.



*Next Sunday*

*Hospitality: Grace and Peter Halsey, and Fran Giffin*

*Ushers: Doby Hall and Courtney Mason*

## **Holy Week Worship Schedule**

### **March 25, Palm Sunday: 10 AM**

Beginning outside at Redeemer for an intergenerational service of Palms and Passion

### **March 29, Maundy Thursday: 7 pm**

Holy Communion, music, prayer

### **April 1, Easter: 10 AM**

Celebration of the Resurrection



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASTOR SUSAN AWAY

Pastor Susan will be in California with her family and newborn grand-daughter, March 13 - 19. If there is a pastoral need at Church of the Redeemer, please call **Rev. Anne Baltzell** at **203-284-8493** or **203-631-3149 (cell)**.

### VOLUNTEERS TO BRING SOUP AND BREAD

#### for WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES "CROSS-WORDS"

This week is the final session in the Lenten Series Cross-Words. Redeemer has been asking for volunteers to sign up to bring soup or bread to share at the fellowship time at 6:15 pm prior to the program on each of the evenings of the series. You may also sign-up to help set-up or clean-up after the event as your part in this special Lenten series. Volunteers to bring soup or help with set up and clean up are still needed for this last session on March 21st. Please sign up at the following Sign-up Genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a44ada82aa13-lenten>

### THE NOON BOOK GROUP

The Noon Book Group will meet Tuesday, **March 27** at 12 Noon in the Phillips Room to discuss *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. Bring your lunch and join in the discussion and fellowship!

### THE EVENING BOOK GROUP

The Evening Book Group will meet **March 26** at 7:30 to discuss *An Unnecessary Woman* by Rabih Alameddine. The group will meet at the home of Carol Nardini. All are welcome!

### 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 **April 19**.


**WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN PROGRAM**

**This is the final session!**

**Regardless of whether you have attended any of the other sessions, you are encouraged to attend!**

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
**Wednesday night Lenten Program**  
February 21 & 28  
(March 7 - help with Abraham's Tent!)  
March 14 & 21

**Cross-Words:**  
**Exploring the last 7 words of Jesus**  
**from the cross**



**A 4-WEEK PROGRAM TO:**  
- learn Jesus' last words  
- understand what he most wanted to say to us  
- hear what he is saying to you today

**6:15 - Soup, Bread & Fellowship**  
**6:45 - Program led by Pastor Susan**  
**in the Parlor**

**Come for dinner or to the program or for both!**

**WHERE ARE WE GOING?**  
**LET'S TALK, GET CLEAR, GET READY!**

**A RETREAT FOR THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**



**WORSHIP & NEXT STEPS: PART 7**

Sunday, April 8  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Whitneyville Cultural Commons  
1253 Whitney Avenue, Hamden

Together we will reflect on what we've learned  
in the last year, and faithfully consider our  
mission, resources and options going forward

Your spirit and your voice are vital to make this retreat fruitful

Lunch and childcare will be provided

RSVP not required but helpful  
Contact Barbara at the Church office  
redeemer@uccredeemer.org or (203) 787-5711

CHURCH MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, March 18, 2018	8:55 am	Senior Choir, sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday school
	11:15 am	Children's choirs rehearse
	4:00 pm	Confirmation, Spring Glen UCC
Tuesday, March 20, 2018	2:00 pm	Deacons, Phillips
	7:30 pm	Leadership Council, Phillips
Wednesday, March 21, 2018	6:15 pm	Lenten Soup, Bread & Fellowship Parlor
	6:45 pm	Wednesday Night Lenten Program: "Crosswords: Exploring the Last 7 Words of Jesus from the Cross"
Thursday, March 22, 2018	7:45 pm	Senior Choir, sanctuary
Sunday, March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday	8:55 am	Senior Choir, sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday school
	11:15 am	Children's choirs rehearse
	4:00 pm	Confirmation, Spring Glen UCC
	5:00 pm	Youth Group, Chill Night and dinner Spring Glen UCC

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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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Paul Berry, Boys' Choir Director and Tenor Section Leader  
Sarah Reed, Soprano Section Leader  
Brian Robinson, Bass Section Leader  
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