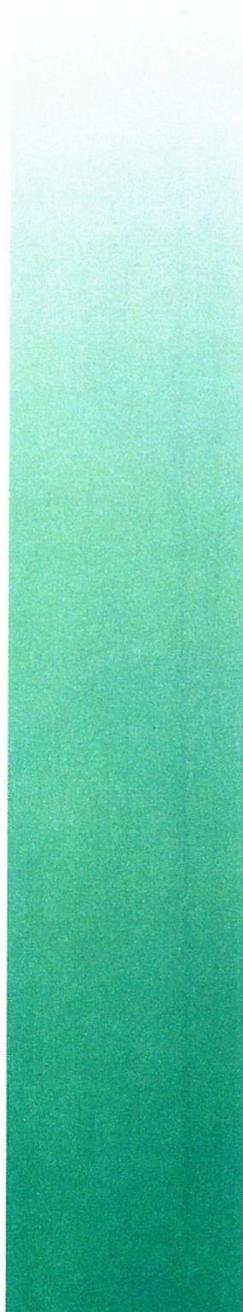


Wheat and Weeds Together



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 or the bell choirs play 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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or you may use our new texting donation system. Send a donation amount to 301-804-2933 . You will receive a text back within minutes with a link. Click the secure link and provide your method of payment and a receipt will be sent to you! Or, download the GivePlus Church application and make your donation via the app.*



Thank you.

EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

July 19, 2020

Seventh 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

John Widmann, guest organist

*Call to Worship

We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.

Surely God is in this place!

We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.

Surely God is in this place!

We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

Surely God is in this place!

We come to see God in this community of seekers.

Surely God is in this place!

We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.

Surely God is in this place! Let us worship!

*Opening Prayer *Based on Psalm 139*

God, you know me as I am,

you are acquainted with all my wills and ways.

You gather me in, and enfold me in your grace.

Yet I find this knowledge so hard to understand.

Is there any place I go that is away from your spirit?

Is there anywhere I could flee from your presence?

If I fly to farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me,

and hold me fast. If I asked the darkness to enfold me, and the light

around me to turn to night, the darkness would not hide me;

for the night is as bright as the day to you, and the darkness cannot

extinguish your light. It was you who formed me; as I was knitted

together in my mother's womb. And I am so fearfully and wonderfully

made. God, you are in all places, in heaven and earth. Your works are

wonderful; that I know. And I know that your promise is true,

you will be with me always. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

Unison

D7 G D G D G D

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

G D G D7 G D

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

G D G C D7 G

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

G/B C G

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

***Call to Confession**

We confess our sins to God, not because God needs to be told of our shortcomings.

We confess in order to clear away the regrets and the errors that would choke out our nourishing connection with God. Let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God,
in the fields of our lives, we strive to be fruitful, but we fall short.
We get so comfortable that we sleep when we need to be vigilant
about the errors in our own lives and the injustices around us.
We are so casual about wrongdoing that it creeps into our lives
and threatens to overwhelm the good we do.**

Forgive us.

Keep us awake so that we can produce the lives you call us to live. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

You are not God's tenants or employees;
you are God's precious family.

In the words of the apostle Paul,

"You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption."

As God's children, in God's embrace, you are forgiven and free.

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

Romans 8: 12-25

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Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

NT Page 14

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 *Kyrie, from Mass in G, d. 167*

- F. Schubert
ERUCC Singers

*Closing Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations*

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1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
earth be - banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

*Benediction

God's spirit is always with you.
Who can flee from the presence of God?
If you ascend to heaven,
God is there.
If you settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
God is there.
In all places, God holds you fast.
May you know deeply the presence of God:
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.
Go with God.

*Postlude

John Widmann, guest organist

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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 26 [Ctrl + Click HERE to join worship next Sunday](#) 10:30 a.m.
Romans 8:26–39 offers strong words of comfort for all who suffer and who see little concrete evidence for hope. The encouragement is to never give up because even in our weakness the Holy One is there to strengthen us with a love from which we can never be separated. Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52 gives testimony to the often hidden and subtle power of the Realm of God at work in our lives and world. The parables tell that the reality of God’s realm is at work now, and we are called to decide if this is the realm in which we choose to live

ERUCC GOES LIVE: STEP 2: CAUTIOUS

We have begun to ease back into in-person worship. Please be patient with us as we work through this new system and rules of worship.

We have implemented a “ticket” system that will allow people to reserve their seat for a given Sunday. Those interested in attending in person may go online to EventBrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/109158933308>) and reserve their space. Once the spot is reserved, you can expect a call from a church member to answer any questions you may have regarding attendance. No need to bring a ticket, just a mask and your bulletin.

