

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.

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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 13, 2020	Fifteenth 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

We gather to worship our God with words of praise, petition and thanksgiving.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

*Opening Prayer

Gracious Creator, we ask for your grace and wisdom to face difficult challenges ahead. Our actions have led us to a time when we need to rethink our living to protect and restore our earthly home. Open our minds and hearts to what you will teach us. Help us to act in wisdom and fairness in stewardship of our Earthly home. Through our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Touch the Earth Lightly*

No. 569

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of all Creation,

At the beginning of time you placed a single mandate on humankind calling us to be stewards of your Creation. We gather today amid that same Creation - a world that is, in many ways, more splendid than ever

but, in too many ways, scarred beyond recognition. Turn us from our unmindfulness that we might change our attitudes and actions that have endangered not only our own species but all of your Creation. Help us restore the environment that supports all life so we may once more know Creation as it was in the beginning. 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

Genesis 1:24-2:4, 50:15-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Esther Ziegler

Pastoral Prayer

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

Anthem *Care for Creation*

*- P. Choplin
ERUCC Singers*

***Closing Hymn** *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky*

*- No. 563
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***Benediction**

***Postlude**





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

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 grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Gaver and Mrs. Phoebe Crum and Great-grandfather William J. Seward, by Martha J. Kline.

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.

I would like to thank my church family for the tremendous outpouring of support for me over the past Two months or so as I waited for treatment (mostly for the cyber knife machine to get repaired) and the five days I was in treatment. It went very smoothly and I had few side effects. All of the cards and prayers buoyed my spirits and gave me strength and I appreciate it more than I can say. We are now looking ahead to our daughter, Elizabeth's wedding on the 12th of September.

God bless you all for your support and love, Betsy

Worship Next Week: September 20 [Ctrl + Click HERE to join worship next Sunday](#) 10:30 a.m.

Wandering in the wilderness, faced with difficulties of survival, the Israelites complain in Exodus 16: 2-15. Despite their complaint, God graciously gives them the food they need. Jesus tells the parable of the laborers in the vineyard, Matthew 20: 1-16, in which the master of the vineyard in which the master of the vineyard is shown to be incredibly gracious.

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 will Resume Meeting September 16th

The Wednesday Evening Study Group will begin meeting again on September 16th 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. 16th and Oct. 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 or the church office. 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.

TUESDAYS WITH TED Tuesday, September 15, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS TODAY!! ON-LINE

Join us for Zoom Sunday School for Children and Youth Starting Sept. 13th at 9:30 a.m.

Kindergarten thru 4th grade Sunday School

Teachers: Dawn Lagrotteria and Kim Sexton

Time: Sunday's starting September 13th at 9:30 a.m.

<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

Time: Sep 13, 2020 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<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

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.**

<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.

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

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

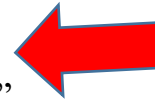
(Watch the movie at home and then engage in the conversation. Conversations will be held by Zoom call at 7 pm on the designated dates. If you do not have access to streaming services, call the church office to make arrangements to see the films.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84061140430?pwd=OTFoRGJ0QnNvU2hZVXBbbTh5VjlUQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 6114 0430 PW: 268380

September 20

“I’m Not Your Negro”



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.)

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. The September meeting dates are Sept. 1st and 15th. 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.

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.



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

God is still speaking.



JUSTICE
+ WITNESS
ACTION NETWORK

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 welcomed 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.

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Touch the Earth Lightly

Shirley Erena Murray, 1992

Unison
Brightly

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 * 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

*The second verse only may be sung in A minor, omitting the sharps except where indicated in parentheses.

nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

Gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 We who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
 Health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 Teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

1 We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the moon, the wild - flowers
 2 When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and, wea - ry, wait for
 3 God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as part - ners in cre -

grow - ing, for we are part of all that is with -
 morn - ing, when chil - dren have no bread but tears, and
 a - ting a fu - ture free from want or fear, life's

in life's riv - er flow - ing. With o - pen hands re -
 war - horns sound their warn - ing, God calls hu - man - i -
 good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That new world beck - ons

ceive and share the gifts of God's cre - a - tion, that
 ty to wake, to join in com - mon la - bor, that
 from a - far, in - vites our shared en - deav - or, that

all may have a - bun - dant life in ev - ery earth - ly na - tion.
 all may have a - bun - dant life in one - ness with their neigh - bor.
 all may have a - bun - dant life and peace en - dure for - ev - er.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

September 13, 2020

Exodus 14:19-31

Road to Freedom
Faith Formation Sunday

As Moses and the other escaped slaves traveling with him ran from Pharaoh, they were met with a miracle on the shores of the Red Sea. The seas parted and Moses and the people walked to freedom on dry land.

This is a favorite story to tell children. From cartoons to vacation bible school curriculums, the elders of the church like to share this with youngsters whenever they are given an opportunity.

But this is not just a story for children. It's important for people of all ages. If you are older than Sunday school age, try reading it again, and you may find its powerful message is for you, too. As you read it again, you may find that one of the joys of rediscovering Bible stories you thought you knew as a child is the opportunity to ask new questions of the old texts.

Although this is a story full of miracle and wonder, its primary message is not about the fancy special effects. Look beyond the flashy pyrotechnics and start asking questions. For example, what does it mean to people of all ages that God showed such amazing works of power on behalf of a people who had been enslaved? Perhaps the cloud by day and the fire by night - not to mention the parting of the waters - was God's way of getting our attention, of making sure that we especially notice this story above others.

And why get our attention for this story? Maybe these miracles are so surprising and dazzling because this story is one that God really wants us to notice. Why would that be? Maybe it's because the liberation of people is the primary Divine hope and joy for all of God's children. Maybe it's because God has a special preference and love for those of God's children that are captured and enslaved. Maybe it's because God wants all of us to keep working toward the day when all, not just some but ALL, are free.

Today is Faith Formation Sunday. If you haven't heard the story of Moses and the people crossing the Red Sea, listen again. In that old, old story, you may hear a new message, one that is as thrilling as those miracles you heard about in Sunday school long ago.



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