

*The Way* **Forward**

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.

Rest rooms (equipped with changing stations) are located on the first floor of the church building and outside the Community Room and the Nursery.

**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 -

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 am

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal

\*All who are able may stand

**Chimes Concert** at 10:00 am from Trinity Chapel's steeple

### **Greetings and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Brothers and sisters. If you lift your net and it is empty, Come here!

**We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.**

If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

**We'll find the Risen Christ in all Creation.**

If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

**Christ is leading a dance of joy.**

Come here, sisters and brothers!

**To give blessing and honor and glory to God!**

#### **\*Opening Prayer**

Generous God, giver of all that is good, creator of all that is beautiful, you have blessed us with abundance, more than enough for everyone to share. Out of this abundance you call us to care for each other:

**"Feed my lambs." "Tend my sheep." "Feed my sheep."**

Awaken us to the beauty and bounty of your Creation. Encourage us to share generously with all those you love. May we protect the beauty of all that is yours and nurture your bounty for our children and our children's children.

**Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

#12

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;  
3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.  
God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.  
The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Oh, how your won-ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye:  
All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres-ent there.

## **\*Call to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, Saul did not recognize the presence of the Holy One in the followers of the Risen Christ until your Light struck him sightless, helpless, and at last able to hear your voice! In our day, narrow vision stops us from recognizing your presence in all of Creation.

**We fail to see that our lives are bound together with each other and with the earth.**

The Disciples could not succeed in fishing until the Risen Christ showed them how to cast their nets into your abundance. In our day, we often treat this world with arrogant self-righteousness, as though it is our exclusive domain.

**We fail to remember that we are stewards, not owners of your Creation.**

Forgive us. Teach us again that you have placed us in an eco-network of relationships. Lead us to tend the gift of your Creation that we may feed the whole world community today and our children tomorrow.

**Amen.**

## **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 *Listen to Your Savior Call***

tune – MERCY

**Listen to your Savior call, "Do you love me most of all?"**

**Jesus speaks and speaks to you: "Love me as I first loved you."**

**"I delivered you when bound, and, when bleeding, healed your wound.  
Sought you wandering, set you right, for your pathway gave you light."**

**“Mine is an unchanging love, higher than the heights above,  
Deeper than the depths beneath, free and faithful, strong as death.”**

**O my Savior, hear my need: though my love is faint indeed,  
Still I love you and adore – oh, for grace to love you more!**

### **The Scripture**

Acts 9:1-20

NT Page 127

John 21:1-19

NT Page 115

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

### **Morning Prayers**

### **Recognition of Outgoing Elders, Deacons, and Committee Chairs**

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

**Offertory** *It Is Well With My Soul*

--P. Bliss, arr. L. Langley  
Senior Choir

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

**Risen Christ, Bless these gifts, along with our very lives. May gifts and givers alike be dedicated to your work of love, hope, justice, and peace. Amen.**

## **– SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION –**

### **Communion Prayer**

Through all the seasons and changes of our lives there is one that stands above all others: this Season of Easter, in which we celebrate with unbridled joy the presence of the risen and living Christ in our midst.

No matter where we have been, or where we find ourselves today, we are bold to gather in joy knowing that our living is tied up with that of Christ who lives forever.

With joy we gather at this sacred table to be sacred community: to be the people called by God into new and everlasting life.

We celebrate the joyous opportunity to share good news with all the world: that Christ's resurrection is for all people, that God's love is for all people, that this table and this feast are for all people.

We remember Jesus gathering with his closest friends yet knowing they would scatter, leaving him alone. Still, he gathered with them and shared this simple meal, taking bread and wine and infusing them with new life; taking ordinary things and making them extraordinary in their new use.

And so we take the ordinary – bread and juice – and make it extraordinary by offering it to you.

We take this simple bread, and as it is broken we think of Jesus' words: "Take and eat; this is my body broken for you."

**It is broken that we may live in fullness and wholeness.**

We take this simple cup, and as it is lifted up we think of Jesus' words: "Take and drink; this is my blood, poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of sin."