We are doing our best to ease back into worship with your safety in mind. If you have any questions, please review the COVID-10 Reopening Plan and email the office at aaguilar@erucc.org.

If you do not want to use EVENTBRITE, you may contact Sue Pinner at 301-228-2396 to reserve your spot.

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

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

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

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY from 6-7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89672369983?pwd=VkljN0gvbHJ6ZVZJaVRKY0s0WmlpZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 7236 9983

Password: 427069

(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 23

Acts 4: 1-31

July 30

Acts 4: 32- 5: 11

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.

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>

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: TIPS FOR SAVING WATER DURING THE PANDEMIC

Water is an essential, finite natural resource. By paying careful attention to conserving water during the Pandemic, we can help to both preserve our water resources and reduce our water bill.

1. Save water while hand washing! We all know that handwashing is critical in keeping ourselves safe from infection with the virus. As we are washing our hands more frequently than ever, we are using more water than ever. So let's wash carefully! According to the CDC, that means to: 1. Wet hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), then TURN OFF THE TAP, and apply soap. 2. Lather hands by rubbing them together with soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails. Scrub them for at least 20 seconds. Then TURN ON the tap to rinse hands. 3. Dry them with a clean towel or air dry.
2. Training yourself to turn off the tap while you are lathering and scrubbing can save gallons of water. Not letting the water run while washing dishes, brushing teeth, and shaving saves water also. Your water bill will also be lower!

Mid - Year Statements:

The Finance Committee is working hard to get your mid-year statements to you. Check your email in the upcoming week for them. If you don't receive a statement, please contact the church office at 301-662-2762.

With the increase in on-line giving, please review your statement carefully to ensure that contributions were allocated to the correct accounts(building, general, mission, etc)

As always, thank you for your generosity.

ERUCC BOOK GROUP 2020

*****Please note that the July meeting of the Book Group may meet via Zoom Call**

(The book group meets once a month at various members' homes. Depending on the time of year and the book read, this group usually includes 8-14 people.) Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information about ERUCC's book club, write Pam Shepp at pam@vitalsources.org or call/text her at 301-524-5223.

July 28: *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond

Matthew Desmond's book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, was the UCC's 2019 All Church Read. Desmond was a keynote speaker at the UCC General Synod in Milwaukee last year.

From abandoned slums to shelters, eviction courts to ghettos, Matthew Desmond spent years living with and recording the stories of those struggling to survive - yet who won't give up. A work of love, care, and humanity, *Evicted* reminds us why, without a home, nothing else is possible. It is one of the most necessary books of our time.

August 25: *The Next Person You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom

September 22 Any book by Toni Morrison

October 27 Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

November 24 The Overstory

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)

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Wheat and Weeds Together

Jesus taught an agricultural and fishing people who were close to the source of the food they shared and consumed. Most people are many steps separated from the production of the food we eat each day. But, even if we have less understanding of agriculture than our ancestors did, we still understand that Jesus' command to feed one another refers to physical as well as spiritual feeding.

Whether or not they know where or how their food is grown, many United Church of Christ congregations affirm that food once produced is meant to be shared. Food pantries and meals offered by UCC congregations live out the most basic form of care for one another - giving of food.

Windsor Severance Food Pantry at Faith UCC in Colorado gives away the canned goods familiar to many food pantries. But they also offer an evening of fellowship and eating together each Wednesday evening. The pantry truly offers "a place at the table" for anyone in the neighborhood looking for a hot meal. You can find out more about their work at: <https://www.faithunitedchurchofchrist.com/a-place-at-the-table>.

The food pantry in Kirtland, Ohio's Old South United Church of Christ has seen so much need in recent years that they have expanded into three times their former space. Now Kirtland's pantry has moved to a more modern model of providing food. Clients to the pantry now shop the shelves, as if they are in a grocery store. You can read more at: https://www.news-herald.com/news/ohio/kirtland-s-old-south-united-church-of-christ-reopens-food/article_10bbff05-6707-52e0-af30-f795736acf98.html.

In Connecticut, the food pantry in Norfolk United Church of Christ pantry recently expanded not space, but hours, making their food pantry more accessible to those in need in their town. More here: <http://norfolkctucc.org/ucc/norfolk-food-pantry/>.

Wherever you are located, give some thought to your local congregation. How do you follow Christ's lead in feeding people in body as well as spirit? Prayerfully consider if there is some way that you could expand your feeding programs.



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