



REIGNING
COMPASSION

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 -

November 22, 2020

Reign of Christ

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 *(based on Psalm 100)*

Make a joyful noise all the earth

Come worship God with gladness

Come celebrate God's presence with a song.

Rejoice, God is our creator.

We are God's people, the sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Come worship God with thanksgiving and praise.

*Opening Prayer

**God, you have called us from the busyness of our lives to gather
with you and each other.**

**In your presence may the hungry be fed by your spirit,
may the tired find rest in your sanctuary,
may the lost find direction in your teachings,
may the injured find healing in your love, and
may the boastful find humility in your gospel. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

No. 7

See back of bulletin

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Tightly bound within familiar worlds
and too often sealed off from the worlds of others,
we now take our leave for a more fertile place:

We seek an openness of heart.

We seek the pulse of Spirit.

We seek an ability to perceive.

We seek the capacity to feel

and to act with compassion for others.

In your forgiveness, O God,
return us to broader perspectives
and a firmer courage to live in the realm of Christ.

We seek an openness of heart.

We seek the pulse of Spirit.

We seek an ability to perceive.

**We seek the capacity to feel
and to act with compassion for others.**

Gracious God, grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know Christ better. May the stirrings of our hearts guide us away from that which separates us from you and our ministry, and draw us ever closer to the great inheritance of hope passed down to us from Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Above all things, in all things, through all things, in this age and in every age to come, our trust and hope are secure in Christ.

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

Matthew 25:31-46

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

Generosity may come as an impulse,
but it is cultivated by the practice of regular giving.
Let us today move from beliefs to actions that make a difference in the world.
We give in gratitude for God's gifts to us,
and we give because we need to live beyond ourselves.
Use this time of offering as an opportunity
to grow and to grow the realm of God.

Anthem *Doxology for a New Day*

- M Miller/J Hatton
ERUCC Singers

***Closing Hymn** *Standing at the Future's Threshold*

538, stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5
tune- HYFRYDOL

**Standing at the future's threshold, grateful for God's guiding hand,
Asking no protected stronghold, called to be a pilgrim band,
Seeking ever for new vision of the gospel for our day,
We move forward in God's mission with our faith to show the way.**

**Midst the teeming cities' millions, witness to God's boundless love,
Reaching for each system's lost ones, seeking justice with each move;
Grant us courage, strength, and patience to contend with vicious power,
Lead us forward in the faith that gives us hope in testing's hour.**

**Building justice as the bulwark of the peace that God would give,
Making sacrifice the hallmark of the life we're called to live:
Grant us, God, to bear our witness to this peace in Christ, and move
Forward with our faith's own access to the life of hope and love.**

**Jesus Christ, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
We would ask no special favor, with the lowliest seek our place,
Know the in as much of serving, have your cross as our command:
Lead us in this faith unswerving forward as your pilgrim band.**

***Benediction** (*A Traditional Celtic Blessing*)

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you
meet see the face of Christ in you. **Amen.**

*Postlude



Today we welcome Chase Thomas Riley through the Sacrament of Baptism. Chase is the son of Thomas and Molly Riley(Marsh) born on November 19, 2019. Chase is the grandson of Suzanne and Robert Marsh.

Worship Notes: The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Benediction are from Seasons of the Spirit. The Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication is from Worship Ways, UCC.



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 given in honor of our ERUCC Singers who have shared their beautiful voices and have meaningfully delivered our weekly scripture readings for all our worship services by Sandra Trout.

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

Prayer List - Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Bob Marendt, Cathie Duncan, Starr Schaeberle, Tom Ford, Anne Hoffmann, Lauren Jenkins (niece of Donna Logee), Ro Higinbotham, 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 29 [Ctrl + Click HERE](#) to join worship Sunday 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Advent

Advent invites us to acknowledge times of deep belief but also times of doubt. It calls us to remember when we have experienced God's presence most clearly and when we have felt deserted by God. It reminds us that our relationship with the One who creates is ongoing and we are not alone. In Isaiah 64:1-9 the prophet Isaiah pleads with God to restore broken relationships with God's people. Jesus asks us to remember the promise of God's presence in Mark 13:24-37. He challenges us to stay awake, be alert, and live in expectation.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT ERUCC

We will be pre-recording a Thanksgiving Service that will be available for viewing on YouTube. Look for more information in the weekly emails. The service will include our traditional Thanksgiving hymns such as “America the Beautiful,” as well as a reading of a President’s Thanksgiving Proclamation.

The recording will take place TODAY following the 10:30 service for those who wish to participate.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

A response card for Christmas Eve services will be included in the worship packets being delivered at the end of November. In our re-opening guidelines, we can host 100 people in the Sanctuary and another 50 in the Community Room. You will be invited to complete the card and let us know whether you are interested in worshipping, in person, on Christmas Eve.

If we can continue to meet in-person safely, our plan is to have the 5:30 Family Service and 7:30 service in-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary. The 10:30. service will be in-person and held in Trinity Chapel.

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=Rkd1N2JyZDFHdmtPYIBMTitkUzhUdz09>
Meeting ID: 843 1461 7999 Passcode: 979546

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.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/608416206?pwd=NzFtVUsxUmQ5eGpxMmk4WDB6Z0lUUT09>

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.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY from 7-8 pm

The Gospel of Mark

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89672369983?pwd=VkljN0gvbHJ6ZVZJaVRKY0s0WmlpZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 7236 9983

Password: 427069

A Listen Up! Bible Study from UCC Still Speaking writer, Talitha Arnold.

Mark's Gospel, the shortest of the four Gospels, gets right to the point and tells us what mattered most to the earliest of Christians.