**It is poured out that we may know ourselves forgiven.**

We know that in this meal we are gathered by a great community that has gone before us. We are bold to gather at this table with Thomas, and Lydia, with Paul and Ananias, and all those men and women who dared to join with one another in those first days, and boldly remember the presence of the living Christ in their midst. Bless us now in the sharing of this meal, that we may be enlivened to share your gifts with those who hunger and thirst for acceptance, for new life, for wholeness.

### **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*This morning we will bring communion to the congregation as you are seated in the pews. Please hold the bread until all have been served and the pastors extend the invitation for all to eat. Please hold the cup of grape juice until all have been served and the pastors extend the invitation for all to drink. In this way, we can commune together.*

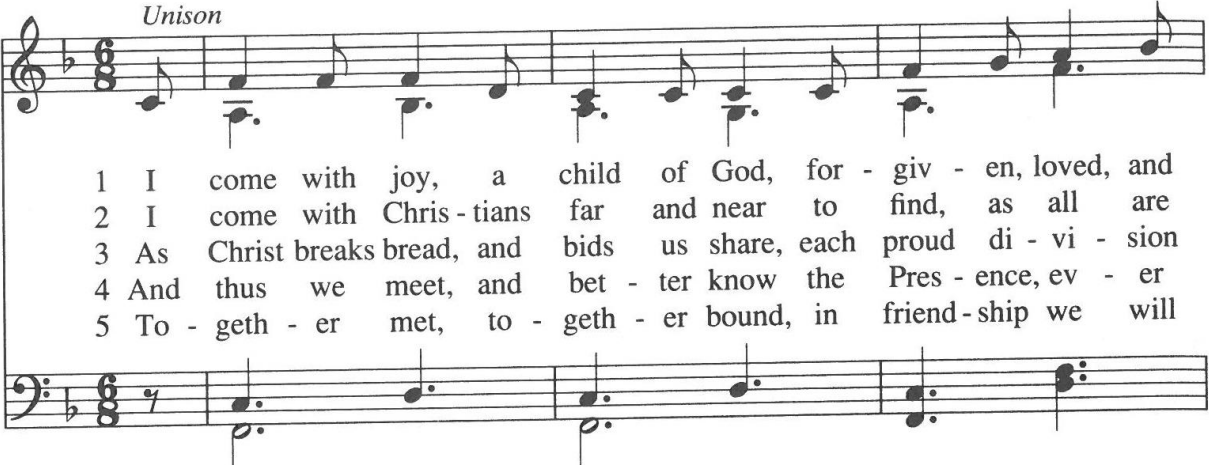
## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, you have gathered us here out of love for you, and reminded us at this table that we are one people. Send us out, now, into a hurting world to share the good news that Christ is alive for all people. Amen.

