



LOVE

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.

Donate online by scanning this code:

or you may use our new texting donation system. Send a donation amount to 301-804-2933 . You will receive a text back within minutes with a link. Click the secure link and provide your method of payment and a receipt will be sent to you! Or, download the GivePlus Church application and make your donation via the app.



Thank you.

EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

October 25, 2020

Twenty-First 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 *(Jeremiah 31: 7-9)*

Sing aloud with gladness:

God is gathering the people!

From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

Those who are weeping, God will console;

Those who get lost find a clear path home.

Let us worship the God who gathers us!

*Opening Prayer

Ever-calling God,

**We give thanks that you have gathered us into your church
and graced us with your faithful presence.**

**We ponder our history, ancient and still developing,
and marvel at the many expressions of your church.**

**Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church
that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world.**

**Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us,
into Jesus' vision and dream**

that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen

*Opening Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

No. 439

See back of bulletin

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

When we want to be a church ever-reforming, yet cling to comfortable ways:

Jesus, have mercy on us!

When we want to honor your "still speaking voice", but are fearful of insights
which challenge old assumptions:

Jesus, have mercy on us!

When we want to live into Jesus' dream of oneness,
but fail to listen to voices of difference:

Jesus, have mercy on us!

***Assurance of Pardon**

Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us!

We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia.

Through Christ, God forgives us our failings,

and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness.

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

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Matthew 22: 34- 46

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Faces of Love *Dedication of our Pledges for 2021 and Sharing of our Offerings*

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

Anthem *More Love, Less Hate*

*- Mark A. Miller
ERUCC Singers*

***Closing Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation*

*- No. 386
See end of bulletin*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Every Sunday at 10:30

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bziah0xyyacgq5fmjnoi>

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 Jo Ann Nolder (Leslie), place by her family on the anniversary of her death.

The **yellow rose bud** on the stand is in honor of those currently serving in the military by Martha Kline.

Prayer List - Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Tom Ford, Anne Hoffmann, 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: November 1 [Ctrl + Click HERE to join worship Sunday 10:30 a.m.](#)

Our first reading is from I Thessalonians 2: 9-11. This reading offers a character reference of those who have shared the gospel with this community. Their words and actions witnessed to God's work in and through them. Jesus insisted that word and deed corroborate with each other in Matthew 23: 1-12. Disciples are credible witnesses when their loving actions mirror their words.

We will share in Holy Communion on All Saints Sunday as we remember in prayer those members of the congregation and friends and family members who have died in the past year. Please have a candle at your worship centers to light as you remember those who have died in the past year.

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 Join us for Zoom Sunday School for Children/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=Rkd1N2JyZDFHdmtPY1BMTitkUzhUdz09>
Meeting ID: 843 1461 7999 Passcode: 979546

Join Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom OR IN PERSON! 11 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/608416206?pwd=NzFtVUsxUmQ5eGpxMmk4WDB6Z0IUUT09>
Meeting ID: 608 416 206 Passcode: 588188

Explore the Sermon on the Mount

The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have mean to his disciples, and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

In Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explains historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today.

Each session will begin with a 11-13-minute video introducing the lesson followed by discussion.

If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Daniel know so you can receive a copy of the book.

Genesis Study Group to Resume October 28th at 7 PM via Zoom

On October 28th the Wednesday Bible Study Group will resume viewing and discussing *The Book of Genesis* as presented by Professor Gary A. Rendsburg of Rutgers University. This study is one published by The Great Courses. The first Zoom class on Oct. 28th will be a fast review by Esther Ziegler of the material covered last winter and spring prior to the quarantine. On November 4th we will resume viewing the lectures by Professor Rendsburg beginning with the lecture "A Bride for Isaac" which moves us into the second generation of the matriarchs and patriarchs of the Hebrew people. Throughout November the focus will remain on the relationship between Isaac's sons Esau and Jacob and the expanding family that God had promised to Abraham and Sarah. If you like messy family sagas, this is your kind of Bible Study.

Since this will be a Zoom class, if you have not been getting the link for the Wednesday evening class on *Cathedral on Fire*, please let Esther Ziegler know your email address to be added to the list. estherrziegler@gmail.com.

COVID Support-Encouragement Group

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

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

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=T0JPUGxxQVvk0YnJzT1lpQk9uWHlhZz09>

Meeting ID: 871 7205 5650 PW: 249876

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=OTFoRGJ0QnNvU2hZVXBBbTh5VjlUQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 6114 0430 PW: 268380

October 25

“When They See Us”



TUESDAYS WITH TED Tuesday, November 10th , from 6 – 7 p.m.

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

Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 Password: 313735

“The Race for Your Attention” with Kristan Harris

A handful of people working at a handful of tech companies steer the thoughts of billions of people every day, says design thinker Tristan Harris. From Facebook notifications to Snapstreaks to YouTube autoplays, they're all competing for one thing--your attention. Harris shares how these companies prey on our psychology for their own profit and calls for a design renaissance in which our tech instead encourages us to live out the timeline we want.

