

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.

Donate online by scanning this code:

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 -

September 20, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

*All who are able may stand. **Bold** print indicates responses by all
Hymns are printed at the end of the bulletin

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

In wilderness and wild places
in groans and breath
in lonely spaces
in birth and rebirth
in fire and flame
in pain and joy
beyond familiar traces,
encounter the Holy.

**We gather in this place,
separated from our usual spaces,
to wonder, laugh, and maybe even cry,
to discover and to hope,
to meet God here among us.**

*Opening Prayer

Dare we venture into the wild places?

Wilderness spaces –

**frozen tundra, windswept outback, tangled bush, jagged mountain ranges,
fathomless seas –**

**so much beauty,
so much danger,
so much uncertainty.**

Dare we find God present?

**In painful distress,
disappointed hopes,
and almost abandoned dreams,
listen for the deep and anguished sighs and groans.
Yes, God, you are here! Amen.**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of the wilderness, the untamed, untapped place,
there are times when we have felt completely abandoned,
and have cursed you and our lives;
there are times when we have lashed out at others
failing to recognize their hurt, their dependence, their need.

**God as mourner and midwife,
Breathe with us in mercy and care.**

There are times when we have trodden roughly in wild places,
wanting to make it ours, bend it to our will.

We have tilled where we ought not;
we have hewn and burned when we should not;
we have built edifices to our own skill and glory;

**God as mourner and midwife,
breathe with us in mercy and care.**

There are times when we have not paid attention
Or blamed others for our own thoughtlessness and greed.

We have ignored the signs of warning;
we have been noisy in places of silence;
we have been silent when there was a need to speak.

**God as mourner and midwife,
breathe with us in mercy and care. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

When we call to God in our distress,
when we cry in our anguish and hurt,
the Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

**We have the first fruits of the Spirit within us,
renewing the whole creation.**

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

Exodus 16:2-15

Matthew 20:1-16

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 *(We will) Be the Church*

- S. Siciliano
ERUCC Singers

***Closing Hymn** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

- No. 493
See back of bulletin

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Every Sunday at 10:30

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bziah0xyyacgg5fmjnoi>

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

The flowers on the altar this morning are placed in loving memory of loved ones by Jack Stush and Audrey Rayfield.

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

Prayer List - Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Pat Condo, Ro Higinbotham, Maryann Simmons, 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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Frederick, MD 21701

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: September 27 [Ctrl + Click HERE to join worship next Sunday](#) 10:30 a.m.

In Exodus 17:1–7, the people of Israel ask, “Is God with us, or not?” This is an understandable question when people are struggling in a wilderness of uncertainty. God answers through a guiding cloud, the crossing of the Reed Sea, and by providing manna and water for the journey. How does God continue to say, “Yes, I am with you”?

In Matthew 21:23–32, Jesus faces religious authorities who refuse to take a stand either way. Jesus responds to this time of testing by declaring the importance of standing with God's truth, regardless of the consequences.

WORSHIP ON THE PATIO AT ERUCC **Wednesdays at 6 pm**

Please bring your own chair and wear a mask.

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

Wednesday Evening Study Group

The Wednesday Evening Study Group meets on Wednesday evening at 7pm via Zoom. We are reading and discussing Cathedral on Fire: a Church Handbook for the Climate Crisis by Brooks Berndt, Minister for Environmental Justice in the UCC.

If you are interested in participating in the group please contact Esther Ziegler esthertziegler@gmail.com or the church office. A \$5 donation is requested for the book and may be paid through the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!! ON-LINE

Join us for Zoom Sunday School for Children and Youth at 9:30 a.m.

Kindergarten thru 4th grade Sunday School

Teachers: Dawn Lagrotteria and Kim Sexton

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89653038025?pwd=djRPU05TNDFYczFMVUdOVzdmWnpuUT09>

Meeting ID: 896 5303 8025

Passcode: 667229

5th - 7th Grade Sunday School

Teachers: Kathryn King, Arthur Slade and Jim Weitz

<https://zoom.us/j/92955152861?pwd=VStwT3ZISDILOVhhTWJRdTB0aHRyUT09>

Meeting ID: 929 5515 2861

Passcode: hpQSF1

High School

Teachers: Pastor Daniel, Stephanie Sites and Glenn Wallace

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84314617999?pwd=Rkd1N2JyZDFHdmtPYIBMTitkUzhUdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 1461 7999

Passcode: 979546

SAVE THE DATE!!

