

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 .

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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 -

October 4, 2020

Eighteenth 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

World Communion Sunday

On World Communion Sunday, we consciously gather with followers around the planet to take in the bread and cup of life and liberation. We worship, acknowledging the brokenness and hope that exists around the world and proclaim that the death-dealing ways of the powers-that-be are not the ways of God and Jesus, the radical one from Nazareth.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday,
honoring the One who binds us together
as one Christian community around the planet
and calls us to live out our faith as One Body. Come.

Let us be God's community.

Come with love.

The steadfast love of God never ceases.

Come with curiosity.

We are one body, one planet, one Church.

Come with hope.

As we gather with the bread and the cup, justice is served.

Let us worship.

*Opening Prayer

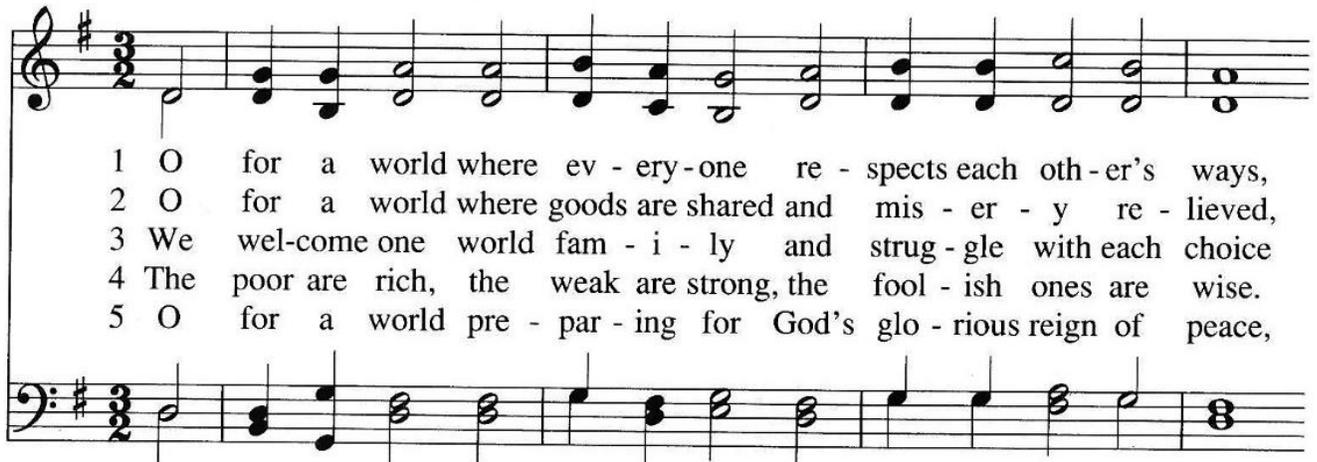
**O Source of Justice,
we are Your One Body,
called to follow Jesus
to create beauty and justice
on Your One Body, Your planet.
As we experience your Word,
may we be awakened to see how
suffering hurts the entire body
and how beauty enlivens us all.**

Strengthen us.

