



Surprising
Teaching

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.

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There is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: www.erucc.org.

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EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH
United Church of Christ
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February 13, 2022

Sixth 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**

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

We are each a child of God.

**No matter who we are, or where we are on life's journey,
we are blessed.**

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

**We come to worship the God who feeds us, who fills us, and who
blesses us.**

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

**Let us rejoice in the love of God,
and worship our God together in prayer, song, and praise.**

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

O God of many blessings, be with us in our joy and in our sorrow.

**Help us to reach out with your love to those in need,
that we may not be satisfied until all are fed.**

Bless each of us here, and all who cannot be present with us today.

**Shower your blessings on our worship, as we pray all this through
Jesus the Christ,**

our teacher and our guide. Amen.

Opening Hymn *Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

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***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**We try to care for each other, especially when there is pain and sorrow,
and when we witness injustice.**

But we cannot find blessing in poverty and hunger.

Sometimes it feels just too hard to offer relief or to work for change.

**We prefer to stay in our comfortable spaces or choose to walk past those
in need.**

Sometimes we are afraid.

Forgive us when we serve ourselves more often than we serve you, O God.

We come to you with humble hearts.

***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 *Like a Tree beside the Waters

tune ~ Holy Manna

Like a tree beside the waters, nurtured by your loving care,

We, O God, your sons and daughters, your enduring witness bear.

In each passing generation may your voice of love be heard.

Bless, we pray, this congregation with your holy living Word.

Like a tree beside the river, drawing life from holy streams,

Fill us with your love forever; recreate our hopes and dreams.

Through the storms of life sustain us by the wisdom of your grace.

May the changing of the seasons find us in your warm embrace.

**We, beside the living waters, drink from your eternal life.
Give to all, your sons and daughters, faith that rises over strife.
O Living God, most glorious, strengthen us for life today.
By the hope of timeless promise guide your church upon the Way.**

The Scripture

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

OT page 719

Luke 6: 17-26

NT page 64

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 Blessed

*--R. Morgan
ERUCC Singers*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious and loving God, who blesses us with so many good gifts, we bring these offerings with the hope of turning tears to laughter, and sorrow to joy. May they truly be a blessing. Amen.

Closing Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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*** Benediction**

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

May you be like trees planted by streams of water,

which bear fruit at just the right time, and like them, may you prosper in all you do.

May God bless you and give you peace.

Postlude *(please be seated)

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The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Walter and Suzanne Schmid from the Schmid family.

The yellow rose bud is presented by Jim and Angela Britain in honor of their second cousin, 1st Lt. Matthew James Reed, 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, NC.

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

Attendance Last Sunday: 8 at 8:30 a.m. 108 at 10:30 a.m. and 97 online.

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Today: February 13, 2022

Liturgist: Linda Coyle
Deacons: Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy
Elder: Tyler L. York
Greeters: Jo Ann Fritz, Cathie Duncan
Sue Pinner
Welcome: Jeanellen Kallevang
Sound: Jeff Schaeberle, Jeff Baker
Larry Martin
Chimers: Saturday: Robin and David Cooney
Sunday: Tricia Coffey

Next Week: February 20, 2022

Jim Weitz
Joe Adkins, Matt Davis
Peter Brehm
Rachel and Tom Ford
Linda Coyle
Holly Davis
Rodney Martin, Jeff Baker
Tadd Clarkson
Nancy Doll
Robin and David Cooney

FELLOWSHIP

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Community Room after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

In Luke 6:27-38, Jesus relates to the wisdom of the day and interprets God's commandments for his time. Jesus teaches disciples that it is not enough to love what is easy to love.

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 - Please remember the following people in your prayers: Jerry Cassell (brother of Ave Barr), Katharine Alley, Family of Trish Carey, Barbara Lee Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley), Marcy Channell (daughter of JoAnn Fritz), Mack Johnson, 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).

Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Online

9:30 – 10:15 am

“The Book that Breathes New Life” with Reverends John & Rebecca Shillingburg.

To join via Zoom: bit.ly/3GEIvhJ

Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888

Passcode: 327128

This Week at ERUCC

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Today, 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 and in the parking lot until 1:00 pm to receive your drive by gifts. All monetary gifts and food will be given to the Frederick Food Bank.



SPIRITUAL WALK

Today

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Catoctin Creek Nature Center, 2929 Sumantown Rd. Middletown

Bundle up and come out to experience the joys of nature in winter. Silhouettes of barren trees, crisp cold air, and snow awaken our senses to secrets that are hidden in other seasons. Tracks, deer beds, or other clues may help us figure out who lives in the park. Our walk will take us through woods and along Catoctin Creek.

Directions: From downtown Frederick, take West Patrick St. Turn left onto S. Jefferson St. Continue on to Rt 340 West. Take the Jefferson exit. Bear right onto Lander Rd. At the light, turn left onto Rt 180. Take the first right onto Old Middletown Rd. Go 2.2 miles. Turn left onto Sumantown Rd. Turn left to stay on Sumantown Rd. Cross the iron bridge then turn left at Catoctin Creek Park. We will meet in the parking lot near the first shelter.

Text Linda Coyle 301-471-0148 for more information.

