



Thank you for worshiping 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 worshiping 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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**EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH**

**United Church of Christ**

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

January 9, 2022

First 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**

**Choral Call to Worship** *Come, Be Baptized*

-- G.A. Smith  
Spirit

**\*Call to Worship**

Sisters and brothers, today we recall: Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

**In baptism, our Creator claims us and frees us from the power of  
hatred and death.**

In baptism we are joined to Christ and we are joined together in unity,  
recalling

**“There is no longer Jew or Greek there is no longer slave or free  
there is no longer male or female  
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”**

In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry  
and makes us signs of divine love.

It is the mark of acceptance into the church and the beginning of our  
growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**Therefore on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ,  
remembers and celebrates.**

Let us worship God!

**\*Opening Prayer (in unison)**

**Many voices speak to us. We are torn in many directions.**

**To whom should we listen? To what should we pay attention?**

**Which voices are the right ones?**

**How do we hear the voice of God in all the noise?**

**Help us, God, to listen with our hearts.**

**To open ourselves to your voice: that forgives us when we do wrong,  
that calls us to serve you and others, that invites us to use our own  
voices to challenge injustice in our world. Speak to us, God. We are  
listening.**

**Refrain:**

**Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and  
I will give you rest.**

- 1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live. (Refrain)**
  
- 2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
know that  
I am with you through it all (Refrain)**
  
- 3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me, blessed,  
blessed are you! (Refrain)**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession** (based on Isaiah 43: 1-2)

**Gracious God, we confess that too often we live  
as though we are fearful, not faithful.  
When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion,  
we don't easily pass through them,  
but we obsess about the height of the water  
instead of the sight of the other side.  
You promised to walk through the rivers with us.  
Help us believe.  
And help our unbelief.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Thus says the God who created you and formed us in God's image: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." This is the good news! **I belong 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**

Isaiah 43: 1-7

OT page 672

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

NT page 60

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

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### **Remembrance of our Baptisms**

#### **Remembering our Baptismal Promises**

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be a disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, to resist oppression, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ, as best you are able?

And do you promise, according to the grace given to you, to grow in your faith and to be a faithful member of the church, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering God's mission in all the world?

#### **Reaffirmation of Baptism**

If you choose, you may come forward to recall the promises of your baptism— made either by you or on your behalf by your parents/guardians. Please come forward to the font and as I will touch your forehead with the water, as I say, "You are God's beloved!"

**As I went down to the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord show me the way**

**O sisters let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
Come on, sisters let's go down  
Down to the river to pray**

**As I went down to the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe & crown?  
Good Lord show me the way**

**O brothers let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O brothers, let's go down  
Down to the river to pray**

**As I went down to the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord show me the way**

**O fathers let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
Come on, fathers let's go down  
Down to the river to pray**

**As I went down to the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown?  
Good Lord show me the way**

**O mothers let's go down  
Come on down, don't you wanna go down?  
Come on mothers, let's go down  
Down to the river to pray**

**As I went down to the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord show me the way**

**O sinners, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O sinners, let's go down  
Down to the river to pray**

**As I went down to the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown?  
Good Lord show me the way**

### **Prayer of Recommitment**

**By your Spirit, Almighty God, Grant us love for others,  
Joy in serving you, peace in disagreement,  
Patience in suffering, kindness toward all people,  
Goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation,  
Gentleness in the face of opposition,  
Self-control in all things.  
Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.**

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

**Offertory** *Wade in the Water*

Traditional Spiritual, arr. L. Shackley  
Spirit

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Accept these gifts, we humbly pray O God.  
Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your  
people. Amen**

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *(please be seated)*

**Today, we welcome Eliza Stitely into the life of the church through the sacrament of baptism.**

**Worship Notes:** "I am God's Beloved!" Service Prayers for the First Sunday after Epiphany, was written by the Rev. Dr. David Bahr, pastor of Park Hill Congregational United Church of Christ in Denver, Colorado. The questions, affirmations and recommitment of the Remembrance of Baptism have been adapted from material in Book of Worship, © 1986 Office of Church Life and Leadership.