ERUCC WORK WEEK

Monday thru Friday

October 19-23

More information to come.

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

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.)

How to be Anti-Racist
Engagement, Conversation & Opportunities

“Becoming an anti-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 Call

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87172055650?pwd=T0JPUGxxQVk0YnJzT1lpQk9uWHlhZz09>

Meeting ID: 871 7205 5650 PW: 249876

October 19

Stamped from the Beginning

Ibram X. Kendi

November 2

So You Want to Talk About Race

Ijeoma Oluo

December 1

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World

Made for Whiteness

Austin Channing Brown

Movie Discussions

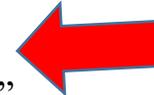
(Watch the movie at home and then engage in the conversation. Conversations will be held by Zoom call at 7 pm on the designated dates. If you do not have access to streaming services, call the church office to make arrangements to see the films.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84061140430?pwd=OTFoRGJ0QnNvU2hZVXBbbTh5VjIUQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 6114 0430 PW: 268380

September 20

“I’m Not Your Negro”



October 25

“When They See Us”

November 29

“Mudbound”

Donations Wanted for Care Packages

The children and youth will be assembling care packages to send to our college students and those serving in the military. We are in need of donations to put in those care packages. Items needed include: prepackaged snacks, instant soup, popcorn, cocoa, tea, candy and raisins.

Monetary donations are welcome and will be used to defray the cost of postage. Items can be dropped off or mailed to the church office during business hour on Sunday mornings or on Saturday, October 3rd between 10 a.m. and noon in the church parking lot. Questions, contact Kim Sexton at ksexton@erucc.org.

Addresses Wanted

Before we know it, it will be time to make the care packages that we send to our college students and those serving in the military. Please make sure that we have an up-to-date address for your loved one. Addresses can be sent to Kim Sexton at ksexton@erucc.org.



For the past 6 years, the Frederick Chapter of The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) has held successful walks in Frederick to raise awareness, to promote education and fund research in support of women, families and communities impacted by ovarian cancer. We are proud to say that we have raised over \$600,000! We are a national women's health organization focused on saving lives by fighting tirelessly to prevent and cure ovarian cancer and to improve the quality of life for survivors.

Consider these staggering facts on ovarian cancer:

- 1 in 78 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer in her lifetime
- 22,000 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer this year
- 14,000 women will lose their lives to ovarian cancer this year
- There is no early detection test. Most cases are diagnosed when the disease is in advanced stages

On **Saturday, September 26th** we will unite people across the nation touched by ovarian cancer for **Together in TEAL - No Boundaries!** On September 26, kick off the day with an activity YOU CHOOSE. Run, walk, ride, skip, jump -- whatever gets you moving safely. Then watch our online national broadcast at 7:00 PM featuring stories and celebrate the accomplishments of our **TEAL** community.

As an 8-year ovarian cancer survivor, I am passionate about taking the fight forward, to turn my own diagnosis into something meaningful. I would greatly appreciate your support of this important cause. You can register to walk as an individual, form a team or join Cathie's Warriors. We will plan to walk together in Baker Park on the morning of Sept. 26th but we'll certainly follow social distancing and safety guidelines. To learn more about the event, to donate or register to walk, please go to <https://runwalk.ovarian.org/frederick>

Thank you for your support!

Cathie Duncan, NOCC Frederick Chapter, Lead Volunteer

Interested in church membership? A class for getting to know ERUCC, the United Church of Christ, and what it means to be a church member will be held on Monday, September 21st at 7 pm via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87906983739?pwd=NUIwbDIEL3JwdDBQN05vUmVxa3F3dz09>

Meeting ID: 879 0698 3739

Passcode: 755516

If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Daniel at bkdaniel@erucc.org or the church office at erucc@erucc.org or 301-662-2762.

Thanks to all our visitors and prospective new members for the joy you bring us.

