“The Journey to Authenticity”
Part II

But the Lord said to Samuel,
“Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”
1 Samuel 16:7
Prelude  “I Love You Lord /We Exalt Thee”

Welcome

Invocation

*Gathering Hymn  “O God, Who Gives Us Life and Breath”

MCC291 (vs 1-3)

*Call to Worship  Lector

One: As we gather here today, let us reach out with everything that is a part of us.

All: We offer up to you, our very best selves, even in the midst of any brokenness.

One: We long for your presence; reveal yourself to us, O God.

All: Holy and awesome God, we invite you to come join us in worship; fill us with your Holy Spirit.

One: Here we are. We stand before you with open hearts and minds and lives. Take what is yours.

All: Take all that we have to offer, for it is truly yours. We praise you and give you glory, for everything belongs to you. Amen!

*Please rise in body or spirit
About our Church

**WHO ARE WE?** Holy Redeemer M.C.C. is a Christian church with a welcoming ministry to all individuals regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, or ethnic heritage. We celebrate our God-given diversity, and gather to worship God and serve our community.

As a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (www.mccchurch.org), we proclaim God's love for all persons, participate in a ministry of social justice, and advocate the human rights of all persons.

**Need an appointment with the Pastor?** Appointments with the pastor are available. If you would like an appointment, please let the Pastor know and he will schedule one with you.

### Ministry Team

**Pastor:** Rev. Lee Tredwell  
**Deacon:** Ed Moore,  
**Music Director:** Janina Sajka  
**Worship Team Coordinator:** Sandra Baldwin  
**Board of Directors:** Rev. Lee Tredwell, Sue McLean, Jim Raber, Stan Baone, Eric Simpson  
**Hospitality Coordinator:** Eric Simpson  
**Usher-Hosts:** Eric Simpson, Sue McLean  
**Lay Delegate:** Gerry Wright  
**Building Maintenance:** Sue McLean, Tina Robinson

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**First Reading:** Genesis 16:1-14  
**Community Prayer**  
**Prayer Hymn** “I Am Thine, O God” MCC 588 (vs 1-4)

**Readings:**  
**Second Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1-7  
**Third Reading:** Psalm 119:11-18

**Song of Preparation** “Open My Eyes That I May See”  
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 16:13-20

**Ministry of The Rev. A. Leon Tredwell, PhD**

**Song of Response:** “Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”  
**Offertory** Variations On A Hymn Tune

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*Please rise in body or spirit
Song of Thanksgiving - Doxology  
VU 541
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;

A word about communion. We serve an open communion here at HRMCC. That is, you need not be a member of this church or of our denomination to participate. We follow the practice of our denomination in offering a brief prayer of thanksgiving and blessing with you as you are served. We serve unfermented grape juice to honor any who might be in recovery. If you are unable to come to the table, please let an usher know and we will bring communion to you at your seat.

Holy Communion

Invitation
One: "Beloved, this table that we celebrate does not belong to any specific denomination. It is an open table and belongs to each and every one of us. We are present here today and we also remember...

... All who are broken,
All: that they be healed;
One: All who are oppressed,
All: that they be set free;
One: All who are hungry
All: that they be fed and nourished;
One: All who are forgotten and excluded,
All: that they are indeed invited to this table.

Our Core Value Statement
At its core, Holy Redeemer values and affirms the sanctity of every individual. We honor this commitment through our faith-based worship, music and communion that welcomes ALL people home.

Our Vision
We recognize that in order to do God's ministry in the world successfully, we need to create a place, a time and a community that will embrace us, value us, replenish us, and prepare us to faithfully serve God's creation. Holy Redeemer is that place!!

Our Worship Statement:
Worship at HRMCC provides a safe space to engage with God and with one another.

Our Mission
Our mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ through social justice, community building, and spiritual growth opportunities.

August
David York     8/7
Ed Moore       8/29
Rev. Lee Tredwell 8/20

Don’t see your birthday? Be sure to let Sue McLean know. We’d like to celebrate you, too!
**Newsletter** - Please refer to the Newsletter for more information about upcoming events and dates. If you currently are not receiving the newsletter, please let Sue McLean know.

**Board of Directors Meeting:** September 2 1:00 PM

**Worship Committee:** TBD

**Food Bank Donations** - Starting May 19th, we have been collecting canned and dry goods for the College Park Community Food Bank for the summer. The items collected will be delivered to the food bank. Please donate what you can to help feed our neighbors. If you have any questions OR can help with delivery, please let Sandra Baldwin know.

**Worship Volunteers** - This is OUR worship and more volunteers are always welcomed. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! If you want to read scripture, offer prayer, celebrate communion, acolyte, or serve as a Eucharistic minister, contact Sandra Baldwin or send her an email at sandraburst62@gmail.com.

**WANTED:** Someone who loves to take pictures and would like to be “Official Church Photographer” see Sue McLean.

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**Confession**

Many: Most merciful God, your steadfast love and desire to forgive, gives us courage to face the wrongs that we have done. We confess that we have broken our communities; we have turned away the stranger; we have forgotten to love the land; we have pushed your priorities aside and refused to let your commandments question what we do or don’t do. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us, that we may walk with you in caring for your creation, in truth and in light. Amen.

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**Great Thanksgiving**

**One:** God be with you!

**All:** And also with you.

**One:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord

**One:** Let us give God thanks and praise.

**All:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**One:** It is a good and Joyful Thing…

...therefore we exalt you and join our voices with the company of heaven and together offer our praises by singing:

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**Great Thanksgiving**
Words of Remembrance

CONSECRATION

One: Please join me in consecrating our gifts today...
All: God, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, these simple elements of bread and juice. And as you bless this meal, also bless us. Make our gifts, our table, our lives a holy and living sacrifice. Hold us together in the invisible communion of the spirit. AMEN.

Acclamation

One: Let us declare the mystery of our faith... (VU 933)
All: Christ has died.
    Christ is risen.
    Christ will come, come again!

Communion Hymns

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” VU 460
“We Exalt Thee” Bulletin Pg 12
“It Is Well” MCC 639

Lord’s Prayer
Announcements

Closing Hymn “O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing” MCC 518 (vs 1,2,6,7)

Benediction

Postlude “The Rock That Is Higher Than I”

How are we doing?

Attendance last Sunday 14
Offering last week (General Fund) $ 764.00
Last Month’s Building Fund Offering $ 100.00
Total Current Building Fund $ 16,007.00

*Note: The Building Fund offering is normally taken only on the last Sunday of each month.

note: Checks may be made payable to: “Holy Redeemer MCC” or “HRMCC

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