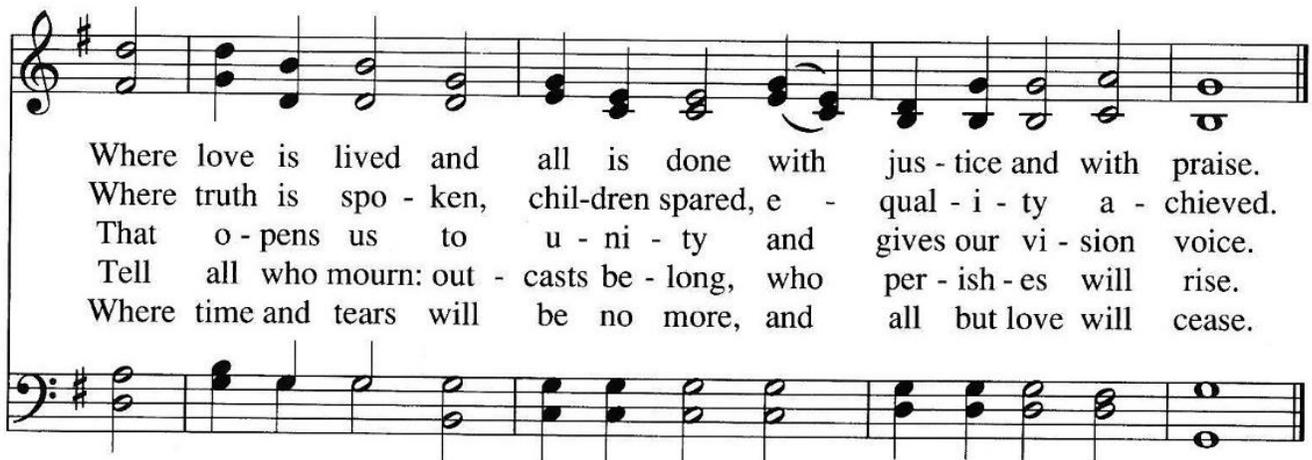
**Draw us in to witness your vision,
to the resilience and resistance
of the timeless faithful
in the work for justice. Amen.**

Opening Hymn *O for a World

No. 575



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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 20:1-4, 7-9

Read by Jack Day in German

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Matthew 21: 33-46

Read by Kelly Esslinger in Spanish

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Faces of Love

Jeff and Starr Schaeberle

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

Anthem *O Lord, Your Table Now Is Spread*

*- B. Nix
ERUCC Singers*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Sisters and brothers,
what we are about to do is to celebrate the
Joyful Feast of the people of God.

**When we are able, with the Holy One,
to experience the vision of love
for God’s Global Village.
here on earth –
then all of creation
will come as equal companions
to sit at this table.**

In the meantime,
you and I are invited to eat and drink,
to be nourished and renewed
for the ongoing work of justice,

embracing mercy and
walking humbly with God.

This is an open table, all are welcome.

Holy One, One of many names and faces,
we thank you for how the light came out of
darkness, for the division of the waters
and dry land, for creating the whole planet up
and through the cosmos
and calling it sacred.

**We thank you for creating us in your image,
to live connected with love,
for the gift of life, speech, and movement
and freedom to live in Your Way.**

Moses revealed your vision
in commandments.

Your prophets unleashed cries
for justice when your planet's beauty was violated.

**Through long generations
we have ebbed and flowed
with suffering and sorrow, healing and renewal.
In the most beautiful and oppressive of times,
You still called us beloved.**

You are full of wonder and awe, O God.

Your ways are just and prophetic.

With all of creation in all times and places,
with our brothers and sisters around your planet
we say to you in one voice:

*Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, Creator of milk and honey,
of wheat and grapes,
this table has over time been a symbol of
restoration and community,
a call to remembrance.

Draw us into thanksgiving
for the gift of receiving your holy welcome

and the powerful memory of the justice work
of the radical rabbi from Nazareth, Jesus.

**We share bread and wine from your global planet,
symbolizing the suffering and beauty, and
the need for freedom on every mountain,
in every river, on land, and sea, in village,
farm land, town and city.**

As we consume the bread and cup of community,
root us firmly in your vision of justice,
intended for Your One Body.

Let its flavor move us to a commitment
to share such welcome and hospitality
with all who live and breathe on your planet.

**As we drink the cup and consume the bread,
may your Spirit be with us,
enlivening us with courage and hope
to join together in the sacred work
of restoring your planet.**

Words of Institution

On the night before Jesus was betrayed, he sat at table with his closest companions.
He took a loaf and blessed it in a way those at the table had never heard before.
After the blessing, he broke the bread and said,
“Take. Eat. All of you. This is the bread of the Body,
exiled, silenced, broken, beaten and executed.
This is my body broken for you.
When you eat of this, do it in remembrance of me.”

In the same way after supper, while Jesus was still at table,
he took a cup, and he blessed it.
After the blessing he said,
“Take this and divide it among all of you. This is the blood of community.
Blood shed in war and in homes.
Blood that carries the memories of beauty and justice.
Blood that flows with new beginnings for God’s One, Holy Body.
When you drink of this cup, do it in remembrance of me.”

