



THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER UCC
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, MAY 27, 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.

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*

In the bulb there is a flower
#433 New Century Hymnal

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader:

God is still speaking.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Decoration Day

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.

OFFERTORY

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Netherlands Folk Song
Jay Unger

We Gather Together
Thanksgiving Hymn

Congregational Doxology

(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

All my hope on God is founded
#408 New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

John Stanley

Voluntary in D 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

Reader: Nancy Carrington

Hospitality: Jonathan Weber, Carolyn Ladd and Kay Comendul

Ushers: Bob Parker and Marilyn Toland

Nursery: Carol Nardini

Sunday School Teachers: Jordan Rebholz and Brad Czepiel

Flowers today are given by Paul and Holly Berry in honor of their
12th wedding anniversary today.



Next Sunday

Hospitality: Susan Gooley

Ushers: Courtney Mason and Doby Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING: JUNE 3rd

We will receive the Strengthen the Church offering on Sunday, June 3rd. This special offering supports three ministries of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ: Silver Lake Conference Center, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Faith Formation. The offering will support these three ministries to change lives by identifying and affirming leaders, nurturing skills and building capacity for ministry, and strengthening networks among our local churches in an interdependent spirit. Ninety percent of this offering will be used to support these three areas of ministry. Ten percent will be shared with the national United Church of Christ's Strengthen the Church initiatives.

MUSIC BY CHILDREN FOR JUNE 10th

If any child would like to play an instrument on Sunday, June 10, which is Jordan's last Sunday, please email Maggie at marguerite.brooks@yale.edu and tell her the child's instrument and the title and composer of the piece/pieces to be played. Also the duration! Thank you.

SIGN-UP

Please sign up to read during the summer! A new sign-up sheet has been posted in the Tower Lobby. We will also need nursery assistants!

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will not have a meeting this evening; enjoy the Memorial Day weekend with your family!

THE NOON BOOK GROUP

The Noon Book Group will meet on June 12 at the home of Anne Schenck for a potluck. Please make special note that the meeting will be at 1:00 instead of Noon.

THE EVENING BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Evening Book group will be on Monday, June 25 at 7:30 pm to discuss *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones. The group will meet at the home of Fran Giffin. All are welcome.

NEXT STEPS AT REDEEMER

Information Session & Discussion with Leadership Council

Leading up to the Annual Meeting,
Leadership Council will provide updates regarding:

- “Transplanting”
 - responses to “Church of the Redeemer on One Page”
 - informal gatherings with potential partner congregations
- plans for “Bridge staff” at Redeemer
- summer plans at Redeemer
- other questions
- dialogue

During Coffee Hour and Sunday receptions,
please take time to drop into one or more of these sessions:

May 27, 1:15 in the Parlor

June 3, 1:30; location TBA

June 10, 1:30; location TBA

CHURCH MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, May 27, 2018

10:00 am Worship and Sunday school
11:15 am Information update session
 regarding "transplanting" and other
 questions, Parlor

Monday, May 28, 2018

Memorial Day
Church office closed

Sunday, June 3, 2018

Children's Sunday

9:30 am Children rehearse, sanctuary
10:00 am Worship and Communion
11:30 am Building Team, Phillips

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 9:15 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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