



Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.



**F**or 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.

**M**usic 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.

**W**e 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.

**T**here is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org).

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Thank you.



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# EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

August 1, 2021

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

### Greetings and Announcements

#### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

We come from different places, with different skills and abilities,  
and different occupations.

We come to the same place, to share our skills and abilities  
and worship together.

Let us gather together to worship God.

#### \*Opening Prayer

**God who brings us together and builds us together,  
be with us as we listen to your word  
and sing songs of praise and pray. Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn *Glorious Things of You Are Spoken*

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#### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession *(Psalm 51:1-2, 8, 10, 12)*

**Have mercy on us, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out our transgressions.**

**Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,  
and cleanse us from our sin.**

**You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore, teach us wisdom.**

**Let us hear joy and gladness;**

**Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in us a willing spirit.**

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

We are forgiven, restored, and sustained! **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**

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Honoring Amy Gervase Aguilar**

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

### **Offertory**

**COMMUNION PRAYER: ONE GOD, REMEMBERED BY ALL**

### **Invitation**

Come, household of God:

Alien and well-known,  
stranger and familiar.

Know that God has called you to this place  
and said all are welcome.

We are all a part of this community;  
let us all share in this sacrament together.

## **Prayer**

One God, holy and good, we have been united with you through the life and ministry, death and resurrection, of Jesus the Christ.

**We come from different places  
and bring our different ideas and stories to this place.**

**You welcome us and proclaim to the world  
that we all are connected,  
that we all belong.**

**Now, may we who are united by your Spirit  
experience your presence in a bold and new way.**

At his last meal with his friends  
Jesus called them and us to remember,  
and so we do that now.

We remember: How Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and shared it among them.

**One loaf, broken for all.**

Later Jesus took a cup,  
and again gave you thanks,  
and shared that with them.

**One cup shared for all.**

“These are my body and blood,” he said.

“Whenever you share in this meal  
Remember me.”

**One God, remembered by all.**

Bless us who have gathered here out of love for you,  
and strengthen us by these gifts to serve you in the world  
and share your love with everyone we meet.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**In one hand, we embraced a piece of one common loaf. Sharing one cup,  
we drank of the Christ’s new covenant of unity. With one voice, we lifted  
up our prayers to you, the one great God, who embraces our differences  
yet rejoices in our unity. For all of this, we give you thanks, O God.**

**Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** *Hope of the World*

*tune- PERFECT LOVE*

**Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion,  
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict torn.  
Save us your people from consuming passion,  
From false pursuits through which our lives are worn.**

**Hope of the world, God's gift of our redemption,  
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,  
Still let your Spirit unto us be given  
To heal earth's wounds and end its bitter strife.**

**Hope of the world, who by the cross did save us  
From death and sad despair, from sin and guilt,  
We render back the love your mercy gave us;  
Take back our lives and use them as you will.**

**Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,  
Who by this sign did conquer grief and pain,  
We would be faithful to your gospel glorious;  
Our Sovereign who forever more shall reign!**

**\* Benediction**

Together we are the Body of Christ in this worship community.

We join others to become the Body of Christ in the wider world.

Christ, walk with us so that we grow, mature, and do your work. Amen.

**Postlude** *(remain seated)*



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**Sunday at 10:30**

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bziah0xyyacgq5fmjnoi>

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**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9\\_hGBb5tBHeZuvqBvSbX5w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9_hGBb5tBHeZuvqBvSbX5w)**

You can get to the link on our homepage at [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org)

**The flowers on the altar this morning** in loving memory of Jack Patterson by Patti and family.

The **yellow rose bud** on the stand is in honor of those currently serving in the military by Tom and Evie Frazier

**Worship Next Week: August 8**

Psalm 34: 1-8 is a song of praise. Jesus reminds his disciples that he is the bread of life in John 6:35, 41-51, and models the true life lived in God.

**Today, August 1**

**Deacons:** Mark Ulrich and Darryl Glick

**Next Week: August 8**

Chuck Baldree and Matt Pomeroy

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

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

9 to 11 AM on the back patio at ERUCC

5 to 6 PM on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85463027021?pwd=ODYxNnQza2pUd08yMUFKODIxd1k2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 854 6302 7021

Passcode: 252332

A donation of \$25.00 per child is suggested

Questions contact Kim Sexton at [ksexton@erucc.org](mailto:ksexton@erucc.org)

**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**

## Bread of Life

ONE VOICE: Creator of All, When everything was nothing, you drew life from the void - separating night from day, setting the stars in the sky, placing plants, fish, birds and all living creatures on this planet that we call home. And you created us, earth creatures, molded from the dust of the ground and created in your image.

MANY VOICES: From the very beginning, we looked for signs that you were near.

ONE VOICE: You tried to show us your power and your mercy. You set us on journeys of faith and transformation. You fed us in the wilderness. Through your prophets, you spoke under trees and on mountaintops and in city streets.

MANY VOICES: Still, we asked for signs of your presence.

ONE VOICE: So, at last you sent us Jesus. As an infant, he gathered both kings and peasants to his side. As a child, he astonished all with his teaching. As a man, he told stories and healed the sick and welcomed the cast out. He walked on water and fed a great crowd with a few loaves and fishes. By his life, he showed us how to live completely filled up with God.

MANY VOICES: And we said, "We still need a sign."

ONE VOICE: And so, he said, "I am the bread of life."

MANY VOICES: Slowly, we began to understand. Maybe if we followed him, we could sometimes taste what it was like to live a life completely filled up with God, too.

ONE VOICE: And then, on the night before he was killed by those who feared his message of love and forgiveness for all people, he gathered those closest to him and took the bread, and he blessed it and broke it and he gave it to us and said, "This bread is my body. Eat this and remember you and you will not go hungry." And he also took up the cup, and gave it to them and said, "Drink this, and you will no longer thirst for righteousness." And so, they ate and drank. And so, we eat and drink.

MANY VOICES: And we give thanks for this sign, Holy One, that you are near. Amen.



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