

# Bold Moves

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 -

August 16, 2020

Eleventh 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

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth.**

It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake, at the top of a mountain or through a crowded city street.

**God meets us here.**

We have gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives.

### \*Opening Prayer

**Maker of Our Days,**

**you created each of us unique beings with differing strengths and weaknesses. Help us not only to use our strengths to assist others but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet our weaknesses.**

**Restorer of Our Souls,**

**you have seen the parched places we have made in our lives, along with the devastation thrust upon us by the action or inaction of others. Meet us in the places of our deepest pain so that our masks of self-sufficiency might fall away and we might be drawn into right relationship with you and one another.**

**Breath of Our Lives, without you we are but a mound of clay. Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship, set us on fire so that others might be drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care.**

### \*Opening Hymn *Help Us Accept Each Other*

*No. 388  
stanzas 1,3,4*



# Help Us Accept Each Other

388

*Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.*

*John 15:12; 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16*

- 1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er  
as Christ ac-cept-ed us;  
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er,  
each per-son to em-brace.  
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us,  
and bring us to be-lieve  
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed  
and meant to love and live.
- 2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons,  
as in our dai-ly life  
we strug-gle to be hu-man  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for peo-ple,  
for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them,  
or as they may be-come.
- 3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions  
to do the truth in love;  
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance,  
un-til we know by heart  
the ta-ble of for-give-ness  
and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
- 4 God, for to-day's en-coun-ters  
with all who are in need,  
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance,  
for righ-teous-ness and bread,  
Bring us new eyes for see-ing,  
new hands for hold-ing on;  
re-new us with your Spir-it;  
God! Free us, make us one!

## \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

When we try to go it on our own lacking faith in divine providence,

**Lord have mercy.** (*Time for personal reflection and confession.*)

When we have not recognized God at work in the faith of others,

**Christ have mercy.** (*Time for personal reflection and confession.*)

In all that we have done and all that we have left undone,

**Lord have mercy.** (*Time for personal reflection and confession.*)

### \*Assurance of Pardon

God calls each of us by name and cries out with tears of joy as we recognize God in our admission of need.

**Praise be to God who welcomes us as we are, challenges us to let go of our guilt and provides a way for us to walk on together.**

## 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**

Psalm 133

Matthew 15:21-28

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** *Child of God*

- M. A. Miller  
*ERUCC Singers*

**\*Closing Hymn** *We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*

- No. 179  
*stanzas 1, 3  
see last page*

## **\*Benediction**

You have been reconciled with Christ.  
Do the work of Christ in the world:  
extend a hand to those in need,  
speak up for those cast aside,  
build bridges of reconciliation,  
strengthen bonds of community,  
knowing that  
he Maker of Our Days,  
the Restorer of Our Souls  
and the Breath of Our Lives  
will be with you this day and ever more.

**Amen.**

## **\*Postlude**



**Worship Notes:** Written by the Rev. Dr. Bob Gross, OCC, designated minister at First Congregational Church of Akron, OH. Rev. Gross is a member of the Order of Corpus Christi, (OCC), which is an ecumenical covenantal community that seeks to be a contemporary expression of the Mercersburg Tradition.



**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)

**The flowers on the altar this morning** are placed in loving memory Isabel Kreh Wilcoxon, Susan Nelson Cramer Kreh, and Lola Ann Dorcus by Susan Kreh.

The **yellow rose bud** on the stand is in honor of Captain Alan B. Harriman, USA- KIA in Vietnam on August 15, 1964 by Tom and Evie Frazier.

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

Paul uses the image of the Body of Christ in Romans 12: 1-8, to describe the community of those who believe in Jesus the Christ and follow in God's ways. The Spirit forms this body through unique talents, or gifts, given to each person. When community values and nurtures the expression of each individual's contribution, the bonds of kinship are expanded and strengthened.

Jesus calls out the faith and the gifts of the disciples in order to build the church. Matthew 16:13–20 invites consideration of the authority Jesus grants to the Body of Christ to be agents of God's compassion and justice.

Add a pair of sandals to your worship center today as a symbol of the journey of discipleship.

Today we will have our annual blessing of the backpacks. If you are participating in worship at home, please hold your backpacks as we offer a blessing for another year of learning.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP AT ERUCC**

### **Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Parking Lot**

Join us for 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.

### **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY at 11:00 a.m.**

**Throughout the month of August, this class will be meeting via Zoom**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/608416206?pwd=NzFtVUsxUmQ5eGpxMmk4WDB6Z0lUUT09>**

Meeting ID: 608 416 206    Passcode: 588188

Now is a great time to explore our online Bible Study!

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.