**The flowers on the altar today** are in memory of Robert C. McCardell given by his family.

**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.

**Attendance Last Sunday:** 13 at 8:30 a.m. 76 at 10:30 a.m. and 92 online.

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**Today: January 9, 2022**

Liturgist: Tadd Clarkson

Deacons: Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy

Elder: Tyler York

Greeters: Cathie Duncan, Jo Ann Fritz

Welcome: Jeanellen Kallavang

Sound: Jeff Baker, Ethan Kline

Larry Martin

Chimers: Saturday: Suzanne Morris

Sunday: Robin and David Cooney

**January 16, 2022**

Peg Stahler

Joe Adkins, Matt Davis

Gerry Blessing

Rachel and Tom Ford,

Linda Coyle

Holly Davis

Rodney Martin,

Ethan Kline, Jack Day

Dick Williams

Tricia Coffey

### **Worship Next Week: Second Sunday After The Epiphany “Are You The One?”**

Through today’s scripture lessons we continue to delight in the ever-unfolding revelation of Jesus’s identity, the epiphany of our Lord. In our Gospel lesson from John 2:1-11, we witness as Jesus reveals his glory in simple acts of hospitality and generosity through the miracle at Cana, demonstrating that by faith the Spirit of abundance conquers illusions of scarcity. But who is this miracle worker? 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 attests that “Jesus is Lord.” Will we be so bold as to profess the same?

The Senior Choir will be singing. Rev.

Michelle Beadle will be preaching and leading worship.

**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: Frank Torduff (Kim Sexton’s father), Michelle Beadle, Mack Johnson, Ken Hoffmann, Starr Schaeberle, David Howard, Paige Coffey, Al Peden, Barbara Prescott, Ginny Peters, Jane Doll, Bob York (grandfather of Tyler York), 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).

### **SPIRITUAL GIFTS STUDY**

Are you looking to explore your personal, unique calling to the world?

Join Jeanellen Kallevang, an ERUCC member and representative from the Stewardship and Generosity Committee, for a six-week, in-person, course of videos and discussion on Wednesdays, starting Jan. 12 from 2-3:15. GOD. GIFTS. YOU. will take you on a journey to discover your own unique calling and design. Look at examples of call in Scripture, explore your motivations and interests, review your gifts and breathe new life into your commitments in the workplace, the community, the church, your family and the world. You are tailor-made by a loving God.

If you are interested in being part of the group, please contact Jeanellen Kallevang. Jeanellen can be reached at [geeggirl@hotmail.com](mailto:geeggirl@hotmail.com) or 301-919-2057.



Tuesdays with Ted

JANUARY 11

6-7 p.m.

Hans Rosling: "The best stats you've ever seen." Participants Can Join the Ted Talk by Zoom  
<https://bit.ly/3erWnj1>

Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 Passcode: 313735

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

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

#### **ERUCC Community Room**

Join us for a day of rest and renewal, of reflection and revitalization, as we celebrate the Divine gift of joy. We will explore what joy really is, how we experience it in our lives, strategies for times when it is hard to find, and ways that we can express our joy and be a source of it for others.



Because we will need an accurate headcount for supplies, materials, and refreshments, pre-registration is necessary. Please sign-up by January 23 by going to this link

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1n3zNaA\\_g5MHbnZTf\\_nIGShzi-x8CgYvzdkYtiXcA9hg/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1n3zNaA_g5MHbnZTf_nIGShzi-x8CgYvzdkYtiXcA9hg/edit)

Or contact the church office at 301-662-2762 or [erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org) to share your information.

