



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



**F**or 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.

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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.

**T**here is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org).

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Thank you.

# EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

July 26, 2020

Eighth 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 are on a journey;

**and now, our journey brings us  
into the presence of One  
who would transform us for the good.**

We are on a journey;

**and now, our journey brings us  
into the presence of One  
whose love makes transformation possible.**

This is a place and time

**where we celebrate possibilities.**

This is a place and time

**where we celebrate One  
who weaves the future with love.**

#### \*Opening Prayer

**Holy One, you know us already.**

**Help us to know you better.**

**Let us see you both in front of us and behind us.**

**Infuse our worship with your Spirit**

**so that we may learn to recognize your presence in all places. Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*

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#### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

When words of welcome and openness  
have not been matched by our practices,

**hear our prayer: (silence)**

When we have been a stumbling block

to another's journey  
rather than a trustworthy companion,  
**hear our prayer:** *(silence)*  
When we are afraid of change,  
and neglect the gift and privilege of love,  
**hear our prayer:** *(silence)*  
You hear our prayers, O God,  
even when words fail us.  
But you do not fail us.  
Your love holds steady  
and welcomes us into greater love. Amen.

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

In Romans Paul asked,  
"If God is for us, who is against us...  
who is to condemn?"  
The answer is: no one.  
Because God in Christ, and God in love,  
has come out for us  
transformation for the good is possible.

### **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: 26-39                      NT Page158  
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52            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** *You Are My All in All*

- D. Jernigan, arr. L. Larson  
ERUCC Singers

**\*Closing Hymn** *Enter in the Realm of God*

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### **\*Benediction**

This service began with an invocation  
that declared we are on a journey  
that brought us into the presence of God in worship.  
This service concludes with a reminder  
that worship brings the journey  
not to an ending, but to a turning.  
For now, the possibilities celebrated  
in song and story are ours to discover  
as we journey in the transforming presence of God.  
For now, God's weaving of the future with  
love becomes our companion, our vocation, and our hope  
as we journey in the love of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Postlude**

*John Widmann, guest organist*



Every Sunday at 10:30

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bzioh0xyyacgg5fmjnoi>

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9\\_hGBb5tBHeZuvqBvSbX5w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9_hGBb5tBHeZuvqBvSbX5w)

You can get to the link on our homepage at [www.erucc.org](http://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: August 2**      [Ctrl + Click HERE to join worship next Sunday](#) 10:30  
a.m.  
Look for information on-line.

### **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](mailto: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)

July 30

Acts 4: 32- 5: 11

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

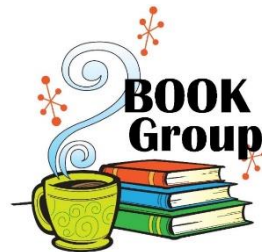
## **ERUCC BOOK GROUP 2020**

(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](mailto:pam@vitalsources.org) or call/text her at 301-524-5223.

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

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



### **Ministers - All the People of Evangelical Reformed Church**

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## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2020

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### Weaving the Future

The National Youth Event (NYE), which met earlier this week at Purdue University in Indiana, brought together thousands of young people from across the United Church of Christ for a week of worship, fellowship and engaged service, built on 6 pillars. As you read more about each of these pillars, consider what your youth will find at home. How will the youth continue to build on the foundation that they have begun to build? Will they find these pillars in place in their home church? How do the adults in your community make the youth, and their ongoing faith journey, a priority?

#### **Faith**

NYE grounds youth in the love and power of the Gospel as well as the identity and community of the United Church of Christ through worship and spiritual journey.

#### **Reflection**

NYE empowers youth through courageous reflection and the critique of systems and power that diminishes the humanity and God-image of every person and community.

#### **Encounter**

NYE calls youth to serve and demonstrate the Gospel's solidarity and radical pastoral accompaniment, recognizing we are already connected to that which we engage.

#### **Justice**

NYE lives into the mission of the United Church of Christ, sustained by grace, to build a just world for all.

#### **Community Building**

NYE sustains youth through community building and celebration of life, building strong connections for a lifetime journey.

#### **Leadership**

NYE cultivates the leadership of our youth, from its planning to realization, calling youth to create and problem solve towards a just world for all.

