



Partners



in Service

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.

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There is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: www.erucc.org.

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EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

November 1, 2020

Twenty-Second 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

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. God calls us to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the company of all the saints we cry: Praise God! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God!

*Opening Prayer

God of all ages: we thank you for the faithful witness of your apostles, prophets, and martyrs throughout the history of your church and throughout the world even today. Through their witness we see and hear your truth. We bless you for all who bless your name through their writing, speaking, art, and music. Through their work we glimpse your beauty. We praise you for all who serve you without recognition or honor, offering encouragement to the lonely, the sick, and the fearful. Through their lives we see your faithfulness and sense your comfort. Now we pray that you will use even us to reflect the glory we see in Christ. May the voices of all your saints, made holy in Christ, swell in joyous praise to you, the giver of all good gifts, through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *For All the Saints*

*No. 299,
stanzas 1,2,3
See back of bulletin*

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. Have mercy on us, your faithful servants. Keep before us faithful witness to follow so that, living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with him forever. 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

I Thessalonians 2: 9-13

Matthew 23: 1-12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayers of the People

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

Anthem I Shall Wear a Crown

*- T. McLaughlin
ERUCC Singers*

Litany for All Saints Day

All Saints Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate and remember those in our community who have gone before us.

Their presence in our community has shaped our work, life, character and story.

We remember those whose faithful witness proclaims the gospel and

commandments of Jesus Christ in words loud and soft, in actions great and small.

We gather before you, God, and remember the saints who have told your stories of your people, and witnessed to their faith in times gone by.

Indeed, we remember those who died in the past year:

(a bell will chime for each name mentioned)

For all their gifts, great and small, we give thanks.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen!

(Following this time of remembrance, you are invited to come forward and light a candle as you remember a loved one this day. Candles can be lit from the Christ candle in the middle of the table. If you are worshipping at home light a candle for your loved ones as you remember. It has been said that it is better to light one candle than it is to curse the darkness. Yet a candle burning in the night can bring us comfort, peace and even hope. May the light of the candles remind us that even though our loved ones are no longer present with us in body, the life of their spirit has not been extinguished.)

Service for Holy Communion

The Lord be with you in your joy and your sorrow.

And also with you.

Though sometimes they be heavy, lift up your hearts to God.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God, for God is always present.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said:

“This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat.”

And pouring the wine:

This is my blood, spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

God of all, send your Spirit to this place
so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment,
may know your presence.

As we eat the bread and drink of the cup,
make us one with the saints,
and with our sisters and brothers in faith around the world.

Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives.

Help us to know you,

**To be guided by the Holy Spirit,
And to live in Christ. Now and forever. Amen.**

Call to the Feast

This is the feast prepared for you.
Come and share for all is ready.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ;

From child-like faith, to youthful energy,
from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom..

We thank you for this time, this remembrance.

Increase our faith.

Boldly!

Help us to love.

Boldly!

Encourage us to act.

Boldly!

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

***Closing Hymn** *Give Thanks for Life*

- No. 297

***Benediction**

And now I pray blessings on our feasting:

the feast of life

the feast of love

the feast of grace

the feast of mercy

the feast of grief

and the feast of acceptance

the feast of letting go

and the feast that is moving forward.

And know that God goes with us, Christ walks beside us, and the Spirit lives within us— now and always. **Amen!**

***Postlude**



We Remember

Ethel Marie Angleberger
Mabel Ellam

Serene Collmus
Dottie Harrison

Jack Doll, Jr.
Walter Schmid

Worship Notes: Today's liturgy has been adapted from Worship Design Studio, the UCC Book of Worship, and Seasons of the Spirit.



Every Sunday at 10:30

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bzloh0xyyacgq5fmjnoi>

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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 Dan Marshall by his family who love and miss him very much.

The **yellow rose bud** on the stand is in honor of those currently serving in the military by Jack Day and Peter Brehm.

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

Psalms 78:1-7 invites us to experience our lives and faith in relationship both to those who have gone before and those who go after. Each generation has a responsibility to share the story of liberation and justice they have received. Jesus' parable of ten bridesmaids in Matthew 25: 1-13 opens reflection on living into God's purpose. Paul anticipated the imminent end of the age.

