



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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EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

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- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

In this house you will find bread for our life's journey.

In Jesus we find new life.

Come. Stay awhile and eat this bread so you will never hunger.

In Jesus we find new life.

Come. Be strengthened in God to withstand the present night and the spiritual forces of evil.

In Jesus we find new life.

*Opening Prayer

O God, we have no life apart from you. We do not come here to eat bread that fills us for a day. Rather we come to be nourished by you and that the love you have for us fills us for a lifetime. May this food strengthen our discipleship. Grant that it will renew in us our commitment to proclaiming the gospel of peace through our ministries of peace and justice in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

We profess that you are God, O Holy One. We have no other gods, and yet, we do not always serve you with sincerity and faithfulness. Our "other gods" are not the ones of our ancestors – the ones beyond the River, or in Egypt, or of the Amorites. We struggle with "other gods" here and now who seek to fulfill us by consumerism and with self-importance. We hear gods who instill in us such fear of our enemies that we seek power from weapons of destruction. Help us, O God, to find fulfillment in you. Forgive us that we are skeptical of love's transforming power. We repent of our sins and turn our hearts again to you. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

No other god cares for us as God does.
No other god loves us as God does.
No other god forgives us as God does.
Thanks 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

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

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

Offertory

***Closing Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

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*** Benediction**

Go forth from here filled with the bread of life. Share that bread with those you meet so they may taste the bread that you will never let them know hunger. May God's blessing be upon you. May Jesus' love attend to you. May the Holy Spirit sustain you until we meet again.

Postlude *(remain seated)*



Sunday at 10:30

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bzioh0xyyacgq5fmjnoi>

Want to listen to the sermon again? Visit our YouTube channel:

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 placed in honor of this congregation who embody the UCC motto, “to believe is to care, and to care is to do”. They are given with gratitude by Jean N. Fish and Barbara J. Biser.

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

Today, August 22

Deacons: Betsy Selby and Andrew Beadle

Elders: Peter Brehm

Sound: Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Baker, Jack Day

Chimers: Saturday: Suzanne Morris

Sunday: Tricia Coffey

Next Week: August 29

Mark Ulrich and Darryl Glick

Cathie Duncan

Rodney Martin, Jeff Baker, Amanda Spencer

Saturday: Suzanne Morris

Sunday: Kelly Esslinger

Worship Next Week: August 29

Our first reading will be Deut 4:1-2, 6-9 as Moses asks the people of Israel to listen and obey the laws of God. In James 1: 17-27, Christians are urged to be doers of the word and not merely hearers. We actively love Christ through our deeds of mercy. A controversy arises in Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23, over the failure of Jesus’ followers to obey the ritual demands of the Law. Jesus replies that his critics have abandoned the real meaning of the Law for the sake of human tradition.

The Rev. John Shillingburg will be preaching and leading worship this morning.

Let’s Be Curious About Stewardship of our Treasure

CRAFTING YOUR PERSONAL MONEY STORY

Join ERUCC’s Stewardship Team members Julie Clark and Peter Brehm in a discussion to help guide you into your personal money autobiography.

We will discuss money and spirit, money and society, and money and YOU! This ZOOM class will be offered twice, on August 22 and August 29 at 7 p.m. Come with a sense of humor and a generosity of hope!

You can play around with this quiz to understand what your money beliefs are to get your money juices flowing! <https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/finance/money-personality>

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88423175369?pwd=ZkpnOTZucTFaMzhJMFB2akZEQ0hBdz09>

Meeting ID: 884 2317 5369 Passcode: 473395

Please contact Julie Clark at jclarkad@yahoo.com for additional information.

Sunday Fellowship Hour Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for families to volunteer to host our Sunday Fellowship Hour beginning September 12. We provide everything you need – or you can bring a special treat if you want to dazzle us! If you know of a week you would like to host, please email Angela Brittain at fellowship@erucc.org. Thank you.

