



EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

June 14, 2020

Second Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal

*All who are able may stand. **Bold** print indicates responses by all

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

God of grace, as we gather here to worship and learn, to sing and to pray, to build community and restore ourselves for service, be with us. Encourage us to open our hearts and minds to encounter your goodness, and our souls to be buoyed by your loving presence. Amen

*Opening Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory*

436, stanzas 1,2,3,5

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of all, you call us to be numbered in the few that go about proclaiming the good news of your realm of justice and peace, yet often we are numbered in the many who fail to look at your world with the eyes of compassion. Forgive us.

God of compassion, we acknowledge our inability to care about everything. We know we are called to be bearers of good news to all who suffer. We see the forlorn and the lost, but sometimes it is difficult to find the heart to involve ourselves. We can easily be overwhelmed by the immenseness and intensity of need with which we are confronted. So many situations require charity and goodwill. Forgive us.

God of community, we admit that there are times that our ministry and service is hollow because it comes from a flawed place.

Sometimes, we choose to “go it alone” rather than ask for help or involve our community, for it is the easier way, or we just don’t think. Sometimes, our service is motivated by vanity and pride.

Sometimes, our motivation is plain foolishness. Forgive us. *(silence)*

***Assurance of Pardon**

God always looks at us with the eyes of compassion. Here, in this moment, we encounter the eternal mercy of God and our transgressions are forgiven.

We are grateful.

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

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Offering

Anthem *Go Forth Into the World in Peace*

*- J. Rutter
ERUCC Singers*

***Closing Hymn** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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**Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.**

**The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**God's graced did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.**

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,

**embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

***Benediction**

Go out into the world with eyes open to seeing the lost, with ears that hear the cry of the forlorn, and hearts filled with joy and, strengthened by the love of God, ready to serve God's people and all creation.

Amen.

***Postlude**



Every Sunday at 10:30

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bzloh0xyyacgg5fmjnoi>

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: Neil Butler (Uncle of RaeAnn Butler), Tamara Tamas, Dana Durr (cousin of Sue Pinner), Jaci Clayton, Raleigh Jenkins (brother of Donna Logee), Gail Ellam, Al Peden, Barbara Lee (sister of Milt Crutchley), Tina Baker, Alyce Schmid (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), Larry Maples, 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.

Worship Next Week: June 21

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

Jeremiah 20:7-13 contains a lament from the prophet a prayer for help. The language of our reading from Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18 is also that of a lament or prayer for help.

In our Gospel lesson for this Sunday, Matthew 10: 24-39, Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship, including the ways in which it places disciples under great stress in their families.

The Rev. Michelle Beadle will be preaching. Her sermon title is, “The Blessing of Forced Choice.”

If you or someone in your family is in need of a call, a pick me up, anything, please contact the church office at 301-662-2762 or via email at bkdaniel@erucc.org

Join Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/608416206> pw 522188

Each Monday, we will send out a Bible study sheet. The passage will be one of the lessons from the previous Sunday's scripture readings. You are invited to use the material for your own personal reflection and, if you wish, join a Zoom call on Tuesdays at 11:00 am to discuss the passage with others.

If you wish to be added to this Bible Study mailing, please let Amy know: aaguilar@erucc.org

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.

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| 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 | | |

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Everyone is invited to join Pastor Daniel for a check-in **each weekday 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

Youth are invited to join Pastor Daniel for a Zoom call **every Wednesday** at 4:00 pm:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/405187542>

SUMMER WORSHIP AT ERUCC

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Parking Lot

As the Governor has moved us to Phase 1 of plans for restricting gatherings, 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.)

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God of Grace and God of Glory

436, stanzas 1,2,3,5

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Sarah Laughed

Sarah laughed when she heard the news that, in her advanced age, she would bear a child. She did not expect that she had much life left to give. Too often, our culture reflects Sarah's belief that there is not much life left in our elders.

United Church Homes (UCH) has another vision. According to their website <https://www.unitedchurchhomes.org/>, the UCH vision, *where the Spirit creates Abundant Life in Community*, reflects their faith-inspired ties with the United Church of Christ, and propels this organization into new ways of thinking and talking about aging. United Church Homes celebrates older adults as they explore evolving healthcare and senior living options to appeal to a new generation of people living longer, more active lives after retirement.

**“We help UCH residents define what living abundantly means to them as individuals, providing experiences that lead to more joy, and purpose, in their interactions with others. That is why United Church Homes is:

- an Open and Affirming provider of healthcare and housing services for older adults
- a thought leader in driving conversations around what abundant life means
- leading culture change to transform older adult services from institutional-directed care to person-directed care that promotes choice, dignity, respect, self-determination and purposeful living

We've expanded quite a bit from our first “home for the aged” built in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, in 1916,” their website proclaims, “Today, United Church Homes owns or manages more than 70 communities in 14 states and two Native American nations. We provide affordable housing, independent living, assisted living, long-term care, rehabilitative care and memory care to thousands of older adults.”

As our population ages, so does the need for creativity in finding new ways to not just survive our retirement years, but to thrive in them. For United Church Homes, abundant life at all ages is no laughing matter.

Find out more about United Church Homes in your area by checking their website <https://www.unitedchurchhomes.org/> or calling their national offices (866-279-5125).

*Accessed January 2020. <https://www.unitedchurchhomes.org/>



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