

GOD'S
SUSTAINING
PRESENCE

Thank you for worshiping 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 worshiping 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 27, 2020	Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost	10:30 a.m.
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*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

Come and recall the stories of our ancestors,

We will remember the glorious deeds of God.

Recall how God divided the seas and made the waters stand like a heap.

We will remember the glorious deeds of God.

Recall how God led our ancestors with clouds and fiery lights.

We will remember the glorious deeds of God.

Recall how God made streams come out of the rock in the wilderness, causing water to flow down like rivers.

We will remember and tell new generations of the glorious deeds of God.

Come and worship God, who has and continues to do glorious deeds.

*Opening Prayer

**God, we thank you for words and actions that tell the story
of who we are and from where we have come.**

**We thank you for the abundance of your gifts,
and for the ability to find something extraordinary in unexpected places.**

May we uncover something special in this sacred time together.

Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Christ Is the Mountain of Horeb*

No. 45

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Complete Love,

we long to be complete in our love, despite our many imperfections.

When we act out of selfish ambition and conceit,

forgive us and help us to be humble.

When we disregard the needs of others,
forgive us, and help us to regard the interests of others.
When we idolize ourselves, our ideas and our ways,
forgive us, and help us to be more like Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

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 17.1-7

Matthew 21: 23-32

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Faces of Love

Offering of Tithes, Gifts and Lives to Christ's Service

Anthem *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

- R. Lehman
ERUCC Singers

***Closing Hymn** *All Hail the power of Jesus' Name*

- No. 304
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***Benediction**

***Postlude**





Every Sunday at 10:30

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bzioh0xyyacgq5fmjnoi>

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 Suzanne Schmid by the Schmid family.

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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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: October 4 [Ctrl + Click HERE to join worship next Sunday](#) 10:30 a.m.

Our first lesson from Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 continues the wilderness journey of the people of Israel. In the reading for this week we hear the word of the Ten Commandments. God's wisdom for creating healthy communities is found in these words. Jesus' parable in Matthew 21:33-46 seems to be a word of sobering wisdom.

This morning we celebrate World Communion Sunday. This day is observed in many parts of the world to acknowledge the fact that Christians around the world are – symbolically – gathered around a common table.

We will share in pew communion this morning.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!! ERUCC WORK WEEK

Monday thru Friday October 19-23

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. . Each week between September 16th and October 14th we will read approximately 10 pages of the book in preparation for the week's discussion.

If you are interested in participating in the group please contact Esther Ziegler estherrziegler@gmail.com

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

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Meeting ID: 929 5515 2861

Passcode: hpQSF1

High School

Teachers: Pastor Daniel, Stephanie Sites and Glenn Wallace

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Meeting ID: 843 1461 7999

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From the Stewardship/Generosity Committee – Ways of Giving

ERUCC is deeply appreciative of your generosity and commitment throughout the year and especially during this time of the Pandemic when lives have been turned upside down and many are suffering. It has enabled us to fulfill our ministries and mission, to enhance our sound system so we can better reach all of you who are attending on line, and to continue to refurbish the church building which houses us. Thank you.

We are nearing the time when ERUCC will ask each of us to consider our relationship to God and what portion of our income we feel God is calling us to give to continue the work of the church. We invite you to join in this process of reflection and renewal.

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

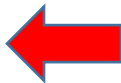
7 pm via Zoom Call

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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=OTFoRGJ0QnNvU2hZVXBbbTh5VjlUQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 6114 0430 PW: 268380

October 25

“When They See Us”

November 29

“Mudbound”

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.)

Cristo es la peña de Horeb

(Christ Is the Mountain of Horeb)

Exod. 17:6; Song of Sol. 2:1-2; John 4:7-14

Anonymous; alt.

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Dm A7

1 Cris-to es la pe - ña de Ho - reb, que es-tá bro - tan - do,
 2 Cris-to es el li - rio del va - lle de las flo - res,
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 2 Flow - er of flow - ers, the Lil - y of the Val - ley,

Dm

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 O Christ, the path - way of love a - bove all loves,

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 E - ter - nal Foun - tain of sal - va - tion flow-ing free.

