

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.

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EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

May 29, 2022

Seventh 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**

We have been invited to know God.

Let us enter the knowledge of God.

We have been invited to bear God's justice.

Let us enter the justice of God.

We have been invited to enter god's truth.

Let us enter the truth of God.

We have been invited to enter God's unity.

Let us enter the unity of God.

***Opening Prayer**

Holy One,

you come to us as a flash of lightning,

an uncontrollable source of energy and power.

**Even while we try to keep you safely within the confines
of our liturgy, hymns, and theology,**

**your spirit continues breaking forth in new and unexpected ways,
reminding us that you are the One in whom the whole Earth rejoices.**

In this time of worship and prayer, loosen our chains,

open our hearts that we may hear and respond to the Spirit's call.

Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Enter In the Realm of God*

Unison

1 En - ter in the realm of God.
2 In com - mu - ni - ties that serve,
3 God has loved, and so we love,
4 Come a - gain, O Christ, to rule

It has come, and yet will be.
and a - mong the saints who care,
and we give that all may share
in that realm that has no end.

It is known, and yet un - known.
There is jus - tice for the poor,
In the heal - ing God sup - plies,
May your chil - dren ev - ery - where

Christ re - vealed its mys - ter - y.
and new free - dom from de - spair.
in good news that we de - clare.
hear your greet - ing: "Wel - come, friend!"

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Liberating God, we pray for those imprisoned in a silence not of their own, where a world has decided to take their voice and replace it with a deeper silence made of prejudice, and fear, and power.

Hear us as we confess the times we have ignored another's need, leaving them without a voice to cry for justice, to cry for peace, to cry for truth. May we share their silence in our confession.

We confess the times we have turned our backs on those who are too much trouble.

Hear us, O God.

We confess the times we have not listened to the needs of others.

Hear us, O God.

We confess what we have taken for ourselves that which belongs to another.

Hear us, O God.

We confess the times we have chosen not to see others.

Hear us, O God.

We confess the times we have lost our own voice because of fear of speaking the truth.

Hear us, O God.

We confess the times we have not been your disciples in seeking peace, and inclusion, and freedom.

Hear us, O God.

Assurance of Pardon

God's love is never bound by our limitations and failures. It rises renewed in each moment, waiting on the pathway of life to offer us grace. The chains which bind our lives are torn apart by the power of God's gift of forgiveness. Thanks be 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.

*Hymn *Steal Away*

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Slowly, with feeling

Refrain

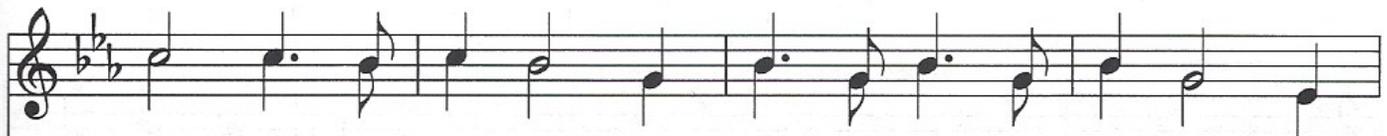


Steal a - way, steal a - way, steal a - way to Je - sus!

Last time, end



Steal a - way, steal a - way home, I don't have long to stay here!



- 1 I hear God call - ing, God calls me by the thun - der; the
- 2 Green trees are bend - ing, poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling; the
- 3 I hear God call - ing, God calls me by the light - ning; the
- 4 Tomb - stones are burst - ing, poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling; the

to Refrain



trum - pet sounds with - in my soul, I don't have long to stay here.
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The Scripture

Acts 16: 16-34

NT Page 136

John 17: 20-26

NT Page 111

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Morning Prayers

We Believe

We believe that Jesus Christ stands for the freedom of all people.

We believe that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, as the people of God, we may be part of the bringing in of justice and the journeying towards peace.

We believe that God, the Creator of all that is, goes on dreaming of a world in which the chains of oppression are broken and where all who live offer love to each other.

The light of our God will lead us on. This we believe, and by this we will live.

