



**THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER UCC  
THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 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.

**The Church of the Redeemer UCC**  
**The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, November 12, 2017**

PRELUDE	J.S. Bach	Prelude and Fugue in e minor "The Cathedral"
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

INTROIT                      Phil Porter                      Gathered here

*Please sing with the choir. We sing once in unison and then in parts, once through, repeating the last line until all are finished.*

Part one: lectern side, first few rows

Part two: lectern side, back rows

Part three: pulpit side, back few rows

Part four: pulpit side, front rows

1 2  
Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong

3 4  
bod-y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir-it draw near.

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CALL TO WORSHIP *please stand*

Brian Robinson

Leader: Come, people of God;

**People: Be touched by something ancient and holy;**

Leader: Be touched by something present and pressing;

**People: Be touched by something coming and everlasting;**

**All: Come; let us worship God together.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us  
*#267 New Century Hymnal*

CENTERING PRAYER

ANTHEM

Michael Horvit

Even When God Is Silent

I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining.

I believe in love, even when feeling it not.

I believe in God, even when God is silent.

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*

Like the murmur of the dove's song  
#270 *New Century Hymnal*

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

SERMON

Deeper into Communion

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS AND SILENT MEDITATION

*Prayer requests may be offered aloud at this time.*

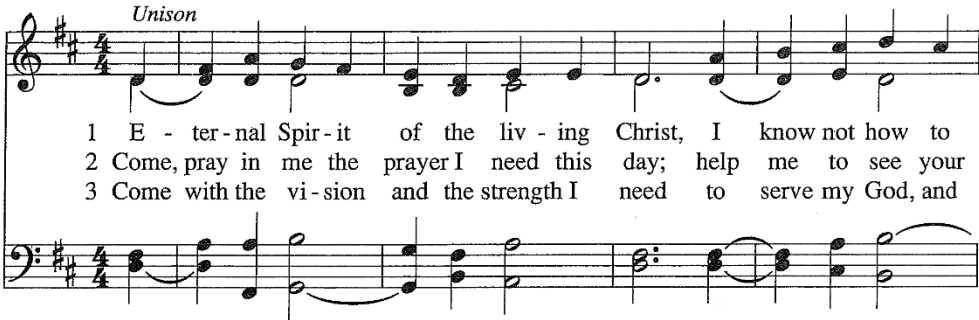
THE LORD'S PRAYER *unison*

**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

Eternal spirit of the living Christ  
Verse one: choir  
**Verses two and three: all**

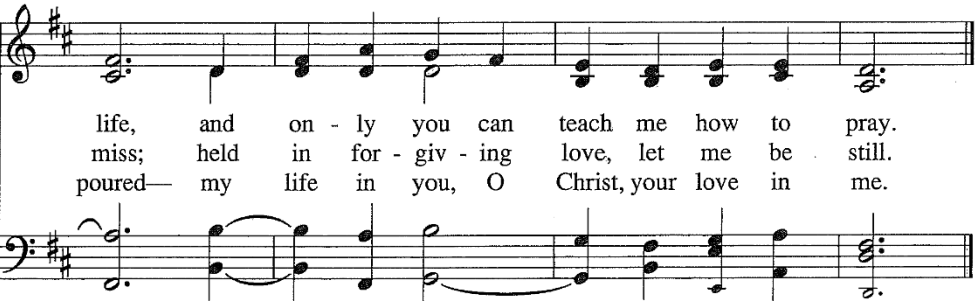
*Unison*



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ, I know not how to  
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your  
3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need to serve my God, and



ask or what to say; I on - ly know my need, as deep as  
pur - pose and your will, Where I have failed, what I have done a -  
all hu - man - i - ty; Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out -



life, and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.  
miss; held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
poured— my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

## OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      Moses Hogan      God's gonna set this world on fire

God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days, Halleluia.  
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, Halleluia.  
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry, Halleluia.  
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty, Halleluia.  
One of these days.

## CONGREGATIONAL DOXOLOGY

**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  
*#282 New Century Hymnal*

## BENEDICTION

AMEN      Jacque Berthier      Alleluia



POSTLUDE

Alexandre Guilmant

March 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

Deacon Shepherd: Chuck Peterson

Reader: Brian Robinson

Hospitality: Carol Nardini and Kathryn Gaffney

Ushers: Bill and Julie Moore, and Alan Kendrix

Nursery Assistant: Bob Parker

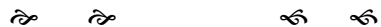
Sunday school teachers: Caryne Eskridge, Courtney Mason and Ian Skoggard

Columbus House: Bill and Julie Moore, Laura Kisthardt, and George Lindsay

Flowers today are given by Melissa Knauert Brown and Nathaniel Brown in honor of  
"our wonderful daughters Peyton and Madeline on their birthdays."

