



FACE TO FACE

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.



For Children: Please feel free to attend services with your children. For the safety of the children, staff and volunteers ERUCC will not be providing childcare during services until further notice. Your children are welcome to bring their own quiet activities, no materials will be provided. Please take ALL personal items with you after the service.

We have removed all items from the pew racks for your safety. Music selections will be provided within this bulletin. If you are visiting and did not stop at the welcome desk in the downstairs lobby please stop by after the service they would love to meet you or, please feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. Many of our visitors ask us about the time of offering. This is a time in our service when we respond to God's gifts of love by offering the gifts of our lives. For many of us, this is when we make a financial gift towards the ministries and programs of our church. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts in sharing God's love. If you are visiting, there is no obligation to give a financial gift. We are just glad you are worshipping with us. At this time we are taking offering at the end of the service. Plates will be placed at the doors as you exit the sanctuary, Thank you.

We ask that you please silence your cell phones during our worship service. We also ask that you refrain from applause after our choirs sing and allow the music to resonate in the quiet of the sanctuary and in your hearts. Our musicians are playing and singing for the glory of God. They know you appreciate their efforts and their gift.

Rest rooms (equipped with changing stations) are located on the first floor of the church building and outside the Community Room and the Nursery.

There is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: www.erucc.org.

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Thank you.

EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

August 2, 2020

Ninth 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

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Greetings and Announcements

(We are grateful for your presence as we gather to give praise to God.

The prelude music is a time for us to focus on our worship of God. Please use this time to settle your heart and mind as we come together in community to pray, sing, and hear the words of scripture encourage, inspire, and challenge us for the living of these days.)

Prelude

John Widmann, guest organist

Entrance of the Confirmation Class

As the congregation entered the Sanctuary this morning, some of you walked on a path of footprints made by members of the Confirmation Class. This banner symbolizes that faith is a journey and that the confirmation of our faith is one important step on the journey of discipleship. As parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, godparents, family, friends, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, mentors, and members of the congregation, you have walked with these young people. Now they have added their own prints to the journey of faith as they assume responsibility for what they believe.

Members of the Confirmation Class are escorted by their parents and mentors as a symbol of their encouragement during this faith journey. As the parents have shared their light of love and hope of Christ with their children, that light is passed on to another generation to take into the world.

*Call to Worship

Sasha Hoffman

The Spirit descends like a dove,
bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.
The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.
Spirit of the living God,
come to us and transform our lives by your power.

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Jared Hueting

God of love, we thank you for the great love that comes from you and for Jesus, your gift of love to us. Help us to love you, to love each other and all your people, so that the greater commandment of Christ may fill our hearts, our lives, and our world on this day and always. Amen.

Opening Hymn *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

No. 59

1 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er breath - ing on the church the breath of life;
3 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church - 's min - is - try—

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through your peo - ple's cease - less
Quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners

blight; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing earth - bound souls to glo - ry
strife; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of
free; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to

high; Liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it; you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
Christ: In our wor - ship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts un - priced.
soul, In com - mu - ni - ty un - end - ing you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

***Call to Confession**

Jesus said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,

but we fear the Spirit's power. Let us confess our slowness to embrace the new life of the Spirit.

***Prayer of Confession** *(in unison)*

When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O God. When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God. When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future, forgive us, O God. God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Thought For the Day

Liam Cumber and Emma Davis

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

Isaiah 55: 1-5

Emma Davis

Matthew 14: 13-21

Liam Cumber

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Morning Prayer

Offering

Anthem *Come to the Water*

*- J. B. Foley, arr. J. Schrader
- ERUCC Singers*

Mentors and Confirmands Reflect On Their Journey Together

ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION: AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

INVITATION

We invite to come forward Liam, Emma, Sasha, and Jared who wish to affirm their baptism by being confirmed.

Friends in Christ, we all are received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence her/his/their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows. Hear the words of Jesus: I am the vine, you are the branches. Anyone who abides in me, and I in that person, is the one who bears much fruit. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

Liam, Emma, Sasha, and Jared do you desire to affirm your baptism/be baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

I do.

Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

I promise, with the help of God.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

I promise, with the help of God.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF THE CANDIDATES

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER OF BLESSING

We rejoice, O merciful God, with these people in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the Spirit's power to awaken us to new truth and to inspire us to venture into fullness of life. We give you thanks that Liam, Emma, Sasha, and Jared have been moved to affirm their baptism. Help them to live not for themselves but for Christ and those whom Christ loves. Keep them steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of life with you in Jesus Christ.

ADDRESS

By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

I promise, with the help of God.

WELCOME

Let us, the members of Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ we extend to you the hand of Christian love.

