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Heart

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

**F**or Children: We have trained nursery staff (paid nursery attendant as well as adult volunteers) for ages 0-4. The nursery is located on the first floor outside of the Community Room. (Accessible by the stairs from the Church Street Entrance or via the elevator). Children ages 5 and above are invited to stay and worship with their families. Children's programs, books, and crayons are located in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table.



**H**ymn selections can be found in the black hymnals in the pew racks or printed in the 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 for offering 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.

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**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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# EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

October 24, 2021

22 Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

### Greetings and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Come, friends. Come and experience God's goodness with all your being.  
Taste, and touch, see, and hear, smell, and wonder, know, and believe.  
Know that in this place God will hear the cries of every voice and every heart.  
Come, and let us proclaim together the goodness of our God.

#### \*Opening Prayer

**Loving God, we come to this place seeking healing, seeking new life, and seeking wholeness. Help us to throw off the cloaks of our limited imaginations, that we might find ourselves forever in your presence. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn *O Come to Me, You Weary*

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#### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

Though we desire to follow in the way of Jesus,  
too often we are held back and weighed down  
by words and actions that have harmed us  
by regrets for things we have said or done or thought  
by systems that work against us and others  
by truths we would rather not see;  
(time of silence)

#### \*Words of Affirmation

Take heart! God calls us to see ourselves and others with new eyes.  
Throw off brokenness and rise to life made new.  
Throw off regret and rise to freedom.  
Throw off oppression and rise to action.  
Throw off what blocks your sight and see again

## 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, forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*

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### The Scriptures

Psalm 34:1-8

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Mark 10:46-52

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

### Pastoral Prayer

**Prayer Response** *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*

- K. Medema

**Lord listen to your children praying, Lord send your Spirit in this place.**

**Lord listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r,  
send us grace.**

### Call for Offering

The kingdom of God is like a city built by many small and large faithful acts over many generations. The work that is done today by one generation will be enjoyed tomorrow by future generations. With our gifts, may we continue to build God's city.

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

**Anthem** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

- J. Rutter

## \*Prayer of Dedication

We hear the call of Jesus to rise; we hear the call of Jesus to be well.  
We hear the call of Jesus to follow; we hear the call of Jesus to care.  
Bless these gifts, O God, and bless the lives of those who give  
in your service to the world. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

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## \*Benediction

Postlude *(remain seated)*



**Worship Notes** Today's liturgy is from Seasons of the Spirit

*The flowers on the altar* are in loving memory of Jo Ann (Nolder) Leslie, placed by her family on the anniversary of her death.

*The yellow rose bud* on the stand is placed by Jeanellen Kallevang in honor of her son, Lt. Jonathan Knight Kallevang (DO, US Navy).

If you are interested in sponsoring the yellow rose, please contact the church office.

Attendance Last Sunday: 19 at 8:30 a.m. and 81 at 10:30 a.m. and 83 online



Every Sunday at 10:30

<https://sundaystreams.com/go/ERUCC>

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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)



### **Today: Oct. 24, 2021**

Liturgists: Austin Byrd  
Deacons: Chuck Baldree, Andrew Beadle  
Elders: Peter Brehm  
Greeters: Rob Peters, Felicia Bishop,  
Randi Wallace  
Welcome: Pat Condo  
Sound: Ethan Kline, Jeff Schaeberle,  
Kelly Esslinger  
Chimers: Saturday: Suzanne Morris  
Sunday: Kelly Esslinger

### **Next Week: Oct. 31, 2021**

Peter Brehm  
Andrew Beadle, Betsy Selby  
Mark Kline  
David Howard, Susan Kulp, Sue Pinner  
Jeanellen Kallevang  
Amanda Spencer, Jeff Baker, Jack Day  
Dick Williams  
Tricia Coffey

## **Worship Next Week: October 31, 2021 – Homecoming and Reformation Sunday**

Faith and hope will not be silenced in the face of need, whether our own or other's. When we risk speaking and acting with persistence for the sake of mercy, we may take heart. God listens to our cries and acts with saving power to bring wholeness. Today's Gospel lesson from Mark 10: 46-52 is the last story before the account of Jesus' return to Jerusalem for his final days. Bartimaeus, described as a "blind beggar," takes the risk in calling out to Jesus for healing. Psalm 34:1-8 is a song of blessing and praise. God does not guarantee a life without challenge, but God is present in the midst of trials. It takes faith to bless God at all times.

