

**Pick Up the Mantle**

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 -

June 26, 2022

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**

Holy seekers whom God loves,  
Come to receive your goodly heritage.  
Here among your gathered family  
Take refuge in the Divine.

**We come to know the presence of a loving God**

**We are here to be shown the path of life**

**Let us bless the One who gives us counsel.**

**Let us together celebrate the ways of the Holy God. Amen.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

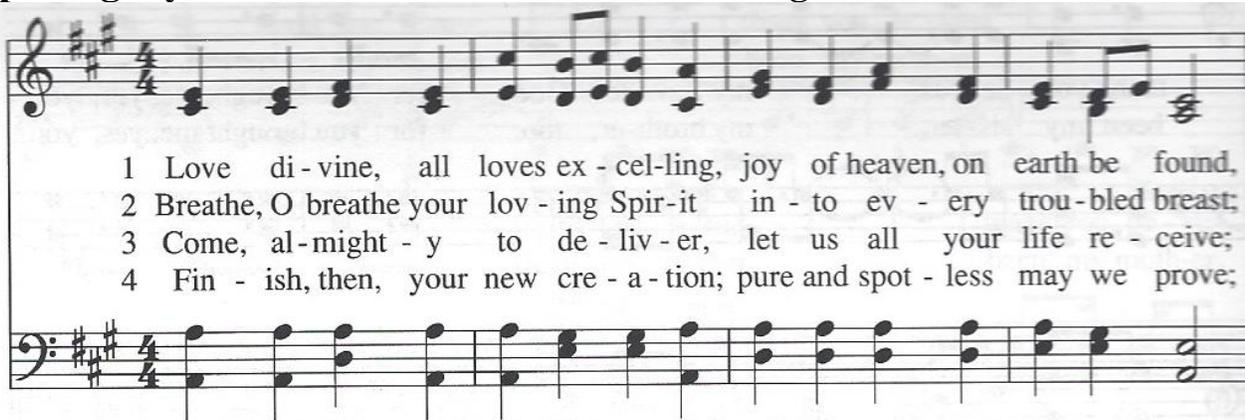
**Come, Holy God**

**Offer us your mantle of love and power in this place.**