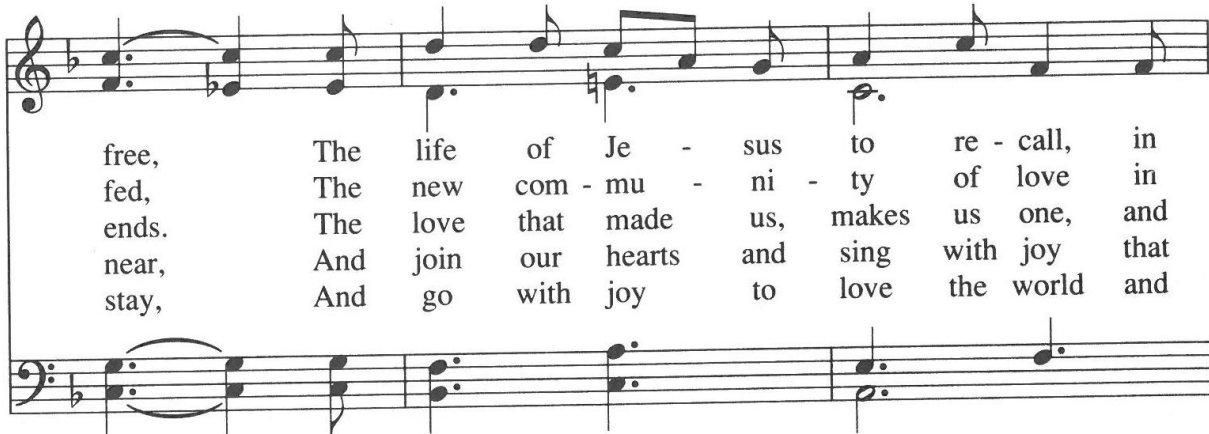
## \*Closing Hymn *I Come with Joy*

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*Unison*



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will



free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that  
stay, And go with joy to love the world and



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.  
live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.



**\*Benediction**

As you go out into the world, Seek the presence of the Risen Christ in each other and in all of Creation. May God give you joyful courage to follow the command of Jesus:

**“Feed my lambs.” “Tend my sheep.” “Feed my sheep.”**

**\**Sevenfold Amens***

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

**The flowers on the altar** this morning are in loving memory of family members by Patti Patterson and family.

**The yellow rose bud** is presented in memory of Dorothy E. Martin by Larry & Sedonia Martin.

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**Attendance Last Sunday:** 15 at 8:30 am, 113 at 10:30 am, and 86 online.

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**Today: May 1, 2022**

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg  
Deacons: Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick  
Elder: Cathie Duncan  
Greeters: Danielle Carbone, Sandy Gray,  
Anne Hoffman  
Welcome: Ave Barr  
Audio/Visual: Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Baker,  
Jack Day, Ethan Kline  
Fellowship: Colin Neely, Laura Rhoderick  
Bud Rossig, Bettie Joe Crutchley  
Chimers: *Saturday:* Suzanne Morris  
*Sunday:* Tricia Coffey

**Next Week: May 8, 2022**

Peg Stahler  
Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy  
Marc Klein  
Cathie Duncan, Jo Ann Fritz,  
Sue Pinner  
Jeanellen Kallevang  
Jeff Schaeberle, Larry Martin  
Jeff Baker, Jack Day  
Marj Berkheimer,  
Starr Schaeberle, Keith Stickley  
Dick Williams  
Kelly Esslinger

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**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/AprilChimes](https://bit.ly/AprilChimes).

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, Thursday Thoughts, or Trinity Chimes, please send to [erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Worship Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

In scripture, we encounter role models of discipleship that are expressed in compassionate words and deeds. Acts 9: 36-43 tells the story of one such disciple, Tabitha, who ministers among the widows in her community. In John 10:22–30, Jesus reveals that his works testify to his identity. Jesus' actions reveal who he is.

The Senior Choir will sing in worship this morning. We will welcome Aoifé James Menchey Lynch into the life of the church through the sacrament of baptism.

**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: Tamara Tamas, Ken Hoffman, Patti Patterson, Katharine Alley, Barbara Lee Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley), Marcy Channell (daughter of JoAnn Fritz), Mack Johnson, David Howard, Paige Coffey, Al Peden, 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).

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## FELLOWSHIP



Please join us for fellowship in the Community Room after worship to chat with friends, welcome our visitors, and enjoy a time of refreshment.

Consider helping with Fellowship! It's a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, births, or baptisms with your church family. We all want to celebrate your joy. This can be as easy as helping during Fellowship or bringing a special treat if you like.

Contact Laura Rhoderick or Starr Schaeberle, or sign up to share your gifts of hospitality at [bit.ly/ERUCC\\_fellowship](http://bit.ly/ERUCC_fellowship).

## **Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults**

### **BIBLE STUDY CLASS with Reverends John & Rebecca Shillingburg**

**The Book that Breathes New Life**

**Online**

**9:00 – 10:20 am**

This online Bible study offers anyone who attends ERUCC's Sunday worship service online a learning opportunity on Sunday morning, like those available to people who attend worship in person. Since the first of the year we have had an 8-week mini-course on how the Bible came down to us today and a 7-week mini-course on the Prologue in Genesis, the first 11 chapters. We will begin a new mini-course on Sunday, May 1st, topic still to be determined by those participating. We focus on learning new ways to read the scriptures faithfully; no experience required – just a Bible.

