



**THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER UCC  
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 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).

### **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.

**The Church of the Redeemer UCC**  
**Children's Sunday**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, May 21, 2017**

PRELUDE	Healey Willan	Three Chorale Preludes Larry Bishop, organ
	Johann Sebastian Bach	Two Minuets from <i>Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach</i>
	Donald Waxman	Harlequin Duet Quinby Berry, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

INTROIT	Anonymous	Etude for Clarinet Emma Reed, clarinet
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CALL TO WORSHIP *please stand*  
Leader: Let us worship God as children...  
**All: ...with wonder and awe.**  
Leader: Let us worship God as youth...  
**All: ...with questions and eager hearts.**  
Leader: Let us worship God as adults...  
**All: ...with gratitude and praise.**  
Leader: Let us worship God as elders...  
**All: ...with wisdom and hope. Let the whole church worship God today!**  
**Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN	Let us build a house <i>see page 7</i>
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## CENTERING PRAYER

# ANTHEM

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me

If ye love me, keep my commandments;  
And I will pray the father, that he will give you another  
comforter; that he may abide with you forever.

## ADULTS' MESSAGE

## CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND NURSERY ASSISTANTS

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Let us welcome one another with the traditional Christian greeting*

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

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*

For the beauty of the earth  
see page 9

# INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

## SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

## SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader:

God is still speaking.

## People:

**Thanks be to God.**

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

Dona nobis pacem

*Please sing with the choir.*

1  
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis

2  
pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3  
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na

no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM            William Byrd            I will not leave you comfortless

I will not leave you comfortless, alleluia.  
I will come again to you and your heart shall rejoice.  
Alleluia.

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            Every time I feel the Spirit  
see page 10

BENEDICTION

AMEN

POSTLUDE            Healey Willan            Molto Maestoso

*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.*

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C7 F C F B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)  
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)  
Gm C7 B<sup>b</sup> F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)  
Gm C F B<sup>b</sup>

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) *Refrain* (Em) (Bm)  
 F B $\flat$  A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

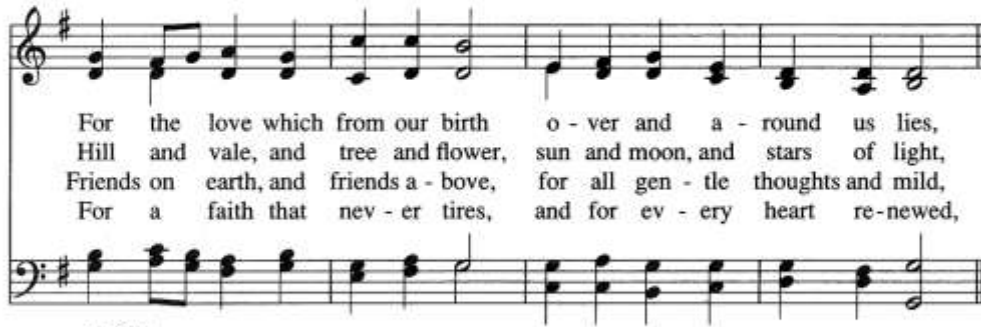
(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B $\flat$  F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

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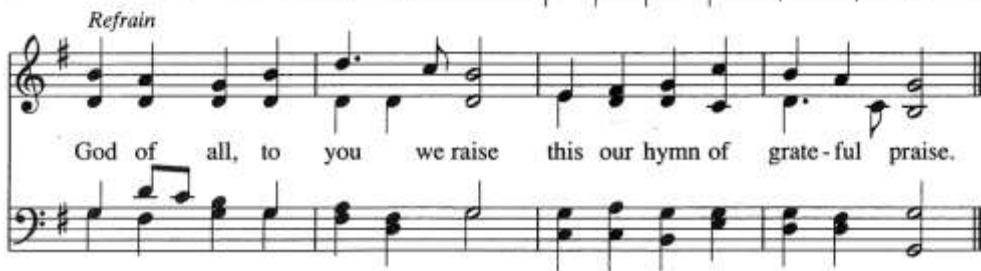


1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,  
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,



For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

*Refrain*



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

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*Refrain*

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

*Last time, end*

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God  
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -  
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

*to Refrain*

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.  
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

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

Hospitality Servers: Marilyn Larson and Greta Seashore

Ushers:

Thanks to Bobby Rebholz for the today's bulletin cover of Jesus with the children.

*Next Week:*

*Combined Worship at United Church on the Green  
10:00 am*

**CALL TO A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING –  
SUNDAY, MAY 21**

The Leadership Council will hold a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 21, immediately following worship, to consider a possible amendment to the church By-Laws. The current By-Laws do not address the terms for voting on the type of proposal that we expect the New Church Coordinating Team to bring before us at the Annual Meeting on June 4th, namely, joining together with another congregation.

