



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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EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

June 27, 2021

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

We come with all our hopes and longings.

We gather here to worship God.

We come to find rest for our souls.

We gather here to worship God.

We come with all our disappointments and dreams.

We gather here to worship God.

We come to gain strength for our lives.

We gather here to worship God.

Come, let us worship.

*Opening Prayer

God of all our longings, you are the fire that kindles our hearts with hope and possibility. You fill us with desire for life, and you hear our voices whether we shout for joy or cry out with sorrow. We trust in you and give thanks for your presence in all the stages of our lives. Help us to be open to the movement of your Holy Spirit in your world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Be Still, My Soul*

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*Call to Confession

Christ promises grace to all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Prayer of Confession

Out of the depths, we cry to you, O God. You know us better than we know ourselves. You know our hurts and fears and discouragements. We are sorry when our actions and non-actions hurt others. Help us when we give up hope and allow fear and shallow self-interest to dominate our lives. Help us when we lose sight of who we are and forgive us when we make enemies of those you have given us to love. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

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

Mark 5:21-43

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 Blessings

*- L. Story, arr. H. Sorenson
ERUCC Singers*

Closing Hymn *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

*# 175,
tune – O WALY WALY*

**O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?**

**From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed.
Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.**

**In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?**

**Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find.
The wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper human kind.**

*** 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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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 my mom and dad, Mabel and Lester Hall from Charlotte H. Henderson.

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: July 4

In contrast to last week's episode in Mark where Jesus' miraculous gift of healing was powerfully demonstrated, the gospel passage for this week in Mark 6:1-13 shows us the limits of Jesus' power in ministry. These two stories of Jesus returning to his hometown and sending out the disciples to further his work show Jesus placing God's work within some very human constraints.

The Rev. David Cooney and Rev. Robert Manthey will be leading worship this morning as we share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. For those of you worshipping online, please prepare your worship centers with some bread or crackers and a cup of water, juice, or wine.

Today, June 27

Deacon: Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle

Next Week: July 4

Deacon: Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick

THE UCC GENERAL SYNOD WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY THIS YEAR

July 11-18

The bi-annual meeting of the United Church of Christ, General Synod, brings together people from across the United States and the world for worship, workshops, special events. It is an awesome celebration of the diversity of the church and an opportunity for our denomination to speak to issues related to church life and peace and justice around the world.

Among the issues before the Synod this year are:

- A Declaration for a Just Peace Between Palestine and Israel
- “Who Will speak for the Trees?” A Resolution on the Rights of Nature
- Becoming a Church of Contemplatives in Action
- A Resolution to Declare and Respond to Racism as a Public Health Crisis
- A Resolution to Recognize the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024)
- A Resolution on Protecting Workers at Churches and Other Religious Institutions

To keep everyone safe, the 33rd General Synod will be held virtually. This means EVERYONE can attend! If you’ve always wanted to see our covenantal denomination in action- this is your chance! Save the Date: July 11-18, 2021. Bookmark the website:

<https://www.generalsynod.org/>

Members and friends of ERUCC have really enjoyed participating in General Synod as delegates, visitors, and participating in the Youth Program. While Synod is being held virtually, we are opening up the Community Room so that we can gather and experience Synod worship and business sessions together.

Here are the times when I will be present at the church and ready to welcome you as we join with our UCC friends from across the country and the globe.

Sunday, July 11

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Opening Worship

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Opening Plenary

(Plenary 1)

Monday, July 12

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm Greeting &

Announcements

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm Keynote Speaker

Wednesday, July 14

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm Greeting &

Announcements

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm Worship Service^[11]_{SEP}

Friday, July 16

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Plenary 2)

Saturday, July 17

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Plenary 3)

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Implementation

Conversations

Sunday, July 18

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm (Plenary 4)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Break

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Closing Worship

Ps. 37:7; Ps. 46:10; 1 Tim. 4:10

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752
Transl. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855; alt.

1 Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear pa-tient-
2 Be still, my soul: for God will un-der-take to guide in
3 Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here when we shall

ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to
fu-ture days as in the past. Your hope, your con-fi-
be with God whom we a-dore, with dis-ap-point-ment

or-der and pro-vide; in ev-ery change God
dence let noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious
gone, no grief nor fear, sor-row re-placed with

faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: your best e-ter-nal
shall be clear at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
joy for-ev-er-more. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

friend through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
know how Je-sus' pow-er ruled them long a-go.
past, all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Healing Powers

Open and Affirming Sunday

Louis James Irving Mitchell, longtime transgender activist, faith leader, social justice advocate, and community builder, was assigned female at birth, and named and raised as a girl. He says he knew as young as three years old that “she” was not who he was. Louis, also known as LJ, was raised by his mother and grandmother in Los Angeles, CA. An intelligent young adult, he excelled at school but wrestled with addiction and purposelessness.

After finding recovery in 1983, one of LJ’s first jobs was with the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, where he worked with run-away and throwaway youth, trained as a peer counselor, and managed the youth shelter. Passionate about community service and social justice, Louis has been a persuasive advocate for the rights of the LGBTQ community, African-American and other people of color communities, as well as the homeless, HIV/AIDS-affected, and recovering and inmate communities.

His commitment to serve the least, the last, the lost, and the left-out has had a profound impact on countless lives. In the early 1990s, as some of his friends began to transition to male, he realized his true identity and began the process of transitioning to his true self.

Educated at Andover Newton Theological School, Louis is a pioneer, co-founding the advocacy and support organizations Transfaith and Recovering the Promise. His gifts for ministry and advocacy were recognized and upheld by the community when he was ordained as the executive director of Transfaith in the United Church of Christ in 2018.

On this Open and Affirming Sunday, we honor Louis and celebrate the United Church of Christ’s nearly half century of honoring and affirming the gifts of LGBTQ+ clergy. It is with gratitude that we acknowledge Louis J. Mitchell’s gifts and graces for ministry, and all that he has done to enrich and empower our denomination.

The Open and Affirming Coalition advocates for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in the United Church of Christ and beyond and equips UCC congregations to become effective witnesses to Christ’s extravagant welcome. Find out more at openandaffirming.org.



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