To join via Zoom: [bit.ly/3GEIvhJ](https://bit.ly/3GEIvhJ)

Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888

Passcode: 327128

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### **LET'S TALK**

**Community Room**

**9:30 – 10:15 am**

**Today's Topic:** Pastor Daniel will lead a discussion on the successes, opportunities, and challenges at ERUCC ahead of the congregational meeting being held at 11:45 am. This is a chance to ask questions and share ideas in a less formal setting. Everyone is welcome.

**On May 8:** The Youth will share reflections from their weekend of service at the Franklinton Center. Whether it is a skill learned, a friend made or a fear faced, each person on a mission trip comes away changed in some way. Lessons from these trips can last a lifetime. Come to hear what our youth have to say!

## **Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults**

### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Daniel**

**Jesus and Those Bodacious Women**

11:00 – Noon

Zoom / North Room

April 19 – May 31

*Jesus and Those Bodacious Women* is well known for its new spins on the stories of biblical women such as Mary Magdalene, the Bent-over Woman, Queen Esther, and Mary, among others. "Bodacious" is unmistakable, remarkable, and noteworthy. Come join Pastor Daniel as we study some of the colorful women of the Bible.

May 3	A Living Prayer – Genesis 1
May 10	We Drink from the Well – John 4
May 17	The Prodigal Daughter – Luke 15: 11-32
May 24	Not Bent or Bowed – Luke 13: 10-17
May 31	A Woman Worthy of Tears: Tabitha – Acts 9: 36-42

To join via Zoom: [bit.ly/3K21Hav](https://bit.ly/3K21Hav)

Meeting ID: 897 6651 9688

Passcode: 357385

## This Week at ERUCC

### SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY TODAY

On the first Sunday of each month, we have a special opportunity for giving towards Mortgage Assistance. Donations fund ERUCC's mortgages with the Fisher Fund and FCB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank, payments on which are about \$153,000 per year.

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### NATIVE PLANT SALE

Sunday, May 1

Back Patio

11:30 am – 2:00 pm



Plants will be provided by the and the proceeds will benefit them. Trees that are being sold by the City of Frederick will be distributed at this event. The following plants and flowers will be available for purchase:

Black-Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
Blue False Indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>
Blue Mistflower	<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>
Dense Blazing Star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>
Dwarf Red Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i>
Foxglove Beardtongue	<i>Pen stemon digitalis</i>
Great Blue Lobelia	<i>Lovelia siphilitica</i>
Heartleaf Foamflower	<i>Tiarella wherryi</i>
New England Aster	<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>
Orange Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>
Purple Anise	<i>Anise hyssop</i>
Spotted Joe Pye	<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i>
Wild Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>

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### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 1

Community Room / Zoom

12 noon

The Consistory has voted to call the annual meeting for Sunday, May 1st at 12 noon. The meeting will be held in the Community Room with lunch being served immediately following worship. The agenda includes a review of the year 2021, updates on the Trinity Steeple and Columbarium projects. We will also elect new elders, deacons, and committee chairs. Members and friends of the congregation may also participate via Zoom.

To join via Zoom: [bit.ly/ER21mtg](https://bit.ly/ER21mtg)

Meeting ID: 862 9003 9301

Passcode: 499552

## **Agenda for the Annual Meeting**

Welcome and Call to Order	Peter Brehm, President of the Consistory
<i>Brief comments as to how to submit questions via video or on the phone</i>	
Opening Prayer	Senior Pastor Barbara Kershner Daniel
Review of Annual Program Reports	Peter Brehm
Review of Financial Reports	Rodney Martin, Treasurer
	Will Duncan, Finance Committee Chair
Nominating Committee Report	Peter Brehm
New Business	
Amendment to the Bylaws	Peter Brehm
Old Business	
Trinity Chapel Campaign	Peter Brehm
Columbarium status	Glenn Wallace
Closing questions	Peter Brehm
Benediction	Senior Pastor Barbara Kershner Daniel