C7 F

Ven, a to - mar - la que es más dul - ce que la miel,
 Ven, a bus - car - la cuan - do en tris - te - za es - tés,
 Sweet - er than hon - ey is the stream, come taste and see—
 Come seek the One who un - der - stands your grief and pain,

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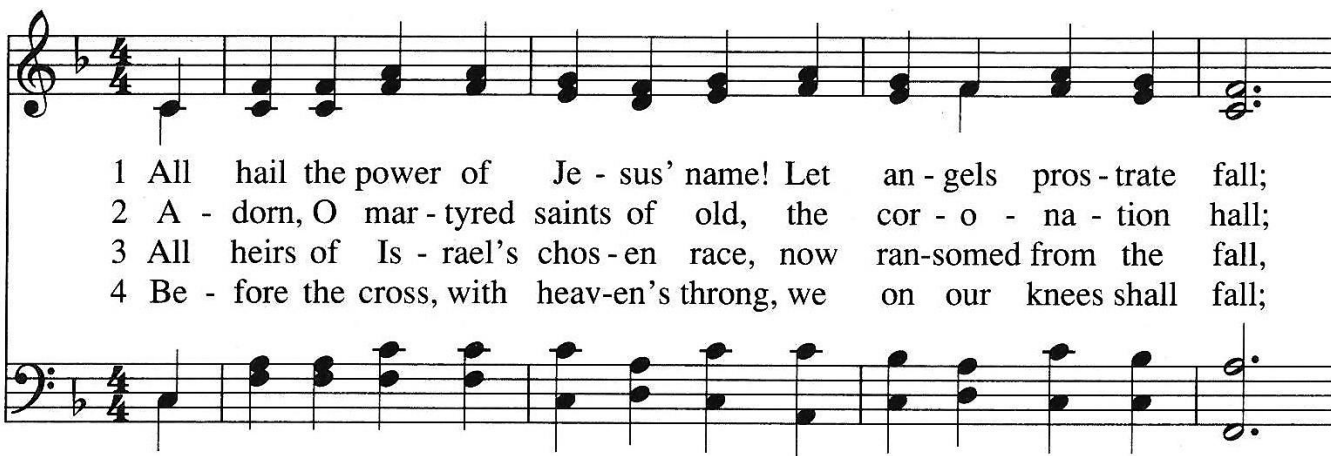
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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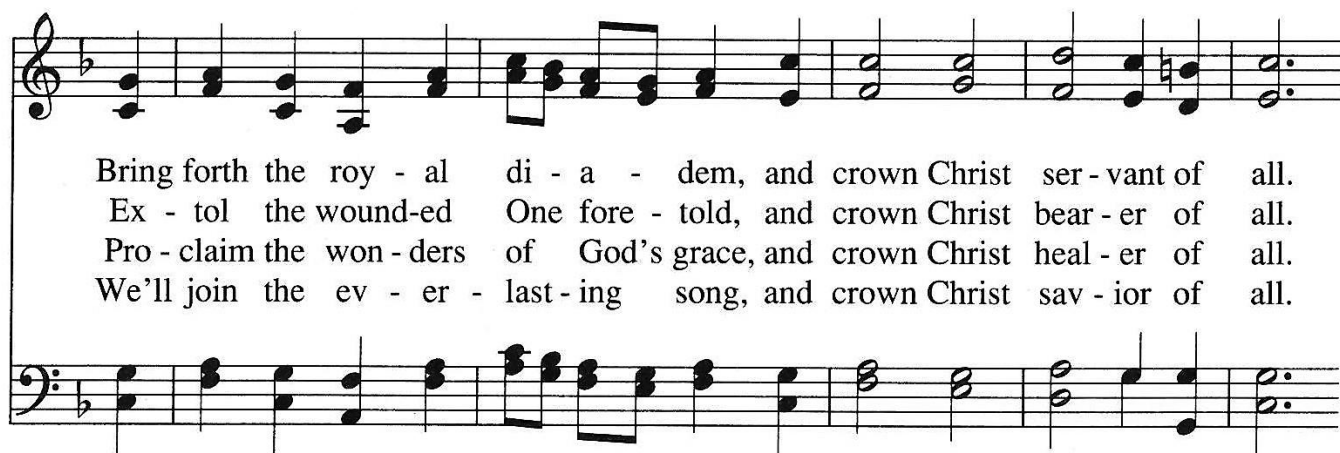
St. 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; alt.

