



EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

July 12, 2020

Sixth 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 *(Based on Psalm 65:9-13)*

God visits the earth and waters it

Greatly enriching the earth.

God waters the earth, softening it with showers,

And blessing the earth.

Along with the hills, the meadows, and the valleys,

Let us shout and sing together for joy!

*Opening Prayer

Loving God, you created life in us and all around us.

Open us to receive your gifts of your world and your word

that we may be not just hearers of the word, but doers also. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Praise to the Living God*

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

**we acknowledge that we too often take for granted
your gifts to us: our lives, this world, and your word to us.**

When we receive your word,

may we nurture it so that it grows roots within us.

May we not be distracted by the lure of wealth or the cares of the world.

**Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it, and acting
upon it. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon** *(based on Romans 8:1-11)*

We claim what the apostle Paul teaches:

the Spirit of God dwells in you.

You are forgiven and free.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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 13:1-9,18-23 NT Page 13

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Tithes, Gifts and Lives to Christ's Service

Anthem *A Scottish Blessing*

*- D. Blackwell
ERUCC Singers*

***Closing Hymn** *Come to Tend God's Garden*

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***Benediction** *(Based on Isaiah 55: 12-13)*

Go out in joy and be led back in peace.

The mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Go from here in the joy of God,

secure in God's presence around you and within you.

***Postlude**

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Every Sunday at 10:30

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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: Paige Coffey, Mark Ulrich, Bettie Joe Crutchley, Neil Butler (Uncle of RaeAnn Butler), Tamara Tamas, 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), 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: July 19

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

In Romans 8:12–25, Paul demonstrates the relationality of God and God's people through the language of adoption. God offers believers a new familial structure in which they are rightful heirs to God's realm. One in a series of parables about the reign of God, Jesus' teaching in Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 invites hope-filled trust in God. There is mystery in how God plants, nurtures, and weeds to secure a harvest of promise.

Help Wanted: AV Team Members for Sundays.

In the coming weeks we will be starting to use three people to support the audio and live stream for Sunday services. This is not difficult to learn and we will provide training. There will always be someone experienced there with you. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Schaeberle at jschaeberle@comcast.net 301.639.6197 (m)

SUMMER WORSHIP AT ERUCC

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.

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 6-7 p.m.

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 9 Acts 2: 1-47

July 23

Acts 4: 1-31

July 16 Acts 3: 1-26

July 30

Acts 4: 32- 5: 11

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)

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

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

TUESDAYS WITH TED

Participants Can Join the Ted Talk by Zoom Call:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92398918264?pwd=SIVFYzNKUklpczJsMElnOTdtRVdvZz09>

Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264

Password: 313735

“Our Healing Table” with Hanan Rasheed

Tuesday, July 14 6 – 7 pm

In 1973, at the age of 14, Hanan Rasheed emigrated from Palestine to the Bay Area in California. Undeterred by the failure of diplomats to bring peace and security to Palestinians and Israelis, Rasheed began practicing “hummus diplomacy,” believing that peace can be achieved when ordinary citizens on both sides meet face to face to eat together and listen to one another. The healing table, Rasheed explains, is a table where the dishes have the same ingredients but different flavors, where peoples of conflict can meet as humans having the same rights and needs. Chef Hanan Rasheed is a Palestinian-American who believes a beautiful meal has the power to unite. At a time when the world faces unprecedented distrust and division, the culinary arts may prove the start of a healing conversation. A mother of five and grandmother of eight, Rasheed is a graduate of the Institute of Culinary Education in New York City who uses her talent to teach others about Palestinian culture and cuisine. This talk was given at a TEDx event using the TED conference format but independently organized by a local community.

A CONVERSATION WITH CHRIS SPEAR

Chefs Without Restaurants

Monday, July 20 from 7-8:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84865331973?pwd=Y25NMjVHSXFoSmVua0YwdG84OWNXQT09>

Meeting ID: 848 6533 1973 Password: 909890

Our own Chris Spear interviewed Chef Hanan Rasheed and there is so much in his interview to share and reflect on. We will watch the Podcast as a group, pausing along the way for discussion. Rasheed reflects on her Palestinian roots, her love of cooking, and the ways in which she believes that food can bring people together.

Virtual Vacation Bible School

Virtual Vacation Bible School will be the week of August 3 thru August 7^t

Our Theme Will Be God’s Kids Club top five Bible Stories

Monday	#5	Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors
Tuesday	#4	Prodigal Son
Wednesday,	#3	Noah’s Ark
Thursday	#2	Jonah and the Whale
Friday	#1	David and Goliath

Please email Kim Sexton at ksexton@erucc.org to register and get more information

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.)

GREEN TEAM and MISSION COMMITTEE GARDEN PROJECT

The Green Team and Mission Committee are partnering with the Hood College Food Security Network to grow vegetables for the Frederick community. We will be at the garden once a week all summer. The garden is on the grounds of the Frederick News Post off of Ballenger Creek Pike. If you would like to join a team, contact Linda Coyle or one of the team leaders. All work days are 9 -12. ** We are an intergenerational church! Feel free to cross demographic lines in joining a team!



The schedule is as follows

Older Adults led by Cliff Barr	Fridays, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7
Mission Committee led by Colleen Baldree	Fridays, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14
Fearless Group led by Kathryn King and Catie Schaeberle	Saturdays, June 19, July 18, Aug. 22
Youth Group led by Tricia Coffey	Saturdays, June 26, July 25, Aug. 29

OPEN DATE - AUGUST 1 No team is scheduled and we need volunteers!

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A House Divided

The story begins,

“Listen! A sower went out to sow...”

And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up...

There was the time I did not get very far. I had just started on the path, just begun to follow Christ, when I got scared and stalled out. I was eaten up by worry and doubt.

Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away...

There was a time when I believed if only I studied or thought enough, I would be able to understand Christ's way. I did not know that Christ's way had to be grounded in my heart as well as my head. My faith withered away.

Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Another time, I tried to turn toward Christ, but became distracted. It wasn't too long before I was choking on the expectation of our consumerist culture and my own grasping heart.

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

And yet again, I arrived in a community, a congregation like this one. Sometimes there were weeds and rocks. But like rich soil, that community nurtured me, helped me to grow strong in my faith.

Let anyone with ears listen!

We aren't, any of us, only one thing. Most of us have had all of these experiences at one time or another. Let this be our prayer: “Whether we get carried away or wither, suffocate or grow strong, help us to remember that you are with us always, Holy God. Amen.”



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