

Remember,

Restore,

Renew

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 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 -

September 6, 2020

Fourteenth 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

Praise God!

**Sing to God a new song!**

Give thanks to our Maker.

**We rejoice in our sovereign God.**

Let us praise God with dancing and music.

**Let the faithful sing for joy as we praise God together!**

#### \*Opening Prayer

**As we gather here in your name, O Christ,  
you are already among us.**

**Keep us open to your presence in us and around us  
that we may grow closer to you. Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

*No. 276*

#### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, too often we take you for granted.

When you call us to leave the situations that constrain us,  
we are too complacent to hear your voice,  
and too timid to leave what is familiar.

Make us ready to go where you lead us. Amen.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

God grace is abundant, God's love is never-ending.

As children of God, receive forgiveness and blessing.

#### 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**

Matthew 18:15-20

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** *As We Gather at Your Table*

*- R. Lau  
ERUCC Singers*

## **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## **Communion Prayer**

Friends, from many pasts and pathways  
we are gathered to this one place;  
a sacred space that provides homecoming and healing  
for all who yearn for the mystery of love  
to deepen and ripen in their soul.

And so we come, not in a show of strength,  
nor presumption of privilege.

Rather to remember and be remembered;  
to be held and made whole by the grace of Christ,  
the mystery of God and the encouragement of  
the Spirit.

**Giver and Redeemer of life,  
we offer our gratitude; we lay down our defences  
for a love that creates then calls us forth –  
often from places of imprisonment and desolation.  
For you are our liberation and hope,  
you are our mercy and courage for the journey.**

And so, ours is the song of countless generations  
who have also been captivated by your beauty  
and set free in your healing presence:

**Holy, holy, holy is God,  
heaven and earth resound to God's glory.  
Hosanna in the highest  
and blest is the One who comes in God's name.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Before these symbols of everyday life –  
bread for the sharing and wine for gladness of heart –  
we pause and pray.

For in and through them,  
we seek a union of heart, mind, and spirit  
with the One who has said:

**This is my body, eat this in remembrance of me**  
(pause as the bread is broken).

And after the One said,

**This is my life-blood,  
drink this in remembrance of me**  
(pause as the cup is lifted).

Christ who calls, rescues, and ennobles,  
fill us with your spirit of strength  
and compassion for all.

**Equip and inspire us to be your people  
in this time and place. Amen!**

## **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*The bread and cup will be brought to you as you are seated.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Holy, still-speaking One, you gave us this day our daily bread and  
nourished us with Christ's presence: we thank you. Through our  
ancestors in faith, through the living faith community, you call to us,  
challenging us to do the hard work of justice, the risky work of building  
community: we thank you. Through your on-going presence, you fulfill  
your promise to be with us: we thank you. May we leave this place with  
joy and thanksgiving, strengthened by your meal for the days ahead. In  
Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** *We Love Your Realm, O God*

- No. 312  
Stanzas 1,2,5,6

**\*Benediction**

Let us go forth into the world  
to meet all creation with the Spirit of Hope and Justice!

**\*Postlude**



**Worship Notes:** Today's liturgy was written by the Rev. Ruth Garwood. The Communion Prayer is from Seasons of the Spirit.



**Every Sunday at 10:30**

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bzloh0xyyacgg5fmjnoi>

**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 of my mother, Isabell A. Boone, whose birthday was September 7, by Jo Ann Fritz.

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: Maryann Simmons, Betsy Fisher, Peggy Githerman, The McCarty family, Nikki Keller, Mark Ulrich, Tamara Tamas, Al Peden, Barbara Lee (sister of Milt Crutchley), Tina Baker, Alyce Schimid (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: September 13** [Ctrl + Click HERE to join worship next Sunday](#) 10:30 a.m.

Today's service will focus on environmental stewardship. Our focus scripture will be Genesis 1:24-2:4, 50:15-20. Rev. Esther Ziegler will be preaching this morning on behalf of the Green Committee.