## **Nominating Committee Report**

### **To be elected by the Congregation:**

Elder, first term for 3 years starting in 2022	Robin Cooney
Elder, replacing Tyler for a first term ending in 2024	Eric Weakly
Elder for a second 3 year term	Richard Leslie
Deacon for a second 2 year term	Darryl Glick
Deacon for a second 2 year term	Mark Ulrich
Deacon for a second 2 year term	Betsy Selby
Deacon for a first 2 year term	Harrison Fisher

Stewardship Generosity Chair for additional 1 year term

    Susan Kulp                      Serve through December

    Tyler L. York                  Will serve as Co-Chair and then Chair

Mission and Social Justice Co-Chair for first 2 year term

    Michelle Beadle              Will serve as Co-Chair with Colleen Baldree

### **To be elected by the Consistory**

President for 2022-2023	Peter Brehm
Vice President for 2022-2023	Marc Kline
Secretary for 2022-2023	Jeanellen Kallevang
Treasurer for 2022-2023	Rodney Martin

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

May 3, May 5, and May 21

8:00 – 10:00 am

Our Green Team is again offering the opportunity to work in the Community Garden near the Frederick News Post Building. We will not be working with teams, so please sign up on the days that fit with your schedule. This is a great way to get some fresh air and exercise, enjoy the company of other volunteers, and help get food to folks in our community who need access to fresh vegetables. Sign up to for dates in May – August: [bit.ly/3LtuBBc](http://bit.ly/3LtuBBc)

## Upcoming at ERUCC

### GOD'S KIDS CLUB – MOTHER'S DAY TEA

May 13

Zoom

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Grab your Mother, Grandmother, Best friend, or special woman in your life and join us for a tea party. Come dress up if you would like! You will need your own tea (Juice is ok), tea cups, fancy cookies or desserts. We will make tea sandwiches: you will need sandwich bread, your favorite sandwich filling, a plate, knife, and cookie cutters.

To join via Zoom: [bit.ly/3D6rLzg](http://bit.ly/3D6rLzg)

Meeting ID: 810 3312 7723

Passcode: 668761

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### ERUCC BOOK GROUP

*Contact Pam Shepp for more information*

*While Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abrams

May 24

Read book synopses in the April edition of Trinity Chimes at [bit.ly/AprilChimes](http://bit.ly/AprilChimes).

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20 – 24

Community Room

9:00 am – 12 noon



Vacation Bible School: Knights of the North Castle will be June 20 – 24 for children 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. A donation of \$25 per child is suggested. Contact Kim Sexton, [ksexton@erucc.org](mailto:ksexton@erucc.org) with questions.

There will be a meeting for those wishing to help with VBS on Monday, May 9 at 5:00 pm in the Community Room. Youth helpers must have completed 6th grade.

## MAY COINS FOR A CAUSE



The Coins for a Cause collection in May will be shared with Stream-Link Education, which has a mission to connect community to conservation, planting trees in Frederick County with hundreds of volunteers. Learn more at [www.streamlineducation.org](http://www.streamlineducation.org).

Coins for A Cause is a program of ERUCC's Mission and Social Action Committee to 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 collection jars at the back of the sanctuary near the collection plates.

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## REPORT ON THE CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE AN ICONIC STEEPLE



We have received a gift from the Delaplaine Foundation for \$25,000, and in addition, paid contributions \$43,500 plus promises for additional \$27,300. We have also received a challenge pledge of \$25,000 from a long-time friend of ERUCC. If we are able to match the challenge pledge of \$25,000 with \$25,000 in new gifts, then we will be within \$5,000 of our goal of \$150,000 for the Trinity Steeple Campaign. We want to reach this goal by the end of September. Become a part of history and preserve Frederick's oldest steeple and town clock!

