



CONNECTION

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 11, 2020

Nineteenth 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

We are each on a journey, a journey of faith.

And we are on the journey together.

Can we trust God on the journey?

We have set out in faith.

We will risk letting go and step out on the journey.

We will look for God's leading as the path unravels.

We will trust God on the journey.

*Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

**God who calls and guides,
your awesome power is visible all around us.**

You amaze us, for you persist with us.

**Despite our fickleness and wavering,
you listen to those who plead and argue with you.**

You change your mind and remember your love.

You stay your hand and offer life and hope

because your love is enduring,

longing, desiring, yearning

for all that is best for those you call.

**We are your people, seeking to know you more fully
and praise you in our daily living.**

We need your wise guiding

**to help us untangle from the uncertainties, anxieties, and fears
that hold us back. So here we turn,**

sensing your presence, even when our eyes are unable to see you.

We listen for your voice within,

even when our ears are unable to detect your speaking.

We long, desire, yearn, to trust you on our journey into the future known and yet unknown.

**Our hearts are open, our hands stretch wide,
our minds are attentive, our worship true,
that we may live each day trusting you to lead and guide, always. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** *Gather Us In*

- M. Haugen

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

***Call to Confession**

God pours blessings upon us, even as we choose to go our own way.
God is present and seeks to bring healing and wholeness to all.
I invite us to confess all that would separate us from God and one another.
Let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession**

**When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice,
or failed to extend the invitation to others,
Christ, have mercy.**

**When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy
or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,
Lord, have mercy.**

(Time for personal reflection and confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Praise God!

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 32:1-4

Matthew 22:1-14

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Faces of Love

Colleen Baldree

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

*Closing Hymn *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

- No. 82

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here with ten - der com - fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

For marriage services, this stanza may be sung between stanzas 1 and 2 above.

In this un-ion I have joined you hus-band and wife,
Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er as heirs of life:
Each the oth-er's glad-ness shar-ing,
each the oth-er's bur-dens bear-ing,
Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er as heirs of life.

*Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Notes: Today's Call to Worship and Opening Prayer is from Seasons of the Spirit. The Confession, Prayer of Dedication, and Benediction was written by the Rev. Dr. Bob Gross, OCC, Senior Pastor at Evangelical and Reformed United Church of Christ, Waukesha, WI. Rev. Gross is a member of the Order of Corpus Christi, (OCC), which is an ecumenical covenantal community that seeks to be a contemporary expression of the Mercersburg Tradition.



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 by Cindy Duranko and Cindy Smith in memory of our dear friend, Jack Patterson.

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 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, 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 18 [Ctrl + Click HERE](#) to join worship Sunday 10:30 a.m

In Exodus 33:12-23, we are privy to a conversation between God and Moses. Reminiscent of last week's struggle of the Hebrew people with an idea or presence of God vs. a tangible, physical god, Moses also asks for proof of God's presence – to see what God looks like.

Matthew 22:15-22 tells the story of discerning taxes, where the stamping of Caesar on the coinage settles the question – “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and unto God the things that are God's” (v. 21). While this can be seen as an example of the separation of church and state it also harkens back to the wilderness experiences of discerning and following God's guiding presence.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!! ON-LINE

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

Kindergarten thru 4th grade Sunday School Teachers: Dawn Lagrotteria and Kim Sexton
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89653038025?pwd=djRPU05TNDFYczFMVUdOVzdmWnpuUT09>
Meeting ID: 896 5303 8025 Passcode: 667229

5th - 7th Grade Sunday School Teachers: Kathryn King, Arthur Slade and Jim Weitz
<https://zoom.us/j/92955152861?pwd=VStwT3ZISDILOVhhTWJRdTB0aHRyUT09>
Meeting ID: 929 5515 2861 Passcode: hpQSF1

High School Teachers: Pastor Daniel, Stephanie Sites and Glenn Wallace
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84314617999?pwd=Rkd1N2JyZDFHdmtPYIBMTitkUzhUdz09>
Meeting ID: 843 1461 7999 Passcode: 979546

Join Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/608416206?pwd=NzFtVUsxUmQ5eGpxMmk4WDB6Z0IUUT09>
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

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 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.

**<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)

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=T0JPUGxxQVkk0YnJzT1lpQk9uWHlhZz09>
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

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=eHBMejdGQmExRC9jeENYdG1MNEExUQT09>

Meeting ID: 849 5737 0471

Passcode: 869500

From the Stewardship/Generosity Committee – Faces of Love

Questions for Reflection - #2

In looking forward to Consecration Sunday, we invite you to consider Questions for Reflection as you determine what you are called to give. Last week, we thought about what it has meant to you to give financially to the church, what it means to you to know that your gifts support the church, and why it is important for you to give. This week we ask you to reflect on:

What has been the power of giving in your own life? What have you received? What has been the impact of your gifts to others?

We are the church together; together we are Faces of Love

COVID Support-Encouragement Group : Next Meeting October 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.

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.)

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 Stickle 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:

- 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
- 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

***Please contact Keith, Jaci, or Pastor Daniel if you want to work on a specific project and/or when you are available.

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.

Date

October 16th: Take Part/Take Accountability

October 23: Exercise your Power/Be Empowered

Programming

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.

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2020

Philippians 4:1-9

Praiseworthy Living *Access Sunday and Disabilities Awareness Week*

In today's reading, Paul sends a letter of encouragement and hope to his beloved friends in Philippi. For centuries, letters have been the way that we reach across the divide of geography to offer solace and challenge with our words. As people of the Word, we continue that tradition whenever we send a letter.

Last March, as the world braced for a pandemic, The Council of Conference Ministers as well as The Officers of the United Church of Christ (The Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer, The Rev. Traci Blackmon and The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson) sent a letter in the Pauline tradition. As news of the COVID-19 pandemic first began to break, these pastor leaders reached across geography with words to bring hope and comfort.

“As leaders in our beloved United Church of Christ, we write to speak a word of tender care to our congregations, our clergy, and our members...

Remember that we are a Christmas people, and that Jesus is incarnated in every act of love and kindness we extend to one another.

Remember that we are an Easter people and we know that God can reach us beyond all the barriers the world can create.

Remember that we are a Pentecost people who know that the Holy Spirit can revive us and who will be our strength in times of great distress.

We can do this. We are the Church, the body of the risen Christ. As leaders called to serve you, we pledge to you that we will continue to draw on every resource available to us that will help you through this season.

In the love of our blessed Redeemer, we remain as always your humble servants and your beloved covenant partners.”

More thoughtful than an email, more lasting than a phone call and further reaching than in-person conversation, letters were not just for Paul's time. They have the power to move and change us even today.

You can find the full text of this letter at: <https://www.ucc.org/news-commentary> a pastoral letter in a time of pandemic 03262020



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