*(Please hold your bread and cup until all have been served and we will communion
together. For those worshipping in -person, you will be served as you are seated in the
pews.)*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

As one body, we lament with those who lament.

We hope with those who hope.

We live with suffering. We live with beauty.

Let us go from this table as a renewed community,
doing the radical work of Jesus that calls us
to live justice-making lives of faith.

We are followers of God's Way.

We give thanks!

*Closing Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West*

- No. 394



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;



But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.



*Benediction

From East, West, North and South we have been fed.

Now may the God of Community, three-in-one,
be with us all to be a just, free, and gentle people.

Let the people of God say, "Amen!"

*Postlude

Worship notes: Our liturgy for this morning was written by the Rev. Ashley Goff, an ordained UCC minister serving at Church of the Pilgrims (PCUSA), Washington, DC





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

You can get to the link on our homepage at www.erucc.org

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of Michael Condo by his family, Patricia and Wells Condo.

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: Lauren Jenkins (niece of Donna Logee), Pat Condo, Ro Higinbotham, Maryann Simmons, Peggy Githerman, The McCarty family, Nikki Keller, Tamara Tamas, Barbara Lee (sister of Milt Crutchley), Alyce Schmid (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, 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).

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 11 Ctrl + Click [HERE](#) to join worship Sunday 10:30 am

In our scripture readings for this Sunday we are invited to reflect on what it means to be formed as a community of God's people, committed to living out the ways of God. Exodus 32: 1-14 contains what is likely one of the most confusing and dramatic stories in the Hebrew Scriptures. It has been interpreted in myriad ways, but mostly as a cautionary tale of turning toward other gods. In Philippians 4: 1-9, Paul uses the Greek word ekklesia -- which translates "called out" -- to describe the early Christian church. He calls the church to stand firm in the faith, to focus on what is true, honorable, and just. And in all, pray, rejoice, and focus on all that is truly good in God's realm.

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!! ON-LINE

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

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=Rkd1N2JyZDFHdmtPYlBMTitkUzhUdz09>
Meeting ID: 843 1461 7999 Passcode: 979546

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY from 7-8 pm
Called to be the Church: The Book of Acts for a New Day**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89672369983?pwd=VkljN0gvbHJ6ZVZJaVRKY0s0WmlpZz09>
Meeting ID: 896 7236 9983 Password: 427069**

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

As we study Acts, we see a church that is dynamic and alive, not static or stuck. The gospel message and movement did not come to an end with Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. There was a whole new beginning, one that no one could have predicted. In so many ways, Acts is the perfect book for a God is still speaking Church. Here more truth and light breaks forth from God's Holy Word each new day as the movement of faith spreads like wildfire. Among the matters to which Acts pays attention, in addition to leadership and conflict, are cultural diversity and the encounter with people who are not of our race or culture; the use of wealth and possessions; the role of women in the church; the relationship between church and state or between Christians and civil authorities; and the challenge of persecution. Beyond that, Acts is full of rollicking good stories and adventures.

October 1	Acts 17: 16-34	October 8	Acts 19: 1-20
October 15	Acts 20: 17-38	October 22	Acts 25: 1-12
October 29	Acts 26		

Wednesday Evening Book Study with Esther Ziegler Thru October

The Wednesday Evening Study Group is meeting at 7 pm 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. 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. Each week 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

TUESDAYS WITH TED Tuesday, October 13th , from 6 – 7 p.m.