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

Offertory *Shalom*

-- D. Forrest
Senior Choir

***Prayer of Dedication**

**We dedicate ourselves to another's freedom, O God,
to bring the fullness of life to those caught in life's shadows:
to offer grace where another's hurt has bruised;
to offer peace where another's violence has damaged;
to offer a heart where another's story entraps;
to offer justice where another's power has oppressed. Amen.**

1 E - ter - nal Christ, who, kneel - ing when earth - ly tasks were done,
2 But we have of - ten slight - ed the ties de - signed to hold
3 Ac - cept our deep con - tri - tion for all our sun - dering ways

turned un - to God ap - peal - ing, "That they may all be one,"
your fol - low - ers u - nit - ed with - in one com - mon fold.
which still dis - rupt your mis - sion, which mock our words of praise.

We thank you for your vi - sion of u - ni - ty un - torn,
On his - tory's tat - tered pa - ges we see, O Christ, with shame,
Christ, may your Spir - it guide us that we may find, be - yond

of faith with - out di - vi - sion with which your church was born.
the strife which through the a - ges has marred your church's name.
the things which still di - vide us, love's all - em - brac - ing bond.

***Benediction**

Leave the sanctuary of this sacred place and, in the power of Spirit, break the chains of resistance to God's love in the world. May our feet tread steadfastly on the earth which waits to be released from harm and oppression.

May God's creativity place within us the necessary tools for releasing justice in our world. And may Christ give us courage to break free into the realm of truth.

****Sevenfold Amen***

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Postlude *(please be seated)*

Today's liturgy is from Seasons of the Spirit, May 29, 2022. The Call to Worship is from UCC Worship Ways for the Seventh Sunday of Easter Year C.

The flowers on the altar today are placed by Ken and Anne Hoffman in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary

The yellow rose bud is presented by Jeff and Starr Schaeberle in honor of Cpl Alex Schaeberle and all those serving in the military.

Attendance Last Sunday: 16 at 8:30 am, 101 at 10:30 am, and 82 online.

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



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Today: May 29, 2022

Liturgist: Jack Day
Deacons: Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy
Elder: Peter Brehm
Greeters: Susan Kulp, David Howard
Sue Pinner
Welcome: Jeanellen Kallevang
Audio/Visual: Tadd Clarkson, Jeff Baker
Larry Martin
Fellowship: Bud Rossing, Laura Rhoderick
Cathie Alschuler, Drew Jones
Chimers: *Saturday:* Suzanne Morris
Sunday: Tricia Coffey

Next Week: June 5, 2022

Robin Cooney
Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick
Tyler L. York
Danielle Carbonne, Sandy Gray
Anne Hoffman
Ave Barr, Marj Berkheimer
Jeff Schaeberle, Ethan Kline
Kelly Esslinger
Green Team, Harrison Fisher
Dick Williams
Robin and David Cooney

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.

The Community Room, located on the 1st floor, is accessible by stairs or elevator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: Pentecost

The Holy Spirit breaks down barriers preventing the proclamation of the good news of Christ Jesus. On this Day of Pentecost, we will hear how the Holy Spirit breaks Babel's barriers. Our readings will be from Genesis 11: 1-9 and Acts 2: 1-21.

The Rev. David Cooney will be preaching and leading worship this morning. The Senior Choir will be singing. This morning communion will be served to you as you are seated in the pews. You are encouraged to wear red, the traditional color for Pentecost.

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: Linda and Mike Farner (friends of Darryl Glick and Mark Ulrich), Jackie Keyser (sister-in-law of Betsy and Phil Selby), Tamara Tamas, Patti Patterson, Katharine Alley, Barbara Lee Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley), Marcy Channell (daughter of JoAnn Fritz), Mack Johnson, David Howard, Paige Coffey, 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).

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/May22Chimes.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, Thursday Thoughts, or Trinity Chimes, please send to erucc@erucc.org.

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

On May 1st, having finished our study of the Prologue in Genesis, we will begin reading the Acts of the Apostles. We invite anyone interested in learning about how to read the Bible and understand the context in which it was written and how it can speak to us today. No background is necessary, just a Bible.

