



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.

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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June 20, 2021

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Trust in the Lord and do good.

May the Lord give strength to the people!

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

God is our refuge and strength.

*Opening Prayer

Ever-living God, you are like the sea: Powerful and endless, yet soothing and constant. Let us feel your refreshing presence as we gather near your waters to wade into the possibilities of life that you offer us this day. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Joys Are Flowing Like a River*

284, stanzas 1,2,3

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*Call to Confession

Paul has taught that we all fall short of the glory of God, but if we confess our sin God will forgive us and restore us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess together.

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Christ Jesus, we are a forgiven people. Glory be to 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 Scripture

I Samuel 17:31-37

Mark 4: 35-41

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. David Cooney

Pastoral Prayer

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

Anthem *My Hope Is In the Lord*

*- J. M. Martin
ERUCC Singers*

***Closing Hymn** *When Peace Like a River*

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*** Benediction**

Postlude *(remain seated)*



WELCOME

Rev. David Cooney is a retired United Methodist pastor. Over a forty-one year period he served several churches in the Baltimore-Washington area. One assignment was at Calvary United Methodist in Frederick during which time he joined Rev. Fred Wenner and others in founding the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs. He taught American Studies at the University of Denver, and Church Administration at Iliff School of Theology where he earned his doctorate in the field of Religion and Social Change. He also taught Administration and Church Leadership, and Christian Ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary. Rev. Cooney resides in New Market with his wife Robin. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. Favorite activities include flying his Piper Cherokee, kayaking, traveling, and writing.



Every Sunday at 10:30

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The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of LeRoy I. “Pete” Crum by daughter, Martha J. Crum Kline.

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

Worship Next Week: June 27

Mark 5:21–43 contrasts the unnamed woman with that of a known leader in the synagogue. It also highlights their common vulnerability, which leads them to seek Jesus’ healing powers. The Rev. David Cooney will be leading worship this morning.

Today, June 20

Deacon: Joe Adkins, Matt Davis

Next Week: June 27

Deacon: Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY INVESTING IN YOUTH

ERUCC continues to be a blessing and support for our younger adults as they explore their faith through a variety of ways – worship, Sunday School, youth group activities, community service, and travel. In 2020, we were unable to travel to the UCC National Youth Event or welcome our German partners. We hoped and prayed that 2021 would provide the opportunity to engage in travel once again.

As I write this, we have Plan A and Plan B for a trip July 22-31. Plan A is to visit our partners from Klein Schwechten in Germany. We will be traveling to Ravensbrueck and staying at a youth hostel that is close to the concentration camp that housed, mostly women. During our week together, we will join in outdoor activities, visit Potsdam, and hold conversations about our lives under the pandemic.

As of this writing, Germany is not open to US visitors which may lead us to Plan B which is spending a week in Memphis, TN at First Congregational UCC. This program will involve an immersion in the civil rights movement, particularly related to labor. We would be visiting the Civil Rights museum and engaged in their food ministry, bike repair ministry, and other mission projects.

Whether we do Plan A or Plan B, our youth will be immersed again in a transformative experience.

Due to COVID, we have been unable to do our usual fundraisers. While each family provides financial support for their son or daughter to participate, we count on our fundraising efforts to make these trips as affordable as possible.

I am asking you to consider making a gift towards our summer activities. I am asking you to continue to invest in our youth by contributing online and marking your gift “youth” or write a check to ERUCC and put “youth” in the memo line.

Thank you.

Pastor Daniel

Joys Are Flowing like a River

(Blessed Quietness)

Matt. 8:26; John 14:16; Ps. 46:4

Manie Payne Ferguson (b. 1850); alt.

1 Joys are flow-ing like a riv - er, since the Com - fort - er has
 2 Bring-ing life and health and glad-ness all a - round, this heav-en-ly
 3 Like the rain that falls from heav-en, like the sun - light from the
 4 See, a fruit-ful field is grow-ing, bless-ed fruit of righ - teous -
 5 What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, when we al - ly see Christ's

come; Christ a - bides with us for - ev - er, makes the
 Guest Ban-ished un - be - lief and sad - ness, changed our
 sky, So the Spir - it too is giv - en, com - ing
 ness; And the streams of life are flow - ing in the
 face, What a per - fect hab - i - ta - tion, what a

Refrain

trust - ing heart a home.
 wea - ri - ness to rest.
 on us from on high. Bless-ed qui - et-ness, ho - ly
 lone - ly wil - der - ness.
 qui - et rest - ing place.

qui - et-ness, what as - sur - ance in my soul. On the

storm-y sea, Je-sus speaks to me, and the bil-lows cease to roll.

When Peace, Like a River

(It Is Well with My Soul)

Ps. 146; Col. 1:19-23; 2:13-14; 3 John 1:2

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.

1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
 2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
 4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
 this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
 sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the

Refrain

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: It is
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul.

Pushing the Boat Out

Father's Day

What names for God did you learn as a child? Many Christians were raised to call God by the name Father. Today, on this Father's Day, give some thought to that name for God. Is it nurturing for you? Or is it difficult for you to picture a loving Father God?

If calling God "Father" is hard for you, don't worry. The Bible contains many names and images for God, and the United Church of Christ encourages expansive language in naming and praising the Holy. Turning to scripture as a way to expand our images of God is a gift to everyone. Those who call God by the name "Father" are welcomed and encouraged to continue doing so. And those who call God by other names are welcomed and encouraged, too. Worshipping side by side using many names instead of one enriches worship for all of us.

If you regularly use the same name for God in your prayer or worship life, how can you expand and enrich your relationship with God? How might using some new names for God make something new happen for you, too? If you are looking for ideas, consider instead some of these, from the UCC brochure "Expansive Language with Reference to God, Inclusive Language with Reference to God's People."

Midwife *Ps 22:9-10*

Mother *Num 11:12-13, Deut 32:18, Job 38:28-29, Ps 131:2, Isa 42:14, Isa 46:3-4, Isa 49:15, Isa 66:9, Hos 11:3-4, Jn 16:21, Rom 8:22, I Pet 2:2-3*

Mother bear *Hos 13:8*

Shepherd *Jn 10:11,14; Ps 23*

Woman *Lk 15:8-10, Ps 123:2*

Baker *Mt 13:33, Lk 13:20-21*

Eagle *Deut 32:11-12, Ex 19:4*

Hen *Mt 23:37, Ruth 2:12, Ps 57:1, Ps 61:4, Lk 13:34, Ps 17:8*

Fire *Deut 4:24, Acts 2:3*

Wind *Acts 2:2, Jn 3:8*

Rock *Is 17:10, Deut. 32.18*

Water *Jer 17:13*

Light *Jn 8:12, Isa 60:2-3*

Bread *Jn 6:33-35*

Vine *Jn 15:1*

Word *Jn 1:1*

Wisdom *Lk 11:49, I Cor 1:24*

I Am *Ex 3:14*

Potter *Jer 18: 1-11, Job 10:8-9*



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