Participants Can Join the Ted Talk by Zoom Call

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

Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 Password: 313735

John Lewis and Bryan Stevenson

The fight for civil rights and freedom

Civil rights leader and longtime US congressman, John Lewis, spent his life fighting for freedom and justice for everyone. In this illuminating conversation with lawyer and activist Bryan Stevenson, Lewis discusses the essential importance of voting, shares encouraging words of wisdom for the generation of young people currently organizing in the struggle for racial justice, and tells moving stories from his decades of making "good trouble" -- at the Freedom Rides, March on Washington, and in the halls of Congress. "When you see something that's not right or fair or just, you have to say something," Lewis says. "You have to do something." (This conversation is part of the TED Legacy Project. Recorded November 19, 2019)

ERUCC WORK WEEK HELP NEEDED

October 19-23

**8-4 Monday through Thursday,
Friday as needed**

The Property Committee is grateful for the time and energy people have given over the years during our ERUCC stay at home work weeks. We have done all kinds of things that have saved the church money, utilized members' skills, and created new bonds of friendship.

Led by Keith Stickley and our Facilities Manager, Jaci Clayton, you can make a difference by offering to help with any of these projects currently identified. More will be added to the list as we get closer to the week:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Painting – elevator entrance and touch up• Repair of gutter on the parish house• Removal and disposal of old air conditioning units (Trinity Chapel)• Repairing windows after air conditioning unit removals• Power washing – front steps of the main church building, patio, brick walls, other areas• Brick repair Trinity Chapel• Repair Trinity right side staircase outside doors. Stationary door does not lock at the bottom | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove and attempt warranty claim on one of the kitchen lights in the exhaust hood• Add switched lighting in the dirt side of Trinity basement• Service snow blower (see if it starts)• Replace ladies room exhaust fan Trinity (Noisy)• Replace cracked glass at Thomas Room• Check out potential leaks in roof that have caused stains on ceiling tiles in upper balcony of the sanctuary |
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***Please contact Keith, Jaci, or Pastor Daniel if you want to work on a specific project and/or when you are available.

From the Stewardship/Generosity Committee - Faces of Love

Questions for Reflection - #1

Sunday, October 25, is Consecration Sunday when we will consider what we are called to give to ERUCC and to celebrate our relationship to God and our connections with each other. Each of us gives personally and financially in our own way to support the church. This month we are focusing on financial giving.

Each week, in the Bulletin and Thursday Thoughts, we will offer Questions for Reflection that may be useful as you think about what you are called to give. This week we invite you to reflect on:

What it has meant to you to give to the church?

What does it mean to you to know that your financial gifts support the church?

Why is it important for you to give?

From the Stewardship Committee - Faces of Love

Thank you for the many ways you, as a friend and member of ERUCC, *are* a Face of Love! Your generous giving throughout this Pandemic has sustained our ministries and missions. Your support has been amazing and helped to hold us together in community.

Sunday, October 25, is **Consecration Sunday**, when we will make our financial commitment to ERUCC for the coming year. This is our opportunity to grow personally and spiritually and to deepen our relationship with God and our faith community as we openly reflect on what we are called to give. Over the course of this month, please reflect on the portion of your income that you can commit to support ERUCC as we strive to embody our faith. If you worship online, please use the “I Want to Pledge” button on the website (www.erucc.org); if you worship in the sanctuary, place the pledge card in the offering plate; or you can mail in your card by the 26th. If you did not receive a letter containing a pledge card, please let us know.

To celebrate this day of commitment, the Stewardship/Generosity team is hosting a socially distanced “**Consecration Sunday Drive-by**” for the entire congregation from 12-2 p.m. Please enter the church parking lot from West Church Street. Our gloved and masked team members will greet you with a **tasty treat** and a cheery welcome. Please email, call or text David Howard at dehowardcello@gmail.com, or 202-841-5061 if you need a gluten-free option or need your treat delivered.

We are the church together; together we are Faces of Love. We look forward to this month of reflection and celebrating with you on October 25!

COVID Support-Encouragement Group meets on October 6th and 20th

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.

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

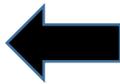
Book Discussions

7 pm via Zoom Call

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87172055650?pwd=T0JPUGxxQVlk0YnJzT1lpQk9uWHlhZz09>
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

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=OTFoRGJ0QnNvU2hZVXBBbTh5VjUQT09>
Meeting ID: 840 6114 0430 PW: 268380

October 25

“When They See Us”

November 29

“Mudbound”

Conversations on Exploring Whiteness

Why Talk About Whiteness? Because we can't talk about racism without it.