To join via Zoom: bit.ly/3GEIvhJ

Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888

Passcode: 327128

LET'S TALK

Community Room

9:30 – 10:15 am

Today's Topic: Memorial Day Weekend! Fred Wenner will lead a walk to Memorial Park and introduce us to some "old friends," veterans of the Civil War, the two World Wars, Korea and Vietnam who are memorialized there. You don't want to miss this!

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 31

A Woman Worthy of Tears: Tabitha – Acts 9: 36-42

To join via Zoom: bit.ly/3K21Hav

Meeting ID: 897 6651 9688

Passcode: 357385

Upcoming at ERUCC

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Select dates through August 6

8:00 – 10:00 am

Our Green Team is offering the opportunity to work in the Community Garden near the Frederick News Post building on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings. 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

GOD'S KIDS CLUB – CUPCAKE CHALLENGE

Friday, June 3

Zoom

7:00– 9:00 pm



Sign up to make and decorate your own cupcakes. Our theme will be summer fun you will be supplied cake mix and frosting. You will need to supply your own decorations. Cupcakes should be baked ahead of time and frosted and decorated together.

To join via Zoom: bit.ly/3K21Hav

Meeting ID: 897 6651 9688

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UPCOMING SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Next Sunday, June 5, we graciously receive the **Strengthen the Church** offering. Donations are used to help re-imagine and build the future of the United Church of Christ. Shared at the conference and national levels, Strengthen the Church largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the United Church of Christ does not have a strong presence. It also provides support for existing churches' new initiatives.



LARRY MAPLES' SURPRISE 40TH BIRTHDAY

Sunday, June 12

Community Room

12:00 – 2:00 pm

SHHH! It's a surprise! Put on your hard hats and get ready to enter the party zone for Larry Maples' 40th birthday! As many of you all know, Larry has been busy planning his “surprise” birthday party for the last year! Help us keep this a secret as he doesn't know it's happening. The ERUCC church community and members mean so much to our family; we would love to have you help us celebrate his big day in addition to his other special friends and family members. Lunch and birthday cake will be served. The gift of your presence is enough! No presents, please.

Please send us an email if you'd like to attend so we know how many people to expect.

RSVP by June 2: lois.maples@gmail.com



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 5th grade. A donation of \$25 per child is suggested.

Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor, invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book. They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Contact Kim Sexton, ksexton@erucc.org with questions.

Can you help with food donations for VBS?

Sign up to donate at bit.ly/22vbsfood.

ERUCC OUTREACH AT FREDERICK PRIDE FESTIVAL 2022

Saturday, June 25

Carroll Creek Linear Park

ERUCC, is providing outreach at the Frederick Pride Festival hosted by The Frederick Center on Saturday, June 25. We proudly support The Frederick Center and our LGBTQ+ community. We will have a table at this event announcing our mission and programs to Frederick Pride visitors. Please consider signing up for a shift. Bring a water bottle and a chair and join us on a rain or shine day! For more information, contact Julie Clark, jclarkad@yahoo.com, or sign up at bit.ly/3NaaMjn.

Additional Announcements

VIGIL FOR UVALDE – MOMS DEMAND ACTION

Monday, May 30

Frederick Towne Mall

8:00 pm

MOMS 
DEMAND
ACTION
FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

Please join the Frederick chapter of Moms Demand Action at a vigil to honor the victims and survivors of the latest tragedy in Uvalde, TX. Resources will be available to turn our pain into action.

The vigil will take place in the parking lot of Frederick Towne Mall near the Taj Mahal restaurant.

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY – WEAR ORANGE



June 3, 2022 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day, also known as #WearOrange, a national, nonpartisan effort to raise awareness about the gun violence epidemic in America and honor the survivors.

During #WearOrange weekend, June 3-5, everyone who believes we can and must solve the problem of gun violence in America, will take action and stand together in a statement of resilience and fortitude as we advance our efforts. Look for orange decorations and buildings in orange lights throughout downtown Frederick. Wear orange to honor the survivors of gun violence. ERUCC will be decorated in orange thanks to the efforts of the Frederick chapter of Moms Demand Action.

Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action volunteer leaders and gun violence survivors, in collaboration with local community partners and the Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, will support a variety of **Wear Orange** events in every state and DC, bringing together everyone who believes we can end gun violence, including survivors, moms and dads, students, families, elected officials, community leaders, faith leaders, business partners and more.