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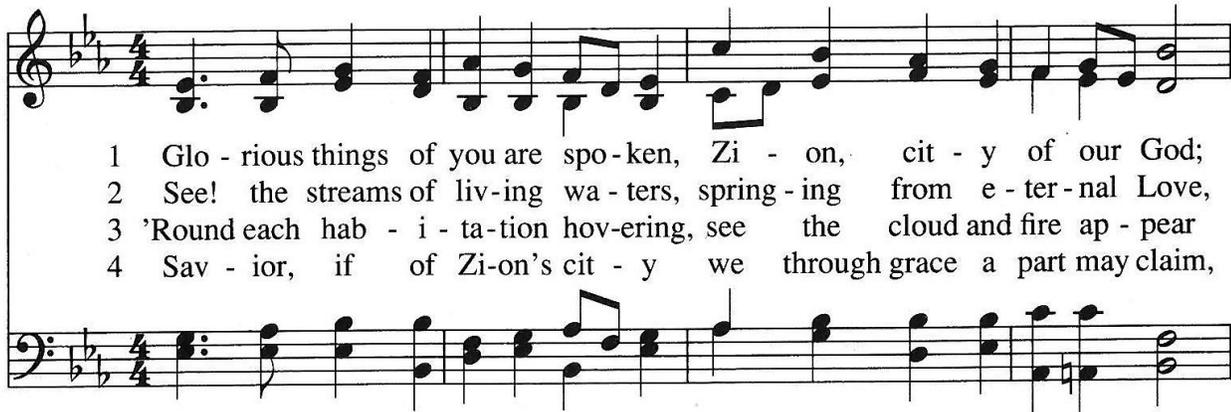
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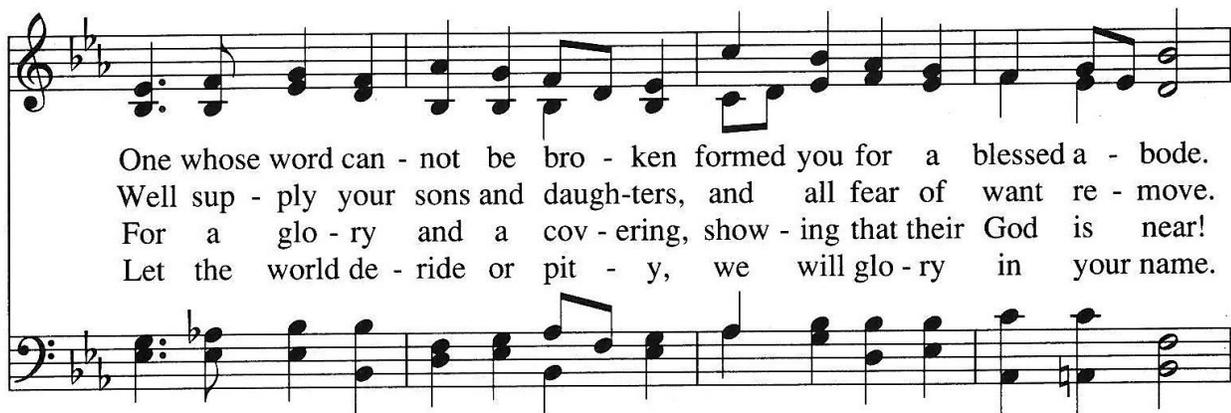
Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

Ps. 87:3; Isa. 33:20-21; 60:18; 26:4; Exod. 13:22

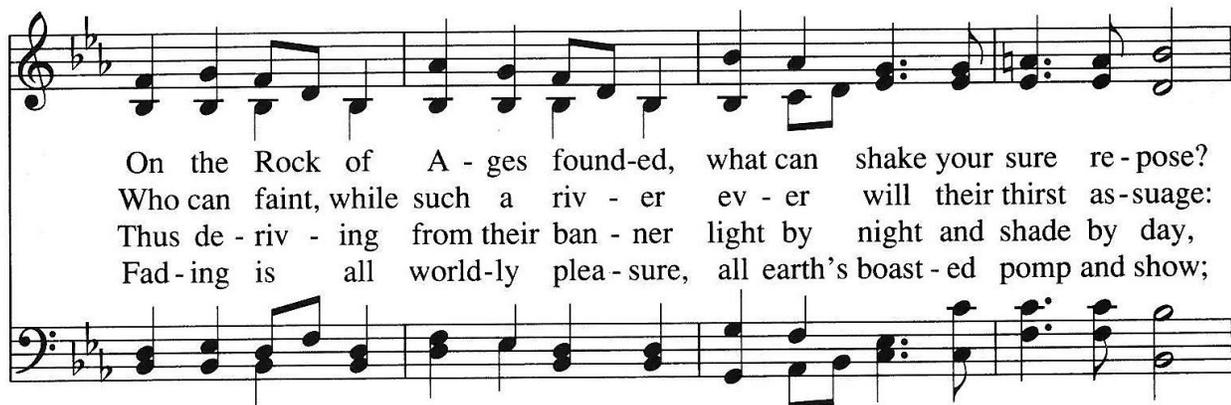
John Newton, 1779; alt.