Welcome on behalf of the congregation by Peter Brehm, President, ERUCC Consistory

PRAYER

O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this local church and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord"**

- D. Shutte

**"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain)**

**“I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?” (Refrain)**

Benediction

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

John Widmann, guest organist

**Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ welcomes the family and friends of our
2020 Confirmation Class: Liam Cumber, Emma Davis, Sasha Hoffman, Jared Hueting**

Confirmands and Mentors

Liam Cumber – Tyler York
Emma Davis – Starr Schaeberle

Sasha Hoffman – Owen York
Jared Hueting – Joe Adkins

ERUCC thanks Jim Weitz and Elizabeth Slade for their gift of teaching the Confirmation Class this year and their dedication to empowering these young people in our congregation.

We thank the mentors for their guidance and Jo Ann Fritz for making the stoles the confirmation class has decorated with symbols and words for the gifts God has given to them.

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Jack Patterson by Patti and the family.

The **yellow rose bud** on the stand is in honor of those currently serving in the military by Pat Hevner.

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: Betsy Fisher, Peggy Githerman, The McCarty family, Nikki Keller, Mark Ulrich, 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, 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: August 9 [Ctrl + Click HERE to join worship next Sunday](#) 10:30 a.m.

In Matthew 14:22–33, we read that the disciples are in a boat, terrified by a raging storm. Jesus comes across the water and saves them. Jesus is amazingly comfortable with the churning water, which the Hebrew people feared as chaos. The disciples grow in their certainty of Jesus' identity God's anointed one.

This morning we will be sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. For those coming to in-person worship you are welcome to receive the bread and cup from Pastor Daniel or bring your own bread and/or juice/wine. The sacrament will be brought to you while you are seated in the pews. If you are participating in worship via live streaming, please prepare communion with bread, a cracker, juice or wine or water. We will bless these gifts together and receive them as one community.

SUMMER WORSHIP AT ERUCC Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Parking Lot

Outdoor worship services are held 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/608416206?pwd=NzFtVUsxUmQ5eGpxMmk4WDB6Z0lUUT09>

Meeting ID: 608 416 206 **Passcode: 588188**

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 WITH PASTOR DANIEL

Via Zoom (Link will be sent to participants) The Book of Acts

In the last two generations, since the mid-twentieth century, much has changed in our society and the role of the church. Christianity no longer enjoys the kind of taken-for-granted support in and from the society that it once did. Today American society is an officially secular, religiously pluralistic, and ethnically diverse one. In many ways, this is also the world of the Acts of the Apostles, a world where Christianity was not socially sanctioned nor mandated by the government. Christians were a minority and the church was more of a mission movement than an established social institution. As we negotiate these changes in our social role, Acts will be helpful to us.

August 6

Acts 6: 1-7

August 13

Acts 8: 9-25

August 20

Acts 8: 26-40

August 27

Acts 9: 1-31

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>

Virtual Vacation Bible School : Week of August 3 thru August 7

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

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

TUESDAYS WITH TED August 11, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Participants Can Join the Ted Talk by Zoom Call:

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

Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 Password: 313735

Bill Gates: How the pandemic will shape the near future

Bill Gates talks best (and worst) case scenarios for the coronavirus pandemic in the months ahead, explaining the challenges of reducing virus transmission, providing an update on promising vaccine candidates, offering his thoughts on reopening and even taking a moment to address conspiracy theories circulating about himself. Stay tuned for his critical call to fellow philanthropists to ramp up their action, ambition and awareness to create a better world for all. (This virtual conversation, hosted by head of TED Chris Anderson, was recorded June 29, 2020.)

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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“(Jesus) took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds.”

-Matthew 14:19, Common English Bible Translation

Jesus blessed the bread before he shared it and the result was abundance for himself, his disciples, and the strangers who flocked around them. How might we expand our vision if we gave thanks every time we ate? Try one of these simple meal blessings or another one of your choosing before your next meal.

Prayer for breakfast:

Thank you for this breakfast food.
Strengthen me/us to do your good.
All this day and all the next.
Remind me/us that Your love is best.
Hallelujah!

Prayer over lunch:

God, bless this food.
Bless this pause in the busy business of the day.
Strengthen me/us to work for your justice
for those who don't have enough to eat
or who eat alone today. Amen.

Prayer over dinner:

Jesus, you met your friends around a table.
Meet me/us here and help me/us to hear your promises:
I am/We are forgiven and you are with me/us always. Amen.

Prayer over a snack:

Creator God, you made everything, large and small.
You made it all and called it good -
every rock and person, plant and animal,
and this little snack. Thank you. Amen.