The May 21st Congregational Meeting will also include time for discussion of the Coordinating Team's proposal, which is still in development.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting and the one to follow on June 4th. Only members and associate members may vote, though attendance is open to anyone. A quorum of 20% of the church membership is required to conduct the business of these meetings.

Kristen Forman, Clerk

**CALL TO A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, JUNE 4**  
**Church of the Redeemer Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Church of the Redeemer will be held on **Sunday, June 4**, immediately following worship.

The purposes of the meeting are:

1. To vote on the minutes of the two previous congregational meetings, held on June 5, 2016, and May 21, 2017;
2. To consider the *Covenant of Union* and *Covenant, Constitution and Bylaws*, which have been proposed for joining Church of the Redeemer and United Church on the Green into one congregation;
3. To elect Leadership Council officers (Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer) and three (3) at-large representatives;
4. To hear and act upon any other business brought before the congregation.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. Only members and associate members may vote, though attendance is open to anyone. A quorum of 20% of the church membership is required to conduct the business of these meetings. Copies of the relevant documents will be distributed by email and made available from the church office in advance and on the day of the meeting.

Kristen Forman, Clerk

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE NOON BOOK GROUP**

The Noon Book Group will meet at noon on Tuesday, May 23rd for an end-of-the-program-year potluck at the home of Anne Schenck. The group has also decided to read "A Hope in the Unseen" by Ron Suskind during the summer. If you would like Julie Moore to order a copy for you, please let her know at billandjuliem@yahoo.com.

### **THE EVENING BOOK GROUP**

The Evening Book Group will meet again on Monday, May 22 at 7:30 pm at the home of Kathy Taylor (38 Hubinger Street, New Haven) to discuss *Lincoln at the Bardo* by George Saunders. New members are always welcome.

### **READERS AND NURSERY ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

New sign-up sheets have been posted for volunteers to read during upcoming worship services as well as to help out by taking care of Redeemers youngest during worship. Please sign up in the Tower Lobby.

### **CHAPEL ON THE GREEN AFTER WORSHIP AT UNITED MAY 28**

Chapel on the Green at Trinity Church. United Church and Church of the Redeemer will be making and distributing sandwiches on Sunday May 28th, 2017 during the Chapel on the Green service. 52 Sundays a year in every weather condition, Trinity's Chapel on the Green is a unique venue. It is an outdoor congregation, of housed and unhoused, sharing God's compassion through care, community, worship and breaking bread together. We will make sandwiches during our second hour. Service begins at 2:00PM. Trinity Church is located at 950 Chapel Street (corner of Temple), New Haven CT 06511

### **WEEKLY E-NEWS**

For the foreseeable future expect to receive the weekly E-news on Tuesday instead of on Monday as has been the custom. This will allow announcements that may have come to light over the weekend to be included. Anyone who has an announcement that should go in the E-news should email Barbara in the office by Tuesday morning.

**CHURCH MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

<b>Sunday, May 21, 2017</b> <i>Children's Sunday</i>	8:30 am	Senior Choir, sanctuary
	9:30 am	CS Children rehearse, sanctuary
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	11:15 am	Children's Choirs rehearse
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting, Sterling</b>
<b>Monday, May 22, 2017</b>		Articles for June Redeemer News due in church office
	7:00 pm	Coordinating Team, Phillips
	7:30 pm	Evening Book Group at home of Kathy Taylor, 38 Hubinger Street
<b>Tuesday, May 23, 2017</b>	12:00 pm	Noon Book Group Potluck Lunch at home of Anne Schenck
<b>Thursday, May 25, 2017</b>	7:45 pm	Senior Choir, sanctuary
<b>Sunday, May 28, 2017</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship at United Church</b>
		Chapel on the Green preparations following worship
<b>Monday, May 29, 2017</b>		Memorial Day
		Church office closed
<b>Thursday, June 1, 2017</b>	6:00 pm	Leadership Council, Phillips
	7:45 pm	Senior Choir, sanctuary
<b>Sunday, June 4, 2017</b>	8:55 am	Senior Choir, sanctuary
	9:30 am	Chancel Choir, sanctuary
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship and Holy Communion</b>
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>

**Please contact the church office by Wednesday  
to have your announcement placed in the Sunday bulletin.**





**"God is still speaking."**



**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).

**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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Jordan Rebholz, Minister for Faith Formation

Robert Parker, Moderator of the Church

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Kristen Forman, Clerk

Marguerite Brooks, Director of Music

Julia Blue Raspe, Chancel Choir Director and Alto Section Leader

Paul Berry, Boys' Choir Director and Tenor Section Leader

Sarah Reed, Soprano Section Leader

Brian Robinson, Bass Section Leader

Larry Bishop, Organist

Barbara Repetsky, Office Administrator and Financial Secretary

Collin Morrissey, Security

Lou and Valarie Fanelli, Sextons

Margaret Fraser, Nursery Attendant

Emily Novicki, Nursery Attendant