Donations should be made payable to ERUCC and include Trinity Steeple in the memo line. Alternately, donations can be made online at <https://erucc.org/give-to-erucc>, indicating "Steeple" on the memo line.

Plan also to join congregation and community members at a reception celebrating the Trinity Chapel steeple and town clock on May 25 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Details will follow later in May, so mark your calendar to attend!



## **Opportunities to Lead and Serve at ERUCC**



Prayerfully consider how the leadership skills you are using or have used in the workplace and community can be a blessing to ERUCC's mission and ministry. Where is God calling you to use your gifts at ERUCC? Your willingness to share your gifts and time will make ERUCC a stronger and more faithful church. Members of our Stewardship Committee: Susan Kulp, Tyler L. York, David Howard, Julie Clark, and Peter Brehm, are always happy to talk with you about how you are being called to use your time and talents at ERUCC.

### **AUDIO VISUAL TEAM**

The AV Team has added a new feature to the Live Stream. We are now displaying hymn lyrics and scriptures on screen. To provide this service, we need to add an additional person to the team each Sunday. We are asking for volunteers to assist with changing the slides as the hymn or scripture progresses. No technical skills are required.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Jeff Schaeberle, [jeff@erucc.org](mailto:jeff@erucc.org) or 301.639.6197.

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### **EVENT HOSPITALITY AND SUPPORT**

Extend ERUCC's hospitality as you greet and support the community of people using our spaces for their milestone life events, business meetings, and community gatherings! In supporting at these events, you are helping to fulfill our mission to do good work in Frederick and beyond.

To help with upcoming events, contact Pastor Daniel or the church office, 301.662.2762, [events@erucc.org](mailto:events@erucc.org), or sign up on the bulletin board or online: [bit.ly/ERUCC\\_events\\_help](https://bit.ly/ERUCC_events_help).

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### **KITCHEN TEAM**

We need to form a Kitchen Team to help maintain our commercial kitchen license by caring for the beautiful space we created with the building project. The Kitchen Team is responsible for overseeing the kitchen equipment, storage, and supplies. If you feel called to lead this ministry or want to help with it, please speak with Peter Brehm or Pastor Daniel.

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### **WHO DOES WHAT? HOW CAN I SERVE JOYFULLY?**

Have you ever wondered who does what at ERUCC? Members of the Consistory will share information about the various committees, teams, jobs and roles done by lay members at ERUCC during the May 15 *Let's Talk* session. Come learn about the myriad of ways in which you can serve and add more joy to your life.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022

Acts 9:1-6

### *The Way Forward*

Saul, the persecutor of God's people became Paul, champion of the living Christ, after a powerful singular experience on the road to Damascus. For Silver Lake Award honoree Valerie Tutson, the powerful, singular moment that Christ came alive for her was not on the road, but in the pews of her childhood church.

Valerie Tutson is a storyteller by trade and her eyes widen with joy when she tells the story of the first time she saw a performance by some of her church friends after they returned from a camp experience at Silver Lake Conference Center (SLCC), a United Church of Christ facility. She recounts that in seeing those young women - dressed in plastic garbage bags meant to represent frog costumes and singing about the plagues and pharaoh - her life was changed forever. From then on, scripture stories were not merely words on the page, but a living breathing story, one that became hers to tell with creativity and wonder. After that she attended camp as soon, and as often, as she could.

"Silver Lake has been a part of my life since I was 11 years old," Val said. "Without a doubt, Silver Lake has helped to shape the person I am in the world. It has always been a place where my life, my creative work, and my faith get explored and braided together. I tell people all over the world that all the good stuff I learned about life and caring for God's people I learned and keep learning at camp!" She has been a camper or staff member of the camp since 1977.

SLCC Executive Director, the Rev. Ryan Gackenheimer, says that even many decades after her "come to Jesus moment" in the pews of her home church, "It is difficult to be in the presence of Val and not know that God is alive and loves you to the deepest core of who you truly are."

Do you have a "road to Damascus" moment? How does it continue to inform your life to this day?

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