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.streamlinkededucation.org. Donations can be placed in the collection jars at the back of the sanctuary near the collection plates.

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.

POOR PEOPLE’S AND LOW-WAGE WORKERS’ ASSEMBLY AND MORAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON AND TO THE POLLS

Join others from the Frederick area on a bus to the “Poor People’s Campaign Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls” on Saturday, June 18.

Book a seat at rally.co/booking/115578/171/trips for \$40 roundtrip
The Frederick rally point for the bus is 66 Waverley Dr.

Departs 7:28am, Arrive 9:00am in D.C. | Depart D.C. 3:45pm, Frederick 5:17pm

UPDATED ERUCC MASKING GUIDANCE

At ERUCC, it is recommended that everyone wear a mask at indoor church activities and worship services. When you wear a mask, you help protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Whether you are cautious or comfortable, please continue to carry a mask should it be needed; masks are available from our Welcome and Evangelism team on Sunday mornings.

Please stay home when sick or if someone in your household is sick, get vaccinated/boosted, and get tested if you have symptoms.

Remember, no matter how you choose to worship and engage in the life and ministry of ERUCC, whether in-person or online at www.erucc.org, you are welcome and valued.

COVID-19
COMMUNITY LEVEL

MEDIUM



**love radically ...
wear a mask**

masks recommended indoors

Opportunities to Use Your Gifts at ERUCC

Prayerfully consider how your talents, skills, and passions 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.

While many opportunities exist or await your spark of initiation, below are some ongoing areas of ministry for you to consider supporting:

FELLOWSHIP

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. Helping with fellowship can be as easy as helping set up before worship, helping to serve during Fellowship after service, or bringing a special treat to share.

Contact Laura Rhoderick or Starr Schaeberle, or sign up to share your gifts of hospitality at bit.ly/ERUCC_fellowship.

EVENT HOSPITALITY AND SUPPORT



Please consider giving your time as we extend ERUCC's hospitality to 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. Many opportunities to serve in this ministry may only involve a few hours of your time and are often very fulfilling to support.

To help with upcoming events, contact Pastor Daniel or the church office, 301.662.2762, events@erucc.org, or sign up on the bulletin board or online: bit.ly/ERUCC_events_help.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022

Acts 16:16-34

Breaking Chains

When Paul and Silas broke the walls that bound them, they created a new life not just for themselves but for the other prisoners and the jailers, as well. Suddenly, everyone in the story began thinking of themselves and their place in the world in a transformed way. Like the transformed people in the story of Paul and Silas, as old walls and ways of being crumble, many churches and conferences are opening themselves up to a new way of being and doing in the world.

In recent years many UCC Conferences have gone through the wrenching process of letting go of their beloved church camps, for a variety of reasons. Tears have been shed over these decisions, because of the poignant memories and formative faith experiences that have taken place at these camps. Many clergy are camp alumni; they felt their call to ministry in the beauty of nature among extraordinary people.

After the tears, one such camp alum felt propelled by the Holy Spirit to start a non-profit to purchase and operate Camp Mimanagish in central Montana. Rev. Cathy Barker, with her husband, Rev. Dick Weaver, started talking with others who love that particular sacred space. The group sent out a "What If" survey to gauge the interest in seeing Mimanagish into a new future.

Within months the working group had founded and incorporated Singing Waters Montana, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. The group consulted extensively with the U.S. Forest Service, who manage the land, sharing their vision of becoming "A Camp for those who have no Camp." Mimanagish alumni lent their expertise in fundraising and Singing Waters Montana raised over half a million dollars for the purchase and maintenance of the facility.

At the Dedication Celebration on July 31, 2021, over 50 people, including UCC Conference leaders, honored the past and shared hopes for the future. In addition to faith communities, this lovely wilderness retreat on the Boulder River will host recovery groups, veterans, LGBTQ+ support groups, youth de-stress weeks, Foster and Adoptive Family Camps, and more. Fishing, Art, and Music will round out the schedule. The welcome will be wide.

When the Holy Spirit is leading, anything can happen!



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