



**GOD'S
ABUNDANT
PRESENCE**

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.

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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United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Today, we gather to worship God who is generous,
who provides more than enough even if we feel we don't deserve it.

Today, we gather to worship God, who is generous.

*Opening Prayer

**God who is large enough to fill everything (no matter how
high, or broad, or long, or deep),
we worship you today.**

**God who can ease into small spaces and find us when we
need you,
we worship you today.**

**God who is alongside your people,
we worship you today. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn *There Are Some Things I May Not Know*

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Sometimes we feel that if we don't hold on to what we
have, we will lose it, so we don't share what we can.

Sometimes we make selfish decisions, that make
things harder for other people.

Sometimes we feel that we are not enough.

**God, we confess that we have not always trusted
you, that we have not always believed in you, that we
have not always been wise, that we have not always
sought after your love. Forgive us and look upon us
again, that we might offer praise that is worthy of
your name, and peace to your creation.**

Have mercy, God, we pray. **Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

God's love is more than we can know. God works powerfully to do more than we can ask or imagine. We are loved by 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

2 Kings 4: 42-44

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg

Pastoral Prayer

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

Anthem *People Get Ready*

- C. Mayfield, arr. K. Shaw
ERUCC Singers

***Closing Hymn** *Break Now the Bread of Life*

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*** Benediction**

We go to share the lives of our families, friends, and communities.

**And God who is able to accomplish far more than
we can ask or imagine goes with us. Amen.**

Postlude *(remain seated)*



We welcome The Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg as our guest preacher today.

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Sunday at 10:30

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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 dedicated to the 134 sailors who died on July 29, 1967 off the coast of Vietnam while battling the fire and explosions on the USS FORRESTAL CVA-59. Rest in peace Shipmates! FCCS Milt Crutchley USN RET.

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: August 1

The writer of Ephesians in 4: 1-16 tells the people to forbear one another in love in order that the Body of Christ, the church, might be edified. In a reminder of the importance of nourishing the spirit with food that draws eternal life, Jesus calls himself the bread of life in John 6:24–35, bread that sustains the Body of Christ.

We will be sharing communion this morning.

Today, July 25

Deacons: Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle

Next week, August 1

Deacons: Mark Ulrich and Darryl Glick

Chimers:

Saturday, July 24: Suzanne Morris

Sunday, July 25: Kelly Esslinger

Vacation Bible School: August 9-13 ON-LINE and In-person Options!

Vacation Bible School will be the week of August 9th through the 13th for 4 years old through 6th grade

9 to 11 AM on the back patio at ERUCC

5 to 6 PM on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85463027021?pwd=ODYxNnQza2pUd08yMUFKODlxd1k2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 854 6302 7021

Passcode: 252332

A donation of \$25.00 per child is suggested

Questions contact Kim Sexton at ksexton@erucc.org

There Are Some Things I May Not Know

(Yes, God Is Real)

Kenneth Morris, 1942; alt.

Unison 3

1 There are some things I may not know, there are some
 2 Some folks may doubt, some folks may scorn, all can de -
 3 I can - not tell just how you felt when Je - sus

plac - es I can't go, But I am sure of this one
 sert and leave me a - lone, But as for me I'll take God's
 took your sins a - way, But since that day, yes, since that

thing, that God is real for I can feel God deep with - in.
 part, for God is real and I can feel God in my heart.
 hour, God has been real for I can feel God's ho - ly power.

Refrain

Yes, God is real, real in my soul; yes, God is real for God has

washed and made me whole; God's love for me is like pure

gold, yes, God is real for I can feel God in my soul.

1 Break now the bread of life, Sav - ior, to me, as you once
2 Bless now the truth, dear Christ, to me, to me, as you once

broke the loaves be - side the sea; Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee; Then shall all bond-age cease,

I seek you, Lord; my spir-it yearns for you, O Liv - ing Word.
all shack-les fall, and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

YOU'RE INVITED

Celebration
Sunday

Sunday August 8th

Following worship on August 8th, we will hold a **BIG**, celebration!
We will celebrate everything we have missed for the past 16 months:
graduations, retirements, birthdays, marriages, anniversaries . . . you
name it, we're celebrating!

Held outdoors (weather permitting) or in the Community Room

God's Abundant Presence

The story of the “loaves and fishes” is one of the most beloved of all Bible stories. The hungry crowds, the presence of children, the abundance left over - it is easy to get pulled into the warmth and joy of this story.

Some say that the feeding of the people that day was one kind of miracle (Jesus made the food appear). Some say it was another kind (the crowd was so moved that they began sharing what they had previously hoarded). Whatever it was, the feeding that occurred was immediate and specific to the situation and responsive to a tremendous and obvious need.

For centuries, the church has been moved to feed people in the same way that the story illustrates in all kinds of situations and conditions. When the COVID pandemic made serving food in person risky, that did not change, even if the method of food distribution had to.

The Faith Cafe, an ecumenical partnership with Bethel United Church of Christ in Beaverton, Oregon and other churches in the area is one great example. Faith Cafe describes itself as a partnership of communities who in love, compassion, and justice, are dedicated to serving neighbors who are hungry for community and food.

“We accomplish this by sharing a free meal, as a family, and advocating for long term social changes that will reduce poverty and hunger... Each person who comes to Faith Cafe is a blessing to us and it is a privilege for us to serve them.”

That posture of humility and gratitude for the ability to serve meant that Faith Cafe was ready and able to pivot to a new way of service when COVID-19 sent the church, along with the rest of the community, into quarantine.

Rather than a hot meal, the weekly Faith Cafe became a to-go counter, with food distributed in sacks that could be taken away. As their food needs were met, and they were treated safely and with respect, Faith Cafe guests were fed body and soul.



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