Join Tuesday Morning Bible Study Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/608416206> **Password: 588188**

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 7-8 p.m.**

#### **The Book of Acts**

(If you are interested in participating in this study, contact the church office for the materials)

**Via Zoom (Link will be sent to participants)**

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:**

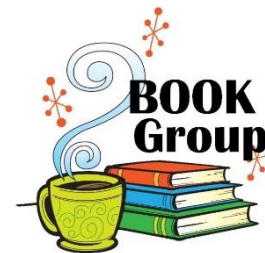
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/683955819> If you need to know how to set up Zoom, contact the office and we will attempt to walk you through the process. PW 551754

**Youth** are invited to join Pastor Daniel for a Zoom call **every Wednesday** at 4:00 pm:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/405187542>

## **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.



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

## **ERUCC ADULTS ARE INVITED TO A ZOOM CALL WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM INDEN, GERMANY**

**Sunday, August 30 at 12 Noon**

**Topic: ERUCC - Inden adult meeting**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

**<https://zoom.us/j/92603064358?pwd=bjJsdm5xOGRxZnNKOEwxUWsxSHU0UT09>**

**Meeting ID: 926 0306 4358**

**Password: 317709**

## **YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT**

**Sunday, August 16**      Gather around the fire pit as we watch a movie

Event is being planned by Laura Rhoderick with Cliff, Alex, and Liam

**\*\*\*We will also be sketching out the year ahead so bring your ideas and calendars.**

**GREEN TEAM - Remember to Recycle to Help Save the Earth!!!** - In addition to Frederick County Recycling, a number of local stores and businesses recycle household products.

**E-End Electronic Recycling**, 7118 Geoffrey Way-Unit E, Frederick, 240-529-1010, takes old computers/printers, cell phones; other electronics

**Knights of Columbus/Middletown Ministerium**, Contact Bill Traube, 240-457-3953. Scrap metal collection: all things metal: cans, wire, coat hangers, bottle caps, pots and pans, major metal appliances, grills. Sunday Collection 7-11:30 a.m. Holy Family Parking lot or call with questions/pick up large items.

**Walmart** accepts plastic bags

**The Common Market**, 5728 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, 301-663-3416, recycles batteries, printer ink cartridges, small electronics, toothpaste tubes, snack bags etc. Check their website under Community for details.

**Mom's Organic Market**, 5273 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, 240-566-1444, composts food waste, recycles eye glasses, batteries. Check their website for details.  
Please Check Websites or Phone Numbers for Confirmation in case of changes.



# HOW TO BE ANTI-RACIST

## ENGAGEMENT, CONVERSATIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

"Becoming an ant-racist is a life-long journey. It happens in community with other committed people who journey together and commit to decentering whiteness, leaning into practices to decolonize socialized patterns of thinking and behaviors. The process includes relearning history, correcting false narratives, and working towards radical shifts in policies and structures that harm black lives.". ~Velda Love

### Book Discussions

#### 7 pm via Zoom Calls

You can find the Zoom link on our Facebook page

##### **August 3**

"How to be an Antiracist"  
by Ibram X. Kendi

##### **September 1**

"Between the World and Me"  
by Ta-Nehisi Coates

##### **October 19**

"Stamped from the Beginning"  
by Ibram X. Kendi

##### **November 2**

"So You Want to Talk About Race"  
by Ijeoma Oluo

##### **December 1**

"I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World  
Made for Whiteness"  
by Austin Channing Brown

### Movie Discussions

#### 7 pm via Zoom Calls

You can find the Zoom link on our Facebook page

Watch the movie at home and then engage in the conversation. If you do not have access to streaming services, call the church office to make arrangements to see the films.

##### **July 26**

"American Son"

##### **August 23**

"13th"

##### **September 20**

"I'm Not Your Negro"

##### **October 25**

"When They See Us"

##### **November 29**

"Mudbound"

### Conversations

Susan and David Howard - Sunday evenings this fall  
(dates to be determined)

UCC White Privilege Curriculum - winter of 2021  
<http://privilege.uccpages.org/>



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### **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.)

### **NOCC WALK**

Our traditional Together in Teal Frederick Walk did not take place in the interest of safety and public health. The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition is launching a new nationwide campaign Together in TEAL®- No Boundaries that will enable our community to unite, on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. While this is more of a virtual event, we are asking people to walk, run, ride a bike whatever they can to **show their teal** in their community while following safety guidelines. The purpose is to increase awareness of ovarian cancer, to honor survivors and to remember those we have lost to this insidious disease.

My hope is to have a group of us walk on the morning of September 26<sup>th</sup> in Baker Park while following social distancing practices. If you would like to join us and/or support the cause, go to <https://runwalk.ovarian.org/frederick/CathiesWarriors2020>

Cathie Duncan

**Preparations for the September Trinity Chimes are underway! Please submit announcements to Amy at [aaguilar@erucc.org](mailto:aaguilar@erucc.org) or call her with any items you may have.**

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

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# We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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*Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line of each system.

1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;  
2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,  
3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,

too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.  
strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;  
a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.

For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,  
As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,  
No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.

in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.  
com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.  
Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

August 16, 2020

Genesis 45:1-15

**Bold Moves**

Holy God,  
We know that union with all people is your will for us.  
Hear our prayer for re-union.

We pray for re-union across class and economics.  
Grant to those who have abundance  
the wisdom and courage to share  
in order to strengthen those who have less.  
Grant to those who live in scarcity,  
the strength to organize and speak.  
Hear our prayer for re-union.

We pray for re-union across national borders.  
Where we have erected walls,  
and made political division more important  
than human rights, heal us we pray.  
Help us to remember that all people,  
no matter the color of their skin  
or the language they speak  
or the opportunities into which they were born,  
are your beloved children.  
Hear our prayer for re-union.

We pray for re-union among families.  
Heal us, we pray, so that we not  
Pass the sins of our fathers and mothers  
Forward to the next generation.  
Send your healing love like a balm  
on those families separated  
by violence or misunderstanding.  
In your name, we pray, Amen.



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