Part One (Chapters 1-8)

December 3 Lesson 4 Mark 5: 1-43

December 10 Lesson 5 Mark 6 and 7

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. We are 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.

Coins for a Cause Is Back!

A new program sponsored by the Mission and Social Action Committee, **Coins for A Cause**, launched this year in March, weeks before the pandemic put the brakes on in-person worship. While many of us still worship remotely, our strong stewardship during this time shows how much we still care. The Committee decided to change this program to meet the current reality. We will support organizations that make a difference here in Frederick. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or added to your online giving.



During the last part of 2020, donations will go to the **Red Wiggler Farm**. The Red Wiggler Farm is a local organization that strives to create a community “where people with and without developmental disabilities come together to work, learn, and grow healthy food.” Check out their website at www.redwiggler.org! or [Red Wiggler on YouTube](#).

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

via Zoom Call

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86893297577?pwd=OEVS0VJrc1VRVzJmMkYjdk2SIZ4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 868 9329 7577 Passcode: 494164

December 1 at 7 p.m.

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness

Austin Channing Brown

Movie Discussions

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84061140430?pwd=OTFoRGJ0QnNvU2hZVXBbTh5VjlUQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 6114 0430 Password: 268380

November 29

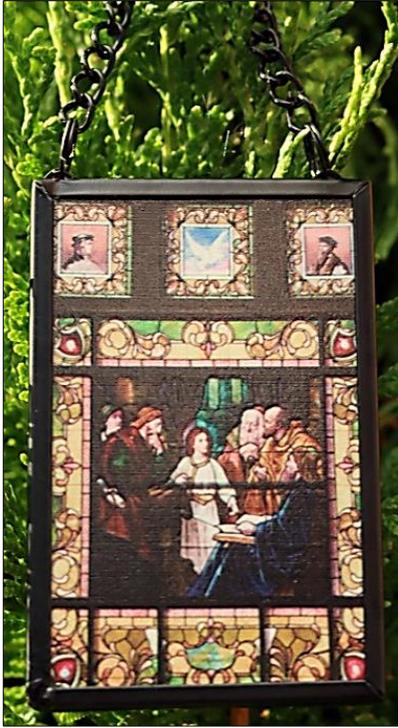
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Stay Connected and Get Informed!

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.)



Now Available!

Excited to reveal the 275th Anniversary commemorative ornament, featuring Trinity Chapel's beautiful stained glass window.

This miniature, just 2"x3" in size, reproduces the historic window on glass, with a metal frame and hanger. Now available for sale at \$15 each, your purchase supports the *Preserving Our History* campaign. All funds raised through the sale of the miniature windows go directly into our historic building preservation fund.

Just 200 boxed miniatures were ordered, the shipment is here, and they are available for purchase today. Contact the office to submit your request.

A sincere thank you to Jeff Schaeberle whose photograph of the stained glass window was used to create this miniature. His talents shine brightly at ERUCC!

Yes! I/We want to order the miniature of Trinity Chapel's stained glass window

Quantity: _____ @ \$15 each * = \$ _____

How would you like to receive them? Pick up from church

Deliver with my next envelope Other _____

I/We would like to make an additional donation to the 275th Campaign this year \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

* 100% of your purchase is a donation to ERUCC's *Preserving Our History* campaign! The cost of the ornaments has been underwritten so that all purchases support the anniversary campaign.



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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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William Kethe, 1561

Adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992

Ps. 100

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2 Know that there is one God, in - deed, who
3 En - ter the sa - cred gates with praise, with
4 Pro - claim a - gain that God is good, whose

out your faith with cheer - ful voice; De - light in God whose
fash - ions us with - out our aid, Who claims us, gives us
joy ap - proach the tem - ple walls. Ex - tol and bless our
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure, Whose truth at all times

praise you tell, whose pres - ence calls you to re - joice.
all we need, whose ten - der care will nev - er fade.
God al - ways as peo - ple whom the Spir - it calls.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Old Hundredth is perhaps the best known and most widely used of all psalm tunes. It came into English use in 1561 with Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 100 and has been associated with it ever since.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Attrib. to Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510–c. 1561)
Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551

Reigning Compassion
Thanksgiving Sunday
United Black Christians Anniversary

*We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
To live in community, seeking God's will...**

So begins a hymn that many of us will sing during the Thanksgiving season, whether we worship on Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Eve or a Sunday before or after. We Gather Together, as the name suggests, is a hymn beloved by those of us who call ourselves congregational because it's all about, well, congregating. Written in the 16th century in the Netherlands as a hymn of celebration of freedom from Spanish rule, it is perhaps surprising that we so often sing this in thanksgiving when it is intended as an anthem to national pride.

On Thanksgiving, many will gather around the table at a feast with families and friends. These gatherings, with their familiar foods and faces can be comforting affairs. Yet, too often our Thanksgiving celebrations turn inward. Although we can take satisfaction in gathering around an intimate table with our beloveds, when we face each other, our backs are turned to the world.

Too often in congregations we do this, too. Comforted by the familiar intimacy of our private feasts and celebrations, our gatherings can become too comfortable, too insular.

The scripture reading from Matthew reminds us that when we feed, clothe and embrace the lost and alone, we are embracing Christ. This scripture in effect encourages us to turn our Thanksgiving table chairs the other way around. If your family and friends are not accustomed to facing that way, it may be uncomfortable to face out into the world and to respond to the needs we see.

So, turn around, face the world, so that we can freely and joyfully sing not just the first, but the last words of that beloved hymn.

*Empowering all by the hope you engender.
Grant wisdom and courage to follow your way.**

*Bayler, Lavon. We Gather Together, #421. The New Century Hymnal. Word adaptations Copyright © 1992 The Pilgrim Press.