A donation of \$15.00 is requested to cover the costs of lunch and materials. You can pay by check – ERUCC and put "retreat" on the memo line or give online through Vanco and PayPal and listing "retreat" as the designation. <https://erucc.org/give-to-erucc/>

If you may need any special accommodations to access the retreat experience, be they mobility or sensory related, please let us know and we will be in touch about how best to serve you. Questions? Contact Michelle Beadle at [pastorbeadle@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbeadle@gmail.com) or Linda Coyle at [lkcoyle@yahoo.com](mailto:lkcoyle@yahoo.com).

### **Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults – January 2022**

#### **Let's Talk (Community Room)**

January 9, 16, 23

David Howard, ERUCC member and retired celloist with the National Symphony Orchestra will lead us on an exploration of spiritual music. Don't miss this unique opportunity!

Composers throughout the centuries have been inspired to write sacred music based on texts drawn from the Bible and elsewhere. In three sessions, Jan 2, 9, and 16, I would like to explore some of these settings. In our time together we will read, listen to, and discuss music by JS Bach, Arvo Part, Monteverdi, Stravinsky, and Violeta Parra. I am looking forward to sharing with you some of my very favorite compositions.

January 30 Book Discussion

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

**NEW. Online Bible Study Class with Revs. John and Rebecca Shillingburg.** A seven-week basic introduction to the Bible—how it came down to us in the form we have it, how it's organized, the types of literature in it and what they mean for how we understand it. All you need is a Bible; no prior knowledge is necessary.

The class will meet by Zoom, so that people attending our Sunday worship service online also have a learning opportunity on Sunday morning, like those who are here physically. If you are here and would like to participate, gather in the North Room and we'll set up the Zoom meeting in there.

### **Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults**

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

11:00 – Noon      January 11 – 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 young Jesus have felt, as he heard about his family? 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)**

Will resume in February.

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

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Text: Richard Horsley, *Covenant Economics*. (Class will resume on January 7.)

<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 7:00 PM. 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



#### **January's Collection will be shared with Frederick Health**

**Hospice** ([frederickhealthhospice.org](http://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 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.

**THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

January 9, 2022

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Affirmed by Love**

When Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River, a voice came from heaven introducing and announcing him as “beloved.” Since that holy day, belovedness has marked every baptized person as known, named and cherished by God.

Yet too often the church has been a place of condemnation and judgment for those who seek healing and solace. Especially bereft are the many at the mercy of our nation’s prison industry. But here and there, voices within the United Church of Christ call for healing and hope for these often-forgotten beloved ones.

\*Rev. Phillip Reller of Arizona writes, “We are called to embody Jesus’ heart and show forth his compassion to prisoners.

It is a very practical ministry of – Incarnation – love made visible in the flesh. Being there. Ours are a new set of ears listening to immensely consequential stories which have worn thin in the retelling to familiar cell and pod mates. Ours are new conversations and new perspectives.

It is a ministry of advocacy. Being there. The men I visit are cut off by thousands of miles from their families, communities, and support systems in private for-profit prisons. They are treated as strange enemies and are forced into culturally and religiously molded programs of “rehabilitation” which strip them of their cultural identity and dignity. Visiting allows us to witness their struggle and speak as allies for rehabilitation and respectful treatment.

It is a ministry of reconciliation. Being there. I have been allowed to share first-hand reports of the condition of their sons, husbands, and daddies with families who have been estranged or ashamed or in the confusion of unresolved anger and grief. Appropriate sharing can build bridges towards forgiveness and new relationships. It can calm deep anxieties. It can pave the way for connections that create positive re-entry.”

On this celebration of baptism day, be in prayer about how you can “be there” along with Rev. Reller with God’s imprisoned beloved ones.

*\*Reller, Phillip. “Prison Ministry.” United Church of Christ,  
[www.ucc.org/domestic-policy/justice\\_criminal-justice\\_prison-ministry/](http://www.ucc.org/domestic-policy/justice_criminal-justice_prison-ministry/).*



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