## 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](mailto:aaguilar@erucc.org)

### **Wednesday Evening Study Group will Resume Meeting Sept. 16th**

The Wednesday Evening Study Group will begin meeting again on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Zoom. We will be reading and discussing Cathedral on Fire: a Church Handbook for the Climate Crisis by Brooks Berndt, Minister for Environmental Justice in the UCC. The title of the slim book comes from the concept that the natural world around us is God's cathedral and it is time to act as if it were literally on fire. As I write this a major forest fire is burning in California and we are all aware of the devastation in Australia earlier this year so perhaps we do not need to include the words "as if". Each week between Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:estherrziegler@gmail.com) or the church office prior to August 30<sup>th</sup> so the books can be ordered. Since we will be meeting via Zoom we will need to have your preferred email address. A \$5 donation is requested for the book and may be paid through the church. You will receive your book in the monthly worship packet.

**TUESDAYS WITH TED Tuesday, September 14, from 6 – 7 p.m.**

*Participants Can Join the Ted Talk by Zoom Call by*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92398918264?pwd=SIVFYzNKUklpczJsMElnOTdtRVdvZz09>

**Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 Password: 313735**

**Tracy Edwards: Stop being a bystander in your own life**

"Life doesn't go from A to B -- it's messy," says sailing legend Tracy Edwards. In this inspiring talk, she tells how she went from teenage misfit to skipper of the first all-female crew in the toughest race on the seas -- and how she now helps young people around the world achieve their dreams, too.

**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](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.)

# FAITH & DEMOCRACY SUNDAY 9.20.20



## SAVE THE DATE

**Faith & Democracy 2020, a campaign of the Justice & Witness Action Network, calls on** local churches across the Central Atlantic Conference to come together on Sunday, Sep. 20, for a time of worship and mobilization to call on voters to vote in the General Election.

As people of faith, our vote serves as a powerful tool to rid our communities of injustice, racism and inequity. There is no better time than now to be faithful to God's call. The call to engage in public life. The call to fight for justice and liberation.

Join us for this important organizing moment in the Faith & Democracy 2020 campaign. Mark your calendar and prepare to receive the Faith & Democracy 2020 worship packet soon.



*God is still speaking,*



# HOW TO BE ANTI-RACIST

ENGAGEMENT, CONVERSATIONS & 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 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**

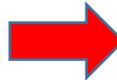
"I'm Not Your Negro"

**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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# Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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Anon., German, c. 1774

Transl. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1853; alt.

Rev. 4:8-11

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Sov - erein God, we  
2 Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you; All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
round are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name they hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
Three we name you, While in es - sence tru - ly one,

all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heavens with  
and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low; And from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you; So we gath - er

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
joys a - flame: ho - ly, ho - ly is your name.  
set of sun, through the church the song goes on.  
rev - erent - ly to a - dore the mys - ter - y.

*This German Catholic hymn, based on the Te Deum Laudamus, appeared with this tune in a hymnal published by command of Austrian empress Maria Theresa. In the nineteenth century it became popular in Protestant worship.*

Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH  
7.8.7.8.7.7.

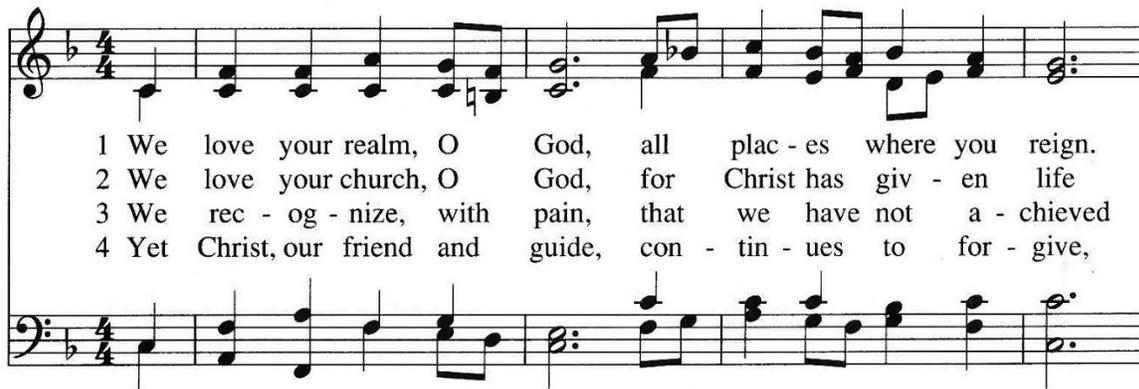
Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, c. 1774  
Alt. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