### **About the music**

Michael Horvit wrote *Even When God Is Silent* in 1988 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Kristallnacht, the night of November 9-10, 1938, on which over 250 synagogues as well as shops and cemeteries in Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia were destroyed, many people killed and over 30,000 people arrested and incarcerated. Legend has it that the text was found written on a cellar wall in Cologne by someone hiding from the Gestapo.



*Next Sunday*

*All Church Meeting, "Next Steps" and Luncheon*

*Ushers: Chuck Peterson and Carol Nardini*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Notice of Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 19, 2017**

The Bylaws of the Church of the Redeemer specify that a congregational meeting to approve the budget for the coming year shall be held on a Sunday in November, with such date to be designated by the Leadership Council. To allow more time to finalize the budget recommendation, a special congregational meeting is being called by the Leadership Council to be held on Sunday, November 19 immediately following the worship service to consider a recommendation to move the date of the budget meeting to Sunday, December 3, or such other Sunday in December as shall be agreed upon during the meeting. All members, associate members and friends are invited and encouraged to attend, although only members and associate members may vote. A quorum of 20% of the church membership is required to conduct the business of this meeting.

--- Kay Comendul, Clerk

### **THE NOON BOOK GROUP**

The Noon Book Group will next meet Tuesday, November 14 at 12 Noon in the Phillips Room to discuss *Lives Like Loaded Guns: Emily Dickinson and Her Family's Feuds* by Lyndall Gordon. Bring your lunch and join in the discussion and fellowship!

### **THE EVENING BOOK GROUP**

The next meeting of the Evening Book Group will be on November 27 at 7:30 pm at the home of Kathy Taylor. The book to be discussed *Autumn* by Ali Smith. All are welcome! Also, planning ahead: Look for information to come in upcoming E-news announcements or Sunday bulletins regarding the customary December Book Swap!

### **THE KNITTING GROUP**

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 November 16.

**ANNOUNCING...**  
**FEDERATED YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION**  
**Redeemer, Spring Glen, United and North Haven Congregational**

**November Schedule**

**Sunday, November 12**

4:00-5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
5:00-7:00 pm	Youth Group

**CHILL NIGHT at Spring Glen Church,**  
1825 Whitney Avenue, Hamden

Chill Night consists of yummy food games and team building exercises with ample time to hang out and chat with friends.

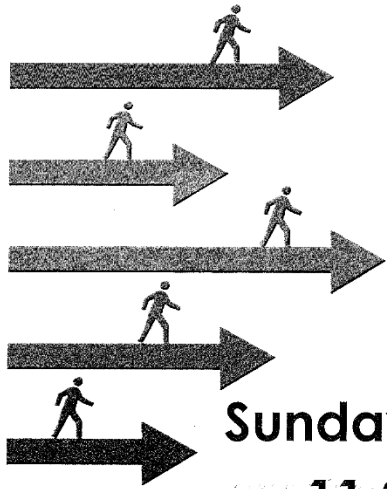
**Sunday, November 19**

Sunday am	Confirmation monthly required worship at your own church Redeemer, United and Spring Glen at 10:00 am North Haven at 9:30 am
5:00-7:00 pm	Intergenerational Event <b>DOCUMENTARY “A Self-Made Man”</b> at United Church 270 Temple, New Haven

This award winning film, which is free and open to all ages, features Tony Ferraiolo and will be followed by a question and answer session with Mr. Ferraiolo.

**December schedule coming soon!**

**An All-Church Gathering**



# **NEXT STEPS!**

**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Pastor Susan will share ...**

**a summary of the “Sessions with Susan!”  
and her preliminary recommendations for  
Redeemer’s highest priorities  
and next steps.**

**Susan will need your input, discussion and  
consensus about the interim process ahead  
so please try to make this important event.**

**~ Lunch and childcare will be provided!! ~**

**READERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP**

A new sign-up sheet has been posted for those who are interested in leading the Call to Worship and reading scripture during worship. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the Tower Lobby.

**FLOWER DONATIONS**

Please consider donating flowers for a Sunday worship service. You may sign up on our flower chart on the bulletin board in the Tower Lobby. Flowers can be ordered from our florist at the cost of \$50.00 or you may provide flowers yourself. Barbara, our office administrator, will contact you to make arrangements for the flowers and to ask for specific requests and how you would like an announcement to appear in the bulletin that Sunday.

**CHURCH MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

<b>Sunday, November 12, 2017</b>	8:55 am	Senior Choir, sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday school
	11:15 am	Children's choirs rehearse
	11:30 am	"Sessions with Susan," Parlor
	5:00 pm	New Youth Group activity
		Chill Night, Spring Glen Church
		1825 Whitney Avenue, Hamden
<b>Tuesday, November 14, 2017</b>	12:00 pm	Noon Book Group, Phillips
<b>Sunday, November 19, 2017</b> <i>Thanksgiving Sunday</i>	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 and
		"Next Steps," Sterling
		Luncheon and child care 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](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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Brian Robinson, Bass Section Leader  
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