



Prophet

on the
Edge



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

For 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.



Hymn 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.

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.

Donate online by scanning this code:
or download the **GivePlus Church** application and
make your donation via the app. Thank you.



Ministers - All the People of Evangelical Reformed Church

Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel, Senior Pastor (bkdaniel@erucc.org)

Rev. Fred Wenner, Pastor Emeritus

Kim Sexton, Associate for Children's Ministry (ksexton@erucc.org)

Alison E. Shafer, Music Director • Tricia Coffey, Head Chimer & Children & Youth Choir Director

Sherry Murray, Nursery • Jaci Clayton, Facilities Mgr.

Tyler L. York, Office Administrator (erucc@erucc.org) • Jenna Duranko, Social Media Coordinator

15 West Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701 • 301-662-2762 • www.erucc.org

EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH
United Church of Christ
- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

*All who are able may stand

Chimes Concert at 10:00 a.m. from Trinity Chapel's steeple

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

We have come to worship God, the living God,
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.
We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory to God!

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

God of the prophets,
is it possible that you,
who spoke to Jeremiah and Jesus,
will speak to us?
We may not be ready to believe it.
We may not be ready to receive you.
But we have gathered in your name and we pray:
Come, Holy One!
Fill us with the story of your people;
fill us with your loving Word.
Take us as we are, and make us wholly yours.
In Jesus' name: Amen.



1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
Forgive us, God, when we do not love.
Love is patient; love is kind
Forgive us, God, when we do not love.
Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
Forgive us, God, when we do not love.
Love does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful.
Forgive us, God, when we do not love.
Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
Forgive us, God, when we do not love.
hear us, O God, as we confess to you the times we have failed to love
with all our heart.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

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.

Hymn *Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless

tune- HYFRYDOL

**Let us hope when hope seems hopeless,
When the dreams we dreamed have died.
When the morning breaks in brightness,
Hunger shall be satisfied.**

**One who sows the fields with weeping
Shall retrace the sorrowing way
And rejoice in harvest bounty
At the breaking of the day.**

**Faith and hope in love's compassion
Will survive though knowledge cease,
Though the tongues of joy fall silent,
Dull the words of prophecies.**

**Faith shall see and trust its object;
Hope shall set its anchor sure;
Love shall bloom in Love eternal.
Faith and hope and love endure.**

**Like a child outgrowing childhood,
Setting childhood things away,
We will learn to live in freedom,
In the life of God's new day.**

**Now we see as in a mirror,
Then we shall see face to face,
Understand how love's compassion
Blossoms through amazing Grace.**

The Scripture

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

OT page 698

Luke 4: 21-30

NT page 61

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Morning Prayers

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

Offertory *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

--M. Smith, arr. DeCesare

ERUCC Singers

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of the prophets, we bless this offering as people who have received your gifts of grace and hope. We return to you a portion of the abundance you have given to us. We dedicate all that we give, to your loving purposes: bringing in those who have been cast out; standing strong on behalf of those who are weak; speaking out with your Word of joy and justice for all people. May your loving realm increase! In Jesus' name: Amen.

***Closing Hymn** *God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

#531



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. Below the treble clef staff, there are four lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a different voice part (1, 2, 3, and 4). The lyrics are: 1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in; 2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some; 3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your; 4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just.

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
 ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
 as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
 kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

*** Benediction** (attributed to St. Teresa of Avila)

May God bless you and keep you;
 may God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
 may God look upon you with favor
 and grant you wholeness, harmony, hope: shalom, now and always.
 Our worship concludes; our service continues.
 God's Word is within you; go in peace.
Amen.

***Postlude** (*please be seated*)

"Chosen as Witnesses": Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany was written by the Rev. John A. Nelson. Service of Holy Communion was written by the Rev. Kaji Dousa, who serves as a pastor of Park Avenue Christian Church in New York City.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in honor of Aiden Baldree's 19th birthday.

The yellow rose bud is presented by Peter Brehm and Jack Day.

If you are interested in sponsoring the yellow rose, please contact the church office. We have openings in February through the end of the year.

Attendance Last Sunday: 15 at 8:30 a.m. 69 at 10:30 a.m. and 101 online.

Watch
Worship
Live



Every Sunday at 10:30

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

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

Today: January 30, 2022

Liturgist: Patti Patterson
Deacons: Joe Adkins, Matt Davis
Elder: Starr Schaeberle
Greeters: Susan Kulp, David Howard
Sue Pinner
Welcome: Jeanellen Kallevang
Sound: Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Baker,
Jeff Schaeberle
Chimers: Saturday: Dick Williams
Sunday: Tricia Coffey

February 6, 2022

Rev. Richard Leslie
Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick
Laura Rhoderick
Danielle Carbone, Sandy Gray
Anne Hoffman
Ave Barr
Ethan Kline, Jack Day
Jeff Schaeberle
Suzanne Morris
Kelly Esslinger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah has a vision of heavenly splendor in Isaiah 6:1-8 and hears a voice from heaven: “Hear I am; send me!” Jesus teaches beside the sea in Luke 5:1-11, and then commands his disciples, “Put out into the deep water.”