# We Love Your Realm, O God

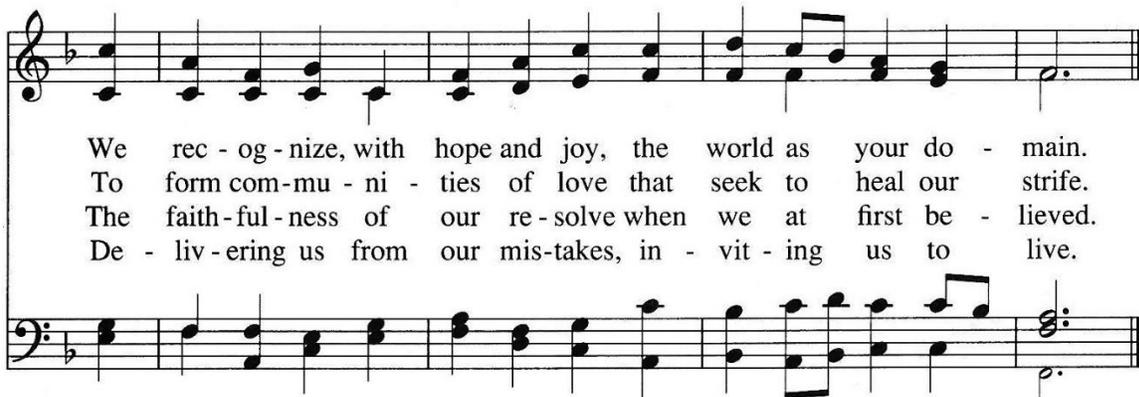
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Timothy Dwight, 1801  
Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

Ps. 26:8



1 We love your realm, O God, all plac - es where you reign.  
2 We love your church, O God, for Christ has giv - en life  
3 We rec - og - nize, with pain, that we have not a - chieved  
4 Yet Christ, our friend and guide, con - tin - ues to for - give,



We rec - og - nize, with hope and joy, the world as your do - main.  
To form com - mu - ni - ties of love that seek to heal our strife.  
The faith - ful - ness of our re - solve when we at first be - lieved.  
De - liv - ering us from our mis - takes, in - vit - ing us to live.

5 Be - yond our bro - ken - ness,  
we seek to know your ways  
Of deep com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows,  
and hymns of love and praise.

6 We know your truth will last.  
We trust your reign is sure.  
E - quip us for those dai - ly tasks  
that help your world en - dure.

*This poem by Lavon Bayler, a United Church of Christ minister,  
was inspired by and modeled after the oldest commonly used  
American hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom" by Timothy Dwight.*

Tune: ST. THOMAS S.M.  
Williams' New Universal Psalmist, 1770

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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2020

Exodus 12:1-14

### Remember, Restore, Renew

On this day we recall the beginning of Passover. Passover is celebrated by our Jewish brothers and sisters as a reminder of freedom from slavery. Pressed into hard toil, the people of Israel banded together, and so were able to escape to a new and more equitable life. Although this is not the season of Passover, it is appropriate to read this scripture on the secular weekend of Labor Day, as we recall the hard work by labor unions to secure freedom for workers of all kinds.

In the United Church of Christ, we rejoice that “each worker - judge or janitor, salesclerk or scientist, mother or millionaire CEO - is equal in the sight of God. Each person's work, done with integrity, is a contribution to society and has value and dignity. But the world doesn't always see it this way.

Workers are dependent on their employer, but employers are much less dependent on any particular worker. This unequal power relationship can lead to problems in the workplace. A common way that workers have responded is to join a labor union. Unions are one of the very best ways for workers to bring greater justice to the workplace. The right of workers to form or join unions is so important and fundamental that it is an internationally-recognized human right.” ([https://www.ucc.org/justice worker-justice unions](https://www.ucc.org/justice-worker-justice-unions))

The right of people to gather together and speak out against workplace injustice is part of a long tradition in our faith story. As we recreate or relax on Labor Day Monday, it is also an opportunity to give thanks for the United Church of Christ's commitment to the principles of fairness and equity in the workplace. This Labor Day, take a moment to pray using these or other words.

Dear God, On this Labor Day, we pause to thank you for the opportunity for satisfying work, and for the pleasure of rest from our labors. Be with all those, we pray, who work under unjust conditions. Be with all who advocate for those who work in such conditions. And be with us, we pray, as we strive along with you for a world in which every person is afforded decency, justice and fair treatment. In your name, Amen.



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