From the Stewardship/Generosity Committee:

YOU are the Faces of Love. Our bulletin covers have reflected some faces; please be sure to add your face to these images. We are all the church together.

Today we conclude our month's spiritual journey as we pledge our financial commitment to the mission and ministries of ERUCC for the coming year. To celebrate this day, come take part in our socially-distanced "**Consecration Sunday Drive-by**" between noon and 2 p.m. Please enter the church parking lot from West Church St. Our gloved and masked team members will safely greet you with a tasty treat and cheery welcome! You can then exit through the alley to West Second Street. For those attending church in person, your treat is ready for you to pick up after the service. Thank you for your generosity and stewardship.

ERUCC Book Group 2020

Join the Conversation Via Zoom Call at 7 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969287938?pwd=eGhQaDJlVVkzazhOZldqd3pFN3pqQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6928 7938

Password: 685141

October 27

***Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah**

Comedian Trevor Noah's stories of growing up in South Africa are vivid, sometimes harrowing, and often laugh-out-loud funny. The bonus of audio is that listeners get to hear Noah tell these stories in his South African-accented English, as well as hear him speak snippets of various other South African languages.... Noah's narration offers insights and intimacy, and as he gives voice to his mother, his friends, and his younger self, listeners are invited into a glimpse of his world.

November 24 The Overstory

Pulitzer Prize, Fiction, 2019

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.)

October 30th

Virtual Halloween Party from 4 to 6 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85314646506?pwd=dXRsZUphRTYrN1FvODITZlINb21rdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 1464 6506

Passcode: 198574y

Games, costume Contest and more contact Kim Sexton at ksexton@erucc.org

ERUCC Mission Trip: We are gathering a small group, less than ten people, for a Daytona Beach mission trip, November 14th - 21st. 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.

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Link your Amazon account to ERUCC and we will receive income from your purchases. This is the AMAZON SMILE that helps non-profits earn money. The OLD affiliates program is no longer in force. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0607985>

Thank you!

Thank you so much for your continued support of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition Together in Teal No Boundaries event. 2020 has certainly proven to be a challenge but our community and congregational spirit is rooted in resilience and perseverance. As an ovarian cancer survivor, I know just how important fundraising efforts are in order to provide much needed support to local women, education/awareness materials to our community and research for a cure. I am in awe at how friends and family have supported this cause especially during a pandemic. A special thank you to Jenna Duranko, who along with her musician friends, held 4 virtual benefit concerts. I'm excited to say that the Frederick Chapter has raised over \$103,000! I am forever grateful for your support and blessed to be a part of our wonderful church community.

Together we CAN make a difference!
Cathie Duncan

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Martin Luther, c. 1529

Ps. 46

Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,
4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;

Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.
We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.

For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er
You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to
The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.
save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.
dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.
kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.

There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529, when Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties. It has been translated into more than fifty languages.

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.

Martin Luther, c. 1529

Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930; alt.

For another version, see 440

The Church's One Foundation

Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11

Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - One,

we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
 One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,

with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.
 to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

Like the writings of Ambrose many centuries earlier, this hymn was born out of a doctrinal dispute. The young priest Samuel J. Stone composed twelve hymns on the articles of the Apostles' Creed in support of those reacting against nontraditional views of biblical scholarship. This hymn is based on article nine, "the holy Catholic Church."

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

October 25, 2020

Matthew 22:34-46

The Compassionate Life
UCC Higher Education Sunday

Dear Christ, our Teacher.

Instruct us, we pray.

The world teaches us to compete for the right answer.

The world teaches us to be better, faster, stronger.

The world teaches us that bigger is better.

The world teaches us to put the pedal to the metal.

The world teaches us to live fast and die young.

The world teaches us to go big or go home.

The world teaches us to work harder and smarter.

The world teaches us to put our nose to the grindstone.

The world teaches us to work hard and play hard.

The world teaches us that the world is our oyster.

The world teaches us to pull ourselves up by the bootstraps.

The world teaches us to put on our stiff upper lip.

The world teaches us no pain, no gain.

Instruct us, Teacher Christ.

Silence all those other voices so we can hear your teaching.

So simple, it can be shared in just a few words.

So sophisticated, it can take a lifetime to master.

So that one day, we can live what we are taught and

Love our God with all our heart and mind and soul and our neighbor as our self.

Amen.

Today is UCC Higher Education Sunday. There are 48 educational institutions related to the United Church of Christ, including academies, colleges, universities, and seminaries. They span the United States. Each is independent, self-governing, and fully accredited... These institutions provide opportunities to explore moral values, the importance of social responsibility, an ethic of service, and the ability to think critically. Many have campus ministries that are ecumenical and interfaith. Each embodies the UCC ethos where God is Still Speaking... Find out more at <https://www.ucc.org/higher-education>.



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