Upcoming at ERUCC

HOW TO BE ANTI-RACIST

Movie Discussion: *Whose Streets?*

Sunday, February 20

7:00 pm

Watch the movie in advance at home and then engage in the conversation held on Zoom on February 20th. If you do not have access to streaming services, call the church office to make arrangements to see the films.

ERUCC BOOK GROUP

Contact Pam Shepp for more information

When No One is Watching by Alyssa Cole

February 22

How the Word is Passed by Clint Smith

March 22

Read book synopses in the February edition of the Trinity Chimes at bit.ly/FebChimes.

COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINICS

Wednesdays February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

2:00 – 4:00 pm

ERUCC is collaborating with The Community Vaccine Coalition to help get more people vaccinated against COVID-19. It's free, safe, and no ID or insurance is required.



If you are able to volunteer on any of these Wednesdays to extend our hospitality as a greeter between 1:45 pm and 4:00 pm, please contact Tyler in the church office at erucc@erucc.org or 301.662.2762.

Scan QR Code to pre-register for a vaccine at the February 16 clinic



FRANKLINTON CENTER WORK TRIP

March 18 – 21



The Franklinton Center at Bricks is a conference, retreat, and educational facility in eastern North Carolina with a focus on justice advocacy and leadership development. Franklinton Center is an historic center of transformation where issues affecting the marginalized, the oppressed, and the poor are addressed. The Center is related to the United Church of Christ. As with all church buildings, the more work a volunteer group can provide to maintain facilities, the more funds that are available for programs and meeting the direct needs of people.

The March work trip is open to adults and youth (9th - 12th grades).

Cost: \$80 per person (includes housing and meals), and is subsidized by budgeted funds for mission trips. Please let Pastor Daniel know if you are interested.

SPRING CLEANUP WORK WEEK – APRIL 18-22

Save the dates! As in previous years, we will come together for a few days this spring to maintain our buildings, whether that be deep cleaning, painting, repairing, or organizing. We have a list of projects that we can do – saving us money and having a good time working together! Painting, updating Trinity bathrooms, wall repairs, clean outs, and other odds and ends are included on this year's list.

STAY INFORMED

Read our Trinity Chimes monthly newsletter for more information about ERUCC activities, opportunities, and updates. You can find the Trinity Chimes in the back of the sanctuary and online at bit.ly/FebChimes.

Have an announcement? Please send to erucc@erucc.org.

Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Daniel

Liz Coffey 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. Beginning 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 30-50 pages each week but the print is fairly large and generously spaced.

Please let Esther Ziegler estherrziegler@gmail.com know if you plan to participate so a book can be ordered through the church office. The planned schedule is:

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*.

To join via Zoom: bit.ly/3szJMTf 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

LENT 2022 AT ERUCC

Full to the Brim



Full to the Brim is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It’s an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. Read more about Lent in the February edition of the Trinity Chimes.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – March 2

Noon in Trinity Chapel

A Time of Fellowship and lunch will follow the service

7:30 pm in Main Sanctuary

Services will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

Noon – 12:15 pm

Service of Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Lunch and Bible Study Reflection

12:15 – 1:00 pm

Theme: For the Beauty of the Earth

Read more about our mid-week Lenten services in the February edition of the Trinity Chimes.

SOUP LUNCHEONS – LENT 2022

Each week during the season of Lent, a group gathers for prayer followed by a simple soup and bread lunch, and some reflection. We are still looking for some people willing to make soup for the following weeks:

March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13

If you are unable to attend, you can still make some soup that we can freeze and heat up. Your gift of cooking is much appreciated. Please let Pastor Daniel know if you can provide this gift.

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.” Donations can be placed in the collection jars at the back of the sanctuary next to the collection plates.

Surprising Teaching
Racial Justice Sunday
Science and Technology Sunday

Today is Racial Justice Sunday. If your congregation has not already done so, it is a good time to consider the commitment articulated during the wider church's 33rd General Synod gathering in 2021, encouraging every UCC congregation to commit to being an anti-racist church. Last summer, a letter from General Minister and President, John Dorhauer, and Associate General Minister of Justice and Local Church Ministries, Traci Blackmon, paved the way for a new movement in anti-racism in the wider church.

"Since 1963, the General Synods of the United Church of Christ have voted 12 resolutions, statements, and pronouncements denouncing racism, and in 2003 resolved *that the United Church of Christ is called to be an antiracist church...*

Similar to COVID-19 and as deadly, racism mutates and remains resistant to methods of eradication...Structural racism pervades every institution and every aspect of our society. It has so distorted our biological, sociological, anthropological, and theological perception of "the other" that most people cannot even imagine the anti-racist church and world that we work to bring into being.

But dismantling white supremacy is not solely about what we must tear down. We must ask ourselves, what must we build in its place? Over the next biennium, the national setting invites you to imagine with us: *What does a world free of racism look like to you, and how might we work to bring such a vision into reality across every area of church and society?*"*

*From the webpage: <https://www.ucc.org/build-on-the-love-join-the-movement/>

Find out more about this vital and timely movement at "jointhemovementucc.org".

Dorhauer, John, and Traci Blackmon. "June 9 Webinar to Kick off Reparatory Justice and Reparations Work." *United Church of Christ*, 7 June 2021, www.ucc.org/june-9-webinar-to-kick-off-reparatory-justice-and-reparations-work/. Accessed 7 July 2021.



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