



Sent With Power



Thank you for worshiping 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 worshiping 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 -

July 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

In our sanctuaries, in our hometowns, in the city, we say:

God is great and so worthy of praise!

God's praise and reputation extend to the far corners of Earth.

Let the towns rejoice!

Let our own community rejoice, saying:

This is God, our God, forever and always! God is the one who will lead us even to the very end.

Come, let us worship.

*Opening Prayer

Gather us together today, O God. Hear our prayers, receive our praise, equip us with your word, and then, as you sent out the Twelve, send us out to share your message of hope, healing, and redemption. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *We All Are One in Mission*

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We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service
To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent,
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
By God's surprising grace
So ev'ry folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united
And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.

***Call to Confession**

Even on our best days, the worst of us often gets the better of us. Let us confess to God and each other our tendency to be disrespectful of both God and the people God has placed in our lives.

***Prayer of Confession**

God of relationship, you have given us communities filled with friends, family, colleagues and neighbors, all created in your image. Yet, too often, we find ourselves taking this gift of companionship for granted. We criticize those closest to us, and even those we have not met. We are envious of others' success. We find ourselves stuck in an attitude of judgment rather than a posture of praise. We excel at finding fault and are reluctant to seek common ground. Forgive us for thinking the worst of others, of ourselves, and sometimes even of you. Increase our faith, so that when we look upon the face of others, we see the face of Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. In the name of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. Thanks be 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

II Samuel 5:1-5,9-10

Mark 6:1-13

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

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

On the night before meeting with death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this cup we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ’s blood.

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Christ, our Host, we thank you for your welcome and your presence with us today. We go forth from here gladdened and strengthened to witness to your love and to work for a just world for all.

*Closing Hymn *How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies*

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The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time and F major. The top staff is soprano, the second is alto, the third is tenor, and the bottom is bass. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1 How beau - ti - ful, our spa - cious skies, our am - ber waves of grain;
2 In - dig - e-nous and im - mi - grant, our daugh - ters and our sons:
3 How beau - ti - ful, sin - cere la - ment, the wis - dom born of tears,
4 How beau - ti - ful, two con - ti - nents, and is - lands in the sea

our pur - ple moun-tains as they rise a - bove the fruit - ful plain.
O may we nev - er rest con-tent till all are tru - ly one.
the cour-age called for to re - pent the blood-shed through the years.
that dream of peace, non - vi - o-lence, all peo - ple liv - ing free.

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God's gra - cious gifts a - bound,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God grant that we may be
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God grant that we may be
A - mer - i - cas! A - mer - i - cas! God grant that we may be

and more and more we're grate - ful for life's boun - ty all a - round.
a sis - ter - hood and broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
a na - tion blessed with none op - pressed, true land of lib - er - ty.
a hem - i - sphere where peo - ple here all live in har - mo - ny.

* Benediction

Be open to any whom God may call. Listen for the voice of God in the voices of strangers and the voices of those most familiar to you. Get out of the way of God's miracles and see what God can do. May God bless, preserve, and keep you, this day and all days, now and forevermore.

Amen.

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 Mary Condon Hodgson and in reembrance of her birthday, July 4, by her daughter, Albertine Baker and family.

The **yellow rose bud** on the stand is placed in memory of our son, Kevin L. Dreisbach, USMC, 1951-1972, by Fred and Fran Wenner.

Worship Next Week: July 11

Psalm 85: 9-13 is a psalm of praise. In Mark's gospel, Mark 6: 14-29, John the Baptist's preaching of repentance threatens the established power and he is killed.

Today, July 4

Deacon: Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick

Next Week: July 11

Deacon: Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy

Chimers:

Saturday, July 3: Dick Williams
Sunday, July 4: open

Saturday, July 10: Dick Williams
Sunday, July 11: Kelly Esslinger

God's Kids Club Challenges the Congregation to donate 50 boxes of cereal

God's Kids Club is collecting boxes of cereal to do the domino chain (as seen on YouTube and Facebook)

Afterward, we will donate all of our boxes to the Frederick Food Bank. Please bring your cereal boxes to church on July 11th or drop them to the church office beforehand. We will do a drive through donation drop off Sunday, July 11th from 11:30 to 1 . Enter from Church Street, drop off, and continue out through the back alley. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 4, 2021

Mark 6:1-13

Sent with Power *Independence Day*

In a few weeks, from July 11-18, a General Synod like no other will convene via teleconferencing.

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ is the national decision-making body for the denomination, responsible for giving general direction to the evangelistic, missionary, and justice programs of the UCC. Rather than making proclamations to the church, which the church must obey, General Synod is in a real sense a gathering of the church at large. General Synod speaks to but not for the church, and as we gather together as one, it reminds us of our radical interconnectedness.

Since the beginnings of this youthful denomination more than sixty years ago, regular meetings of General Synod have given direction and purpose to the church as a whole, as well as providing an opportunity for thousands of delegates to learn, participate in service and mission projects, attend inspiring worship, and meet up with friends old and new.

The theme of this year's General Synod is "Rooted In Love," and the logo shows a tree planted by a river to reflect the words of Psalm 1:3a, "they are like trees planted by streams of water." The logo is a poignant reminder of being rooted in Christ's love, and the water that flows like a connection between our churches and other settings of the UCC. Although our gathering will be online instead of in-person this year, the elements that make General Synod so special and uplifting will remain.

On this Independence Day, we remember and rejoice in our fundamental INTERDEPENDENCE as we prepare and plan for General Synod 2021. Visitors are welcome at General Synod. Search for General Synod 33 on ucc.org to register. If you cannot attend all or part of General Synod this year, keep the church as it gathers in your prayers.



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