



Holy Welcome

EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

June 28, 2020

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal

Greetings and Announcements

God is good, **all the time**. All the time, **God is good**.

Prelude

*Call to Worship¹

God calls to us in worship; God calls us into covenant, into relationship with God and one another.

What a covenant, what a joy divine!

God calls to us with discomfort: at half-truths and easy answers.

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine.

God calls to us with passion: girding us to challenge injustice and exploitation.

What have I to fear? In Jesus the Christ, our path is illumined.

Come, let us worship the One who binds us in covenant sustains us on the Way.

*Gathering Prayer²

We give you thanks, Holy One, for promises made, for promises kept, for blessings bestowed. We give you thanks for releasing us from commitments made out of fear, for sustaining us through faith that moves beyond adherence to the law. Help us to trust you enough to climb mountains when the tops are not visible, when answers to our questions elude us. Let us hear your voice clearly enough to give us direction and purpose, that we too may keep covenant with you and follow your path. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *What a Covenant*

#471

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Thought for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.**

The Scriptures

Genesis 22.1-19

Matthew 10.38-42

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *What a Covenant*

Carolyn L Roberts

Offering

Anthem *My Hope Is in the Lord*

*- J.M. Martin
ERUCC Singers*

***Closing Hymn** *Over My Head*

#514

Verse 6: Over my head, I see justice in the air

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Worship Notes: ¹Adapted from #361 *Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here*, and 471 *What a Covenant*.

²Adapted from *Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2*, pages 100, 101, 115.



Every Sunday at 10:30

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bzioh0xyyacgq5fmjnoi>

Want to listen to the sermon again? Visit our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9_hGBb5tBHeZuvqBvSbX5w

You can get to the link on our homepage at www.erucc.org

Prayer List - Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Bettie Joe Crutchley, Tom Frazier, Neil Butler (Uncle of RaeAnn Butler), Tamara Tamas, Dana Durr (cousin of Sue Pinner), Jaci Clayton, Al Peden, Barbara Lee (sister of Milt Crutchley), Tina Baker, Alyce Schimd (sister of Dennie Schmid), Lois Wilson (Dan Smith's aunt), Jerry Cassell (brother of Ave Barr), Tina Prescott (daughter in law of Barbara and Bill Prescott), Mary Remsberg, Faith Kline (friend of the Schaeberle family), Susan Matesa (friend of Dan Smith & Austin Byrd), Dustin Chapman (friend of Catie, Alex & Sean), Jane Doll, Susan McCauley (niece of Jack Stush), Heleen (sister of Karin Mens), Kathy Blue Shores (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser), Terry Smiley (uncle of Scott Smiley), Shawn Smiley (cousin of Scott Smiley), Joe Jahoda (Kim Jahoda's dad), Gretchen Manuel (niece of Audrey Rayfield), Ann and Cal Theiss (parents of Katharine Alley), Frank Tymczyszyn (brother in law of Nancy Jones), Debra Reedy (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser).

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We ask you to remember all of those currently serving in the Armed Forces. Your prayers and cards are welcomed and appreciated by those on our prayer list.

PASTOR DANIEL ON VACATION

June 12 – July 1

Friends:

As you may know, Barbara and Ken are taking a well-deserved vacation, departing on June 12 and returning on July 1. Just as wearing masks signals our concern for others and a desire to keep our neighbors healthy, we must be intentional about not contacting Barbara during her downtime since this signals our support for her getting some time off to relax and recharge. During the brief time when she is away, if something arises that Amy cannot address, please reach out to the Chair of our Elders, Marc Kline (mkline354@gmail.com) or to our Consistory Chair, Peter Brehm (pbrehm@comcast.net). If you need to call or text them, Marc's phone number is 240-446-5662. Peter's phone number is 240-454-1364. Thanks!

Peter and Marc

Worship Next Week: July 5 In person or on-line

[Ctrl + Click HERE to join worship next Sunday](#) at 10:30 a.m.

Jesus offers a relationship that leads to fullness of life, yet Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30 reports that many resist Jesus' hospitality. Jesus likens them to two groups of children at play who can't agree on a game and find fault with all that is offered.

Today we will reopen the doors of the church for Sunday morning worship. As a small group meets in the sanctuary, we know that we will continue to be gathered in many homes across Frederick and the United States as well as Germany.

For your worship center, you have a little sparkly thing to add as a reminder of the joy we share as a community in Christ.