*The Senior Choir will be singing.*

**Hospital and Prayer List** – Your pastor wants to be available when members of ERUCC are in the hospital. Please let us know so that we can visit with you and your family and provide support. We always ask permission before adding a name to be included in the prayer list or in the verbal announcements on a Sunday morning. There are many for whom we pray and visit whose names are not listed in the bulletin by their request.

**Prayer List - Prayer List** – Please remember the following people in your prayers: Katharine Alley, Westin (great nephew of Sandy Gray & Danielle Carbone) Jean Fish, Barb Biser, Pat Hanberry, Peggy Githerman, Tom Frazier, Jeannette Johnson, Emogene Wyand, Fran Wenner, Neremiah Castillo (niece of Andrew Beadle) Bonnie Devilbiss, Maria Csiba (mother of Tamara Tamas), Trish Carey, Betsy Fisher, James "Jimmy" Sutphin (friend of Dan Smith), Danielle Hankey (friend of Ben Mercier), The McCarty family, Nikki Keller, Barbara Lee (sister of Milt Crutchley), Alyce Schimd (sister of Dennie Schmid), Tina Prescott (daughter in law of Barbara and Bill Prescott), Mary Remsberg, Susan Matesa (friend of Dan Smith & Austin Byrd), Susan McCauley (niece of Jack Stush), Heleen (sister of Karin Mens), Kathy Blue Shores (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser), Terry Smiley (uncle of Scott Smiley), Shawn Smiley (cousin of Scott Smiley), Gretchen Manuel (niece of Audrey Rayfield), Ann and Cal Theiss (parents of Katharine Alley), Frank Tymczyszyn (brother in law of Nancy Jones), Debra Reedy (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser), Jess Pautz (friend of Sean Sexton)

## **All Saints Sunday – November 7**

We will be remembering those in our congregation, as well as loved ones and friends, who died during the past year. During the prayers at both the 8:30 & 10:30 services, the names will be read, followed by the tolling of a bell. You are invited to bring a photo of whomever we will remember in prayer. These photos can be placed on a table in the front of the church. If you wish to include the name of someone who has passed away since last November 1, please contact Pastor Daniel at [bkdaniel@erucc.org](mailto:bkdaniel@erucc.org) or 301-662-2762.

## **Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults**

### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Daniel (North Room)**

11:00 – Noon. *God's Promise: I Am with You* takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence. This study does not delve deeply into manifestations of God's presence but rather on God's articulation of God's promise. We will see anew that God offered these words of profound comfort and commitment to individuals and communities from the time of the patriarchs to that of the prophets; from the judges to the kings; before, during, and after the exile; into the New Testament and beyond, to the end of the age.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY with Esther Ziegler (Trinity Chapel)**

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 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. The format of the sessions will include a recorded lecture by Prof. Ehrman, followed by discussion facilitated by Esther Ziegler. The sessions cover a variety of topics spanning approximately the first 325 years of the Christian era. They range from questions about what the Bible really says about Jesus' birth to how the discovery of the Gnostic Gospels cast light on diverse Christian theologies from the 1st and 2nd centuries to how the Council of Nicea in 325 BC was influenced by Emperor Constantine. Join us in learning how Christians from the earliest days struggled to understand who Jesus was, and who he is to us as a result of 2100+ years of evolving faith.

### **THURSDAY EVENING STUDY with Richard Leslie (North Room)**

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Text: Richard Horsley, *Covenant Economics* (no need to purchase unless you want to – it is a bit of a hard read).

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 mothership 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](mailto:jalrl@comcast.net)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83234329329?pwd=MitIYXNQZTRVK0VmNkNUbzNka1VUUT09>

Meeting ID: 832 3432 9329

Passcode: 135141

## **Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults October 24**

### **LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE (*Flora Room*) 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.**

In this class, we will seek to draw out the major themes found in the lectionary scripture texts on which the sermon will be based. Exploring the lectionary scriptural texts before the Sunday morning worship (10:30am) service will help prepare participants to be more fully involved and more present in worship. Led by clergy members of the congregation. Rev. Rob Peters will be leading on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **LET'S TALK (*Community Room*) 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.**

October 24 Chi Gong with Susan Kulp

October 31 Homecoming – Conversations in the Community Room

### **November: ERUCC and UCC Connection**

November 7 Saints of ERUCC

Come and learn about the impact of some of our church members. Offered by Rev. Fred Wenner

November 14 Conversation with Rev. Freeman Palmer

November 21 Conversation with Rev. John Dorhaeur

November 28, December 5, 12, 19 **Advent Study** with Pastor Daniel

## **ERUCC BOOK GROUP**

**October 26 at 7 p.m.**

(At the Church)

*This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

In the summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, Odie O'Banion is an orphan confined to the Lincoln Indian Training School, a pitiless place where his lively nature earns him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee after committing a terrible crime, he and his brother, Albert, their best friend, Mose, and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own.