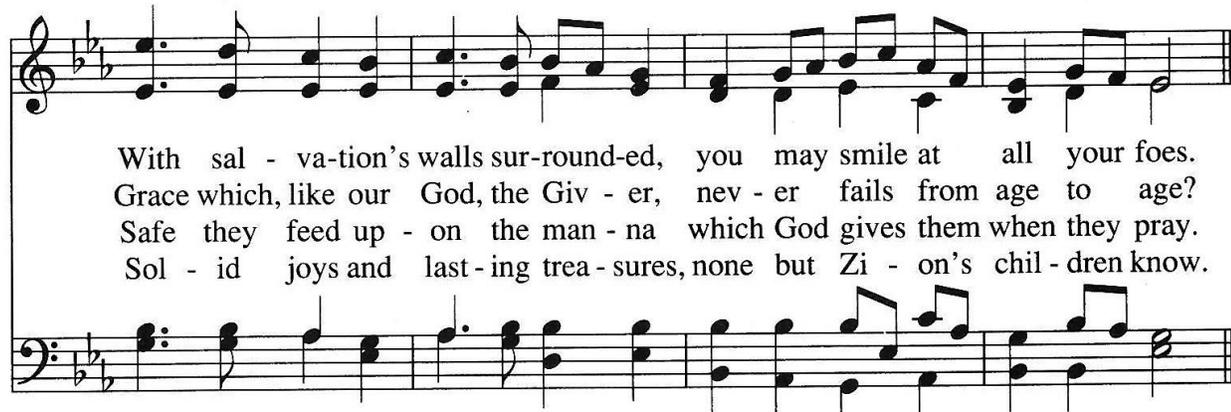
1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal Love,
 3 'Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4 Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y we through grace a part may claim,



One whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for a blessed a - bode.
 Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.
 For a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that their God is near!
 Let the world de - ride or pit - y, we will glo - ry in your name.



On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?
 Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage:
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Fad - ing is all world - ly plea - sure, all earth's boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
 Grace which, like our God, the Giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age?
 Safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures, none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;

I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!
O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

Tensions in the Wilderness
Just Peace Sunday

In a congregational meeting, during which the congregation was discerning about becoming a Just Peace congregation, someone once asked, "How can we say we are just for peace? We are for so much more than that."

Just Peace as a designation does not mean that a congregation is merely "for peace." It means that the congregation understands that Justice and Peace are inevitably bound together - so closely entwined that it is impossible to separate them.

Peace and justice both require careful tending and loving attention. As the scripture reading this morning reminds us, peace is easily lost. The people grumble among themselves and with their leaders. But they are not just grumbling out of dissatisfaction or irritability. They are grumbling because they are hungry. The peace issue (conflict among the people) cannot be addressed until the justice issue (people need enough to eat) is met. Justice and Peace, hand in hand, are then able to move forward into the wilderness.

The Just Peace website, (https://www.ucc.org/justice_just-peace) states, "Justice and Witness Ministries is committed to a revitalized Just Peace Church movement and to empowering and resourcing congregations to create a stronger justice and peace witness. Now is the time to rekindle our commitment to Just Peace and make visible our longstanding witness to this approach...Does your church consider itself to be a Just Peace congregation? What is your church doing to live out its calling to be a Just Peace Church? What does it mean to be a Just Peace Church in times like these? I hope you will take the time to update your church's information on our site and offer your responses to these questions. Your energy and voice is needed to reinvigorate and shape the direction of our collective movement."

If your congregation is not a Just Peace Church, maybe now is the time to begin a conversation about this important movement for merging justice and peace to be about the creation of God's reign here on earth.