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 meant 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 Wednesday Evening at 7 PM via Zoom

Wednesday Bible Study Group has resumed 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. 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.

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

COVID Support-Encouragement Group November 3 and November 10

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

Book Discussions

7 pm via Zoom Call

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87172055650?pwd=T0JPUGxxQVk0YnJzT1lpQk9uWHlhZz09>
Meeting ID: 871 7205 5650 PW: 249876

November 2

So You Want to Talk About Race
Ijeoma Oluo

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.

PRAYER VIGIL ON THE EVE OF THE USA ELECTIONS:

Monday, November 2, 7– 7:30 pm

ERUCC will hold a prayer vigil on the eve of our election day on the front steps of the main sanctuary. The vigil will include time for silence as we hear the beating of one another’s hearts for peace. The only words spoken will be a brief welcome and an invitation to share in the prayer of St. Francis, “Let me be an instrument of thy peace.” Those gathered will be invited to sing, “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

Candles will be provided. Masks are required and participants will be asked to maintain physically distancing.

The vigil will also be live streamed on the ERUCC Facebook page – Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ.

MAIN SANCTUARY AND TRINITY CHAPEL OPEN ON ELECTION DAY For those who need to find a quiet place for prayer and meditation, the main sanctuary and Trinity Chapel will be open on Election Day from 8 am – 5 pm.

MEET WITH PASTOR DANIEL Wednesday, November 4th from 9 - noon

Pastor Daniel will be available for conversation and prayer on Wednesday, November 4th.



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For All the Saints

Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who to the
2 You were their rock, their ref - uge, and their might: you, Christ, the
3 Still may your peo - ple, faith - ful, true, and bold, live as the
4 Ringed by this cloud of wit - ness - es di - vine, we fee - bly
5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the

world their stead-fast faith con - fessed, your name, O Je - sus,
hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
saints who no - bly fought of old, and share with them a
strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet in your love our
ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.
were their one true light.
glo - rious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
faith - ful lives en - twine.
gain, and faith grows strong.

This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1 Thess. 5:18; Rom. 16:1-16; Eph. 1:15-16

Shirley Erena Murray, 1986

G Bm7 CM7 D7

1 Give thanks for life, the mea - sure of our days,
 2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light
 3 And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
 4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain

Bm7 Em7 Am7 D7

mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays,
 caught from the Christ - flame, burst - ing through the night,
 thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
 that lies in dark - ness does its life re - tain

F/G G7(b9) CM7 Am7(b5)/C

Yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
 Who touched the truth, who burned for what was right,
 A love not changed by time or death or dread,
 In res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain,

G/D D/E Em7 C/DD 1-3 C/G D 4 C/G D G

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Partners in Service
All Saints Day

Today in many of our churches, we celebrate the service of communion, and we gather around the common table.

This table is the table of anticipation. As we gather here, we look ahead in joyful hope and exultant expectation of the day to come, when all God's people gather around the table of justice. By coming together around this table, we express our yearning to be a part of that kingdom by our deeds, words and thoughts.

This table is the table of celebration. As we gather here, we are aware that around the world, on this day and in just this way, we gather with siblings, brothers and sisters in the faith who gather around a table just like this one. By coming together around this table, we express our desire to become one with all who follow Christ.

This table is the table of remembrance. As we gather here, we look backwards in time, and we glimpse Christ, gathered around a table like this one with his friends and chosen family. By coming together around this table, we express our willingness to follow Christ in all things. And above all things, he asked us to remember him when we ate and drank as we do here today.

As we anticipate, celebrate and remember on this All Saints Day, we also call to mind all those who have gone before us, especially those who have died in the past year. It has been a year of great losses for many of us, and as we call to mind those we have lost, we give thanks for their lives here.

Come from the east and the west, the north and south,

Come from among the living and the dead,

Come from the future and the past and this sacred precious moment,

Come and gather at this table.

Come, for all things are made ready.



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