Consider continuing your support of ERUCC on-line. You can set up automatic giving via your bank, or use this handy link from our website: <https://erucc.org/give-your-money/>. Make sure if you are paying thru Paypal or online that you designate which account your giving is to applied to (i.e. weekly giving, building fund, other)

ZOOM CHECK-IN

Everyone is invited to join Pastor Daniel for a check-in **Tuesday and Thursday at noon:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/683955819> If you need to know how to set up Zoom, contact the office and we will attempt to walk you through the process. PW 551754

These calls will occur while Pastor Daniel is on vacation, led by Susan Leathery.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY from 7- 8 p.m. Beginning July 2nd

Called to be the Church: The Book of Acts for a New Day

(If you are interested in participating in this study, contact the church office for the materials)
As we study Acts we see a church that is dynamic and alive, not static or stuck. The gospel message and movement did not come to an end with Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. There was a whole new beginning, one that no one could have predicted. In so many ways, Acts is the perfect book for a God is still speaking Church. Here more truth and light breaks forth from God's Holy Word each new day as the movement of faith spreads like wildfire.

Among the matters to which Acts pays attention, in addition to leadership and conflict, are cultural diversity and the encounter with people who are not of our race or culture; the use of wealth and possessions; the role of women in the church; the relationship between church and state or between Christians and civil authorities; and the challenge of persecution. Beyond that, Acts is full of rollicking good stories and adventures.

July 2 Acts 1: 1-26

July 23

Acts 4: 1-31

July 9 Acts 2: 1-47

July 30

Acts 4: 32- 5: 11

July 16 Acts 3: 1-26

SUMMER WORSHIP AT ERUCC Beginning July 9

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Parking Lot

We *plan* to hold worship outdoors on the parking lot and patio behind the main church building each Wednesday at 6 pm. We will spread ourselves out and maintain the required and appropriate physical distancing. This decision may be changed if conditions change per the recommendations from the health department.

Pastor Daniel will be leading the service and Brenda Hedges will be providing music.

Look for more details as we move closer to July. Please note, this is only dependent on the Governor lifting restrictions.

Stay Connected and Get Informed!

There are many ways to receive information about what is happening at church each week. The weekly bulletin, the weekly informational email, and our monthly newsletter, The Trinity Chimes, Facebook, and Instagram. @eruccfred

Thursday Thoughts—A weekly emailed message that shares updates, highlights the upcoming service's scripture and focus, and includes announcements about Sunday School. To sign up to receive Thursday Thoughts, contact Amy Aguilar at 301-662-2762 or aaguilar@erucc.org and share your preferred email address.

Trinity Chimes—ERUCC's monthly newsletter. A more in-depth look on what's happening with the congregation. How we're reaching out, learning and volunteer opportunities, member and social program updates. Receive Trinity Chimes by email! Contact Amy Aguilar at 301-662-2762 or aaguilar@erucc.org to request to be added. (Paper copies also available upon request.)

Deut. 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.



1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing



Refrain



on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



Over My Head

African-American traditional

1 O-ver my head I hear mu-sic in the air.
2 O-ver my head I hear sing-ing in the air.
3 O-ver my head I see trou-ble in the air.
4 O-ver my head I see Je-sus in the air.

O-ver my head I hear mu-sic in the air.
O-ver my head I hear sing-ing in the air.
O-ver my head I see trou-ble in the air.
O-ver my head I see Je-sus in the air.

O-ver my head I hear mu-sic in the air,
O-ver my head I hear sing-ing in the air,
O-ver my head I see trou-ble in the air,
O-ver my head I see Je-sus in the air,

there must be a God some - where.



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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2020

Matthew 10:40-42

Holy Welcome *Open and Affirming Sunday*

Today, on *Open and Affirming Sunday*, we celebrate the United Church of Christ's "Holy Welcome" to the full diversity of LGBTQ+ people. One of the blessings of this work is that our denomination does not go it alone. Consistent with our motto "That they may all be one," we join the welcoming movements of many other denominations in working for full inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in houses of worship and faith communities across the nation.

You and others in your church community are invited to join this ecumenical movement, by hosting or attending a "Building an Inclusive Church" training.

According to the Institute for Welcoming Resources (<http://www.welcomingresources.org/communityorg.htm>), *"The Building an Inclusive Church trainings help you design and implement a process for your congregation to publicly and intentionally welcome people of all gender identities and sexual orientations. Building an Inclusive Church equips you with ways to create dialogue, deepening relationships throughout the congregation rather than sparking debate and division.

You will have opportunities to engage through a mix of presentation, hands-on practice, and small group discussion. Many of the tools you will learn come from faith-based relational organizing, such as the one-to-one visit and strategic storytelling. Grounded in scripture and discipleship, this training allows you to explore your own Christian call to hospitality and evangelism.

If you are currently in a welcoming process, if you are thinking about starting a welcoming process, or if you fear what would happen if you began openly discussing a welcome to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, this training could be for you! Feel free to invite your clergy and other members of your congregation to attend with you. And because this curriculum is shared across the ecumenical Welcoming Church Movement, feel free to share this with friends from other denominations."

*Accessed January 2020. <http://www.welcomingresources.org/communityorg.htm>



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