Rev. 19; 5:9; Phil. 2:9-11

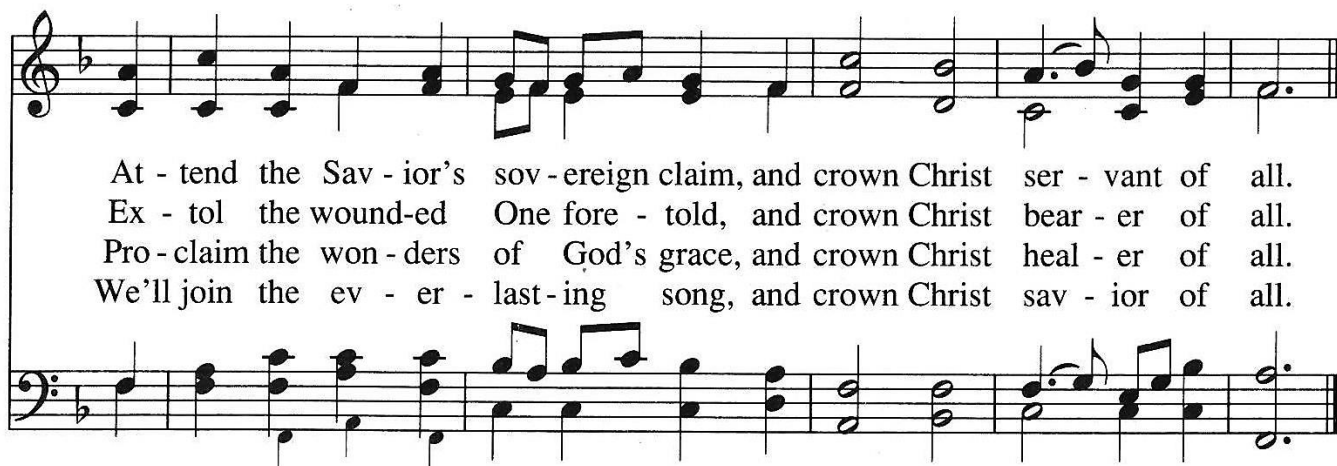
St. 4, John Rippon, 1787; alt.



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 A - dorn, O mar - tyred saints of old, the cor - o - na - tion hall;
3 All heirs of Is - rael's chos - en race, now ran - somed from the fall,
4 Be - fore the cross, with heav - en's throng, we on our knees shall fall;



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.
Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.



At - tend the Sav - ior's sov - ereign claim, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
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COVID Support-Encouragement Group

The class is called “Surviving and Thriving During the Covid Virus.” The virus pandemic has been difficult for everyone. This group will provide a safe place to talk about what it’s like to go through the pandemic. The group will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 2-3 pm. It is a drop-in group, no preparation needed. Joan and Allen Maples will be hosting the group outside (weather permitting). Please bring your mask and a chair; and we will be social distancing. As a backup, we will be using Zoom, For additional information please contact Allen Maples at allen.maples@gmail.com or call 301-663-5351.

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.

The (Younger) Voter Initiative has made plans to hold four Friday night gatherings on the patio, complete with food trucks, music and inspiring speakers. The goal is to educate and motivate those who attend about the importance of voting and making their voice heard, while building momentum for casting their ballot.

Date

October 2nd: Voice Your Opinion
October 9th: Ohm You Can Do It! Organize!
October 16th: Take Part/Take Accountability
October 23: Exercise your Power/Be Empowered

Programming

Social only; casual conversation
Free Yoga
Jay Mason, Frederick County Board of Ed
Black Lives Matter Youth Leader &
March to Ballot Box at Talley Center

Everyone is welcome to join. Volunteers will be needed. We will also be serving free apple cider and water and have a s’mores fire pit.

Ministers - All the People of Evangelical Reformed Church

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Rev. Fred Wenner, Pastor Emeritus (faw500@msn.com)

Kim Sexton, Associate for Children’s Ministry (ksexton@erucc.org)

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Sherry Murray, Nursery • Jaci Clayton, Facilities Mgr.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

September 27, 2020

Exodus 17:1-7

God's Sustaining Presence
American Indian Ministry Sunday
United Samoan Ministries Stewardship Sunday

Holy God,

Thank You for Your sustaining presence above, below, before, behind and within us.

Sometimes we cry out in suffering.

We are thirsty, we are grieving, we are lost.

We struggle to find You.

Hear us when we cry, we pray.

Sustain us with like a cool spring of water
appearing unexpectedly in a dry desert.

Other times we are in the flow of things.

We are moving, we are creative, we know right where we are.

We know right where You are too.

See us as we progress, we pray.

Sustain us like a burbling and flowing river
moving with swift clarity on its own beautiful path.

And, then, there are those times when we are stopped in awe.

We are struck by Your power and majesty; we recognize how small we are.

We feel how grand You are.

Touch us with sand and salt, we pray.

Sustain us like a mighty ocean
taking our breath and then giving back, over and over.

Water in the Desert,

Flowing River,

Mighty Ocean,

Three in One,

One in Three,

Sustain us, we pray.

Amen.



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