This morning, communion will be served as you are seated in the pews. If you are worshipping at home, please prepare your worship centers with bread or a cracker and wine, juice, or water so that we can all participate in communion together.

The ERUCC Singers 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 - Please remember the following people in your prayers: Barbara Lee Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley), Marcy Channell (daughter of JoAnn Fritz), Mack Johnson, Starr Schaeberle, David Howard, Paige Coffey, Al Peden, Barbara Prescott, Ginny Peters, Jane Doll, Michael Rhoads (son of Barbara Rhoads), Westin (great nephew of Sandy Gray & Danielle Carbone, Peggy Githerman, Jeannette Johnson, Emogene Wyand, Fran Wenner, Neremiah Castillo (niece of Andrew Beadle) Bonnie Devilbiss, Maria Csiba (mother of Tamara Tamas), Betsy Fisher, James “Jimmy” Sutphin (friend of Dan Smith), The McCarty family, Nikki Keller, Tina Prescott (daughter in law of Barbara and Bill Prescott), Mary Remsberg, Heleen (sister of Karin Mens), Kathy Blue Shores (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser), Gretchen Manuel (niece of Audrey Rayfield), Ann and Cal Theiss (parents of Katharine Alley), Debra Reedy (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser).

Embracing Joy: An In-Person, One Day Retreat for Adults

Saturday, February 5th 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

***Due to COVID, this retreat will be scheduled for a later date.

Souper Bowl of Caring - February 13, 2022

On this day, the Youth of ERUCC will join in a nationwide youth movement to collect resources to tackle hunger. Our youth will be collecting monetary gifts in big soup pots following the service on Sunday, February 13. We will also be in the parking lot until 1pm to receive your drive by gifts. All monetary gifts and food will be given to the Frederick Food Bank.



tacklehunger.org

Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults – January 2022

Let's Talk (Community Room)

January 30 We will gather to discuss Isabel Wilkerson's book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. Discussion will be led by Pastor Daniel.

Online Bible Study Class - "The Book that Breathes New Life."

With Reverends John & Rebecca Shillingburg. To join using a computer or other internet-enabled device, go to:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89386705888?pwd=N2tBY3VoZldnSWJkalg5ZHlITmNVUT09>

Zoom info if prompted: Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888 Passcode: 327128

Saturday, February 5, is Fire in Ice!

Each February First Saturday, Downtown Frederick is transformed into a winter wonderland where visitors can explore more than 100 unique ice sculptures that will be on display all over downtown on Saturday, February 5, from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm.

ERUCC has received in donation an ice sculpture of the Trinity Chapel's tower and spire, Built in 1763, with the elegant wooden spire added in 1807, this structure is Frederick's oldest steeple and one that John Greenleaf Whittier, author of the poem *Barbara Frietchie*, would have been referencing when he wrote:

“Up from the meadows rich with corn,
Clear in the cool September morn,
The clustered spires of Frederick stand
Green-walled by the hills of Maryland.”

Please come down and get a selfie or family picture with the sculpture and then send it to us at erucc@erucc.org so that we can share our pride as faithful stewards of this iconic element of Frederick's skyline!

ERUCC YOUTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School Each week at 9:30 am

Sunday, January 30 **Bowling (*Hollie Mercier*)** **2:00 pm**

Sunday, February 6 **(Community Room)** **6 -7:30 pm**

We will welcome, Patricia Coates, whose mother was a survivor of the Ravensbruck concentration camp in Germany. She will share her mother's story along with some documents and artifacts.

Saturday, February 12 **Sub Preparation and Sale** **9:00 - noon**

This will be one of our major fundraisers for summer trips and activities. Trish Coffey

Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Daniel (North Room)

11:00 – Noon Through – March 1 **What My Grandmothers Told Me**

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place? And what can Jesus’s grandmothers-of-the-faith teach us? By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY with Esther Ziegler (Trinity Chapel)

The Wednesday Evening Study Group will begin meeting in Trinity Chapel again at 7 pm on February 2nd. At this time we will hear a presentation by Bill Steigelmann on evidence developed by researchers at the U of VA Medical School that reincarnation has been actually happening for at least the past 100 years. Bill is a member of Christ Reformed UCC in Middletown and joined us for our sessions titled The Greatest Controversies of Early Christian History. The idea of reincarnation has been a controversial subject in Christian doctrine so this will be an opportunity to learn a bit about how the topic is being approached in medical research.