With Susan Kulp and David Howard

October 11 and 18 at 7 pm via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84957370471?pwd=eHBMejdGQmExRC9jeENYdG1MNExUQT09>
Meeting ID: 849 5737 0471 Passcode: 869500

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.)

The (Younger) Voter Initiative has made plans to hold four Friday night gatherings from 6 to 8 p.m. 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. See flyer in your packets or on the website.

Date

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

Programming

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

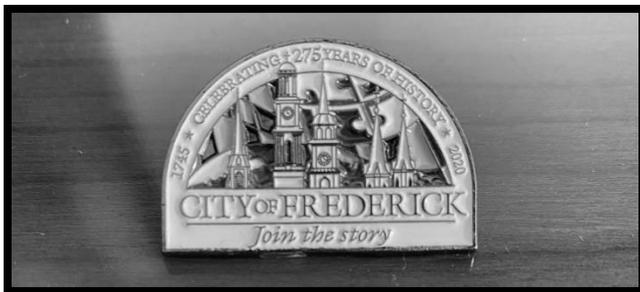
Everyone is welcome to join. Volunteers will be needed. We will also be serving free apple cider and water and have a s'mores fire pit.

DAYTONA BEACH WORK TRIP

November 14 – 21, 2020

We are gathering a small group, less than ten people, for a Daytona Beach mission trip, November 14 - 21. We will be working with the same organization as we did in 2018 and 2019. Contact Pastor Daniel if you are interested and want more information about the safety protocols, travel plans, housing, etc.

275TH ANNIVERSARY PINS



These lovey lapel pins have been donated to ERUCC by the City of Frederick in honor of our 275th anniversary. If you would like one or more, please contact Amy in the church office or by email. We can include your pins in the worship packets or you may stop by the office to pick one up. We will also have them available at worship on Sunday.

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)

Alison E. Shafer, Music Director ● Tricia Coffey, Head Chimer & Children & Youth Choir Director

Sherry Murray, Nursery ● Jaci Clayton, Facilities Mgr.

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 4, 2020

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Wisdom for the Way *Neighbors in Need Offering* *World Communion Sunday*

Why ten commandments? Why not eleven or thirty-nine or a hundred? Some scholars have speculated that there were ten because, even if the devout could not take the heavy stone tablets with them, they would always have their fingers. As long as one can count all one's fingers, the thinking goes, you could remember all the commandments. But why remember them anyway, if you can just look them up? Memorizing, or learning a text by heart, is a way to take it deep within. In this case, we memorize the commandments to take their messages of radical connection with God and others into our lives.

Brian Sirchio, ordained United Church of Christ pastor and beloved church musician and composer, believes that an even better way to memorize the commandments than counting on one's fingers is to set them to music. As his song *Live the 10* demonstrates through music, the commandments aren't just words to be learned, but ways for living that are more deeply understood as they are more deeply known and practiced.

*In the 20th chapter of Exodus, it's plain what God expects of us
It says 1--no other gods; 2--no graven image; 3--don't take God's name in vain;
4--honor the Sabbath; 5--honor your parents; 6--thou shalt not kill;
7--no adultery; 8--thou shalt not steal; 9--don't bear false witness;
10--thou shalt not covet...
Now check this out...now remember right off there's only one Lord,
And I didn't say two and I didn't say four and whatever you do you
don't bow down before anything you make with your hands. And when
you smack your thumb hard with a hammer someday don't get all mad
and shout out God's name, 'cause God's not to blame for your lousy
aim and that's right--that's right! And remember the Sabbath, or
whatever you call it, that means pray and rest--don't be a
playaholic--and you love mom and dad even when they're not wise
and don't ever kill (does that go for flies? Hey that's a good
question man.) And when you marry someday don't you be a cheat, and
don't you ever steal, and don't lie through your teeth, and don't
want the things that your friend's got so bad you'd take it if you
could...*

You can learn Bryan Sirchio's song about the Ten Commandments, and other scriptures worth knowing by heart by checking out his music on his website <http://www.sirchio.com/>.