Over the course of one summer, these four orphans journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole.



### **Thank you for your Acts of Love!**

Your love and generosity shine clearly in the pledges and gifts that you have given and are continuing to send in support of ERUCC's ministries and mission. Our pledges provide the financial foundation for all that our church does.

The Stewardship and Generosity Committee is happy to report that as of Tuesday, October 19, ERUCC has received: *82 Pledges totaling \$362,693.00*. Since pledge cards are still being

received, we will continue to let you know the figures in later Thursday Thoughts and Sunday Bulletins. Remember, you can still pledge!

### **GOD'S KIDS CLUB**

God's Kids Club is designed for Children Kindergarten through 5th grade. Youth help for events is always welcome. Masks required for in-person events

#### **Schedule for remainder of 2021**

#### **Nov. 12th Zoom Event 7 – 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Pictionary**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81033127723?pwd=N0MzSnVNZFJaSXo1SIVxSUduQ1NMdz09>

Meeting ID: 810 3312 7723

Passcode: 668761

**Nov. 21st 5:00-6:30 p.m. Care packages** for college students and those serving in the military. A joint activity with the Youth Group.

#### **Dec. 10th Zoom event 7 - 9 p.m. Decorate Christmas cookies**

You will need to have your own cookies, sprinkles and frosting for this event.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81033127723?pwd=N0MzSnVNZFJaSXo1SIVxSUduQ1NMdz09>

Meeting ID: 810 3312 7723

Passcode: 668761

#### **Dec. 19th White Gift Christmas pageant for the 275th Anniversary**

**Dec. 20th Breakfast with Santa for dinner 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.** As we get closer to the date we will decide if this will be zoom, hybrid or in person

Questions for God's Kids Club send to Kim Sexton at [ksexton@erucc.org](mailto:ksexton@erucc.org)

#### **In search of addresses**

We are looking for the current address for all of our young adults between the ages 18 to 25 years old. Addresses can be emailed to Kim Sexton at [Ksexton@erucc.org](mailto:Ksexton@erucc.org)

**Donations Wanted for Care Packages** The children and youth will be creating care packages to send to our college students and those serving in the military. We are in need of donations to put in those care packages. Items needed include prepackaged snacks, instant soup, popcorn, cocoa, tea, candy and raisins. Monetary donations welcome and will be used to defray the cost of postage. Donations can be put in the box in the entrances to both the chapel and main building. Questions contact Kim Sexton at [ksexton@erucc.org](mailto:ksexton@erucc.org).

#### **ERUCC Youth Soup Fundraiser**

For just \$5.00 a quart, you can purchase delicious, homemade soup lovingly made by our very own ERUCC youth (with just a little help from the adults). All proceeds will benefit the ERUCC youth and their service projects planned for the Summer of 2022. Look for an order form available in the next week. Soup will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

We will have extra quarts available for purchase then as well. The youth thank you for your gracious support!

**TED TALK 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Daniel**

**Via Zoom**

<https://bit.ly/3iWG1SJ>

Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 • Passcode: 313735



**November 9<sup>th</sup> MIRACLE JONES:** The radical, revolutionary resilience of Black joy. In the face of trauma, happiness is resilience: a revolutionary act of thriving despite all odds, rather than wilting or surrendering. Community organizer and activist Miracle Jones offers a heart-to-heart meditation on the role of joy as a form of radical resistance, survival and protection for Black

folks in the US and across the world. A warm reminder to embrace affairs curator Whitney Pennington Rodgers. Recorded March 23, 2020.

**ERUCC 275TH ANNIVERSARY  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**OCTOBER**

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| 24 | 3:00 p.m.  | Organ Concert with Chris Lane                                 |
| 31 | 10:30 a.m. | Worship - Homecoming Celebration, Followed by a turkey dinner |

**NOVEMBER**

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| 7  | 10:30 a.m.              | All Saints/Totenfest Service including the reading of the names of those ERUCC members who have died in the past year as well as highlighting “saints” of ERUC since our founding |
| 14 | 9:30 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m. | Conversation with Rev. Freeman Palmer<br>Worship: Rev. Freeman Palmer, Conference Minister, Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ                            |
| 21 | 9:30 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m. | Conversation with Rev. John Dorhauer<br>Worship: Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President, United Church of Christ  |

**ERUCC History Book Available**

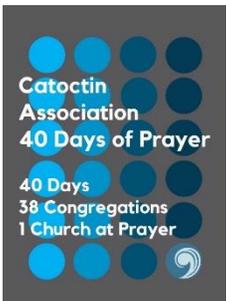
To commemorate the 275th Anniversary of ERUCC, the history book *Unto Us* has been updated to reflect our church history through 2020. The 8x11 hard backed history book, with color photo sections is available for purchase. Thanks to a generous donor, the cost of the book for purchase is \$20 per book.

If you are interested in ordering a book, please call the church at (301) 662-2762 or email the church at [erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org)



As part of the Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ’s (ERUCC) 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Frederick native Christian Lane is performing an organ concert in the ERUCC Sanctuary located at 15 West Church Street, Frederick, MD, on Sunday, October 24, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The event is open to the public. There is no admission fee. Chris is the son of Bert and Dayna Lane, formerly of Walkersville, MD.

The event is being underwritten through support from the ERUCC congregation, The Frederick Mutual Insurance Company, and a Community Foundation of Frederick County FY 21 Impact Grant.



The Catoclin Association is 38 churches - a wide diversity of geography, faith, and practice, and yet one body. Separate and together, we labor side by side for a more just and generous world. That work is rooted in prayer - the prayers of our people, congregations, and the wider church.

**On October 6, 2021, the Association launched 40 Days of Prayer**, where we will pray for each congregation, by name. We want to kneel in prayer as one association in prayer for each other through 40 days, to practice our covenant

commitments to each other to love and support one another as siblings in Christ, to strengthen and encourage each other as a new chapter of faith emerges in our region.

This week we pray for the following churches:

- October 25 Evangelical Reformed, Frederick
- October 26 Christ Reformed, Shepherdstown
- October 27 St. Paul’s, Westminster
- October 28 Lazarus, Lineboro
- October 29 Grace, Frederick
- October 30 Mt. Vernon, Keedysville

### INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT ERUCC

Two opportunities to learn more about ERUCC, the United Church of Christ, and what it means to be a church member will be held on: **Sunday, November 7** following fellowship – in the Community Room. We will start at 12:15 and spend about an hour in conversation.

**Sunday, November 14** at 4 pm via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87955512697?pwd=NIBHc0d2YWFnZD1piWkMyOGJBTEFCUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 5551 2697 Passcode: 528796

Choose one or the other of the times available.

Thanks to our newer friends and guests for your participation in the life of ERUCC and for the joy you bring us.

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24, 2021

Mark 10:46-52

### Take Heart *United Nations Day*

When Jesus meets Bartimaeus by the side of the road, he does not assume what is needed for healing. Instead, he asks, “what can I do for you?”

When the Winslow Congregational Church in Winslow, Maine, found that they had a budget surplus for the second year in a row, they did not assume they knew what was needed. Instead, Winslow Pastor Kim Shrader recounts, “Questions were asked, and ears were open to find where there was a need we could serve. There was a very small food bank at another church that was in danger of losing their space. So, we looked at partnering with them. The idea quickly grew beyond providing space for the existing food bank that was only open two hours a month, to starting a second food bank with more capacity and open two days a month.”

“Six months into operation, the food cupboard is thriving. Food is donated from local grocery stores and Walmart, from food drives by different organizations, from gleaners working with local farmers, and from the Good Shepherd Food Bank. The Good Shepherd food is available at a deep discount allowing money donations to go a very long way. Many local businesses, organizations, and individuals give generously. Additionally, the cupboard has distributed USDA farm to table food boxes as part of the Corona relief aid from the federal government.”

“It is an all-volunteer staff. A local parochial school provides a lot of volunteers on distribution days with youth from 7-12 grades. Volunteer drivers bring food to those without transportation (a major problem here).”

“There is a lot of hospitality offered,” Rev. Shrader concludes. “It’s not just the food. It’s things like a few gardeners in the congregation got together, made raised beds, and planted vegetables for the cupboard. It’s the new member using his skills as a publicist to get newspaper and TV coverage of the food cupboard. It’s the church’s youth insisting that their “school from home” schedule allow them to spend Thursday helping at the cupboard.”

- What questions are going unasked in your community?
- How can you and your congregation listen more deeply?
- Who is speaking and asking for help?