On Wednesday February 9th we will begin discussing the book *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. The subtitle of the book is “Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence” and Dr. Butler Bass presents a chapter on each of those titles and descriptors used for Jesus. Our fall sessions were fairly academically oriented as we explored doctrines about Jesus but this book is more about relationship with Jesus. Participants will be expected to read about 30 to 50 pages of the book each week but the print is fairly large and generously spaced.

The books will be ordered through the church office so please let Esther Ziegler estherrziegler@gmail.com know if you plan to participate. Pastor Barbara led a class on this book last year so if you missed participating in those sessions, you will have the opportunity to do so in the coming weeks. The planned schedule is:

February 9	Introduction: Liberate Jesus and Chapter 1: Friend
February 16	Chapter 2: Teacher
February 23	Chapter 3: Savior
March 2	No class - Ash Wednesday
March 9	Chapter 4: Lord
March 16	Chapter 5: Way
March 23	Chapter 6: Presence

THURSDAY EVENING STUDY with Richard Leslie (North Room)

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Text: Richard Horsley, *Covenant Economics*.

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

Meeting ID: 832 3432 9329

Passcode: 135141

Covenant Love, Liberation Theology, and Social Justice (2000BCE-2000AD)

We have meandered through 5 books of the Hebrew Bible, following the strands of Covenant. Part I is behind us but not forgotten. Part 2 will begin on Thursday eve, January 6, at 7:00pm. You can watch from your living room, using Zoom. We will spend the next 8/9 Thursdays, searching the Prophets for the way in which Covenant was/or was not lived-out in the land of Canaan. Please grab a cup of coffee or tea or your favorite drink, and your most comfortable chair and be with us. Everyone is invited and welcome to learn with us.

Richard Leslie, jalrl@comcast.net



Final Statistical Report on Season of Stewardship Results

The Stewardship/Generosity Committee is happy to report the final figures for the Acts of Love Season of Stewardship 2022. In your generosity, faithfulness, and love, 114 members and friends pledged a total of \$440,326. In addition, several persons expressed their intent to continue their giving to ERUCC. This figure represents an increase of \$62,212 and of 11 pledging households over 2021. The average pledge per giving unit is \$3,862.

These gifts, combined with your special offerings, provide funds for our worship, music, programs for children and adults, fellowship, our pastor and staff, the buildings which house us and serve the community, social action, social justice, and mission outreach locally and worldwide through the UCC's Our Church's Wider Mission. They foster joy and abundant life.

Thank you for continuing to support your church and its mission in the midst of the turmoil of this year. Together, we are the church!

January and February Coins for a Cause

The Coins for a Cause collection will be shared with Frederick Health Hospice (frederickhealthhospice.org) which provides “compassionate support to terminally ill patients and their families, and to those who were grieving. Hospice is not about how you die; it is about how you live.”



Coins for A Cause is a program launched by ERUCC's Mission and Social Action Committee. Through Coins for a Cause, we support organizations that make a difference here in Maryland that are not supported in our annual budget. A different beneficiary organization is chosen each season. Donations can be placed in the two glass collection jars that have been placed at the back of the sanctuary next to the collection plates. The jars will remain there so feel free to drop coins and paper bills any Sunday.

January 30, 2022

Luke 4:21-30

Prophet on the Edge
Health and Human Service Sunday



This is the logo of Health and Human Service Sunday, which many churches celebrate today.

The logo shows a circle of hands of many colors reaching for each other. This circle of hands reminds us that we are all involved in the circle of care - sometimes giving, sometimes receiving, always included in some way in the circle.

In recent years we have begun to use the phrase “essential worker” to describe some workers whose work in the circle pandemic helped us realize we could not live without. As we honor essential workers on this day, we give thanks for all who are involved in the circle of care.

“The UCC and its predecessor denominations courageously founded schools, hospitals, and orphanages during times of pandemic, war, and social upheaval. Now, there are more than 400 UCC affiliated health care centers, hospitals, affordable housing and retirement communities, transitional housing for those experiencing homelessness or domestic violence, and service centers for children, youth, families, and those with developmental disabilities. These ministries continue to show up in the most challenging circumstances—and do so with the fervor of healing and justice.”*

*“Council for Health and Human Service Ministries | Home.”
CHHSM, www.chhsm.org/. Accessed 7 July 2021.



8 1/2" x 14" UCC SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE

Bulletin artwork and backpage stories copyright © 2022 United Church of Christ