For the past 7 years, the Frederick Chapter of NOCC has held successful walks in Frederick to raise awareness, to promote education and fund research. Funds raised have helped to provide local women with counseling services, meals, survivor care kits and much more. In addition, our impact is seen through support groups, educational conferences and more than 2 million has been designated to research.

Our event, *TOGETHER IN TEAL EVERYWHERE AS ONE* will be held on September 25, 2021 with a national broadcast that evening. Our walk will actually be more of a “hybrid” event and we will gather in local parks in smaller groups to help raise awareness. Last year the Frederick Chapter raised \$110,700. There are still women and their families in desperate need of help in their battle against ovarian cancer.

This year, I celebrate 9 years as a survivor! I continue to remain passionate about the cause and involved with the NOCC. I see first-hand how our support will help improve the lives of local women, families and communities touched by ovarian cancer but we continue to need your help. Please consider joining Cathie’s Warriors or making a tax-deductible donation today in support of my fundraising efforts. To register or donate go to <https://give.ovarian.org/event/Frederick>

In addition, we will be having an on-line DigiTEAL Auction. Please visit the site between July 15-Sept 25th to view all the wonderful items and to place your bid!
32auctions.com/EA1Frederick

Thank you for your support in Ending Ovarian Cancer!

Cathie Duncan, NOCC Frederick Market Volunteer Coordinator

Looking Toward September

- We will return to IN PERSON Sunday School beginning September 12 at 9:30 a.m. Classes will be held in Trinity Chapel and the nursery will resume operation!
- Children’s Church will begin for children aged 4 years old through 2nd grade following the Thought for the Day.
- Monday Mess Hall will resume on September 13!

Adult Educational Opportunities Resume in September

Tuesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Daniel

11:00 – Noon. Flora Room, ERUCC Parish House

September 7 – November 2

God's Promise: I Am with You

Wednesday Discussion with Esther Ziegler

Controversies in Early Christian History -- Do They Still Matter?

The Wednesday Evening Study Group will begin meeting again in person at 7 pm on Wednesday September 8th. We will be using curriculum based on *The Greatest Controversies of Early Christian History and How Jesus Became God* both written and presented in lectures by Bart D. Ehrman, the James S. Gray Distinguished Professor of New Testament at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. For more information contact Esther Ziegler at estherrziegler@gmail.com

Thursday Study

Walking in interstellar space requires a tether. It's a lifeline that is attached from the walker to the mother ship. Among other things, it keeps the space walker from drifting away. It is a necessary connector. "Our hearts were made to find their rest in God, and they are restless until they do" (Augustine). Many of us try to "go it alone", in effect, cutting the tether that links us with the "Mother Ship", that is our mother/father God. We are drifters. This course will patiently and deeply explore the concepts of Covenant Love, Liberation Theology, and Social Justice (2000BCE-2000AD), and how they connect. Ambitious journey? Sure! Come with me. Let's travel together.

Richard Leslie, jalrl@comcast.net

ATTENTION LADIES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Chimes group will resume October 14th at 11AM at Bob Evans Restaurant on the Golden Mile. What are Chimes? We are a learning and service group reaching out to the community. Events and speakers to be announced. Stay tuned. Questions contact: Sue Pinner at pinbenco@gmail.com

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 2021

Psalm 84

At Home with God

Psalm 84 begins,

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

For many of us, our church buildings are the sacred dwelling places of God. They hold the memories of generations of singing, prayer, baptisms, funerals, and even meetings. They hold the hope for the faith of our children and grandchildren. For many of us, they are home.

So, when a fire broke out at Berkeley First Congregational Church in Berkeley, California in October 2016, for the members of the church and the community around the church, it was like losing a home. But they rolled up their sleeves, cleaned up and began the long process of imagining how they might rebuild.

Like many American cities, Berkeley faces a housing crisis. So, after much prayer and discussion, the decision was made to develop low-income housing on one part of a parking lot, and to rebuild a new community building for worship space and offices. What has been a spiritual home for many generations, will one day be a literal home for those priced out of the competitive housing market in Berkeley. What a beautiful way to realize the sweet dream of Psalm 84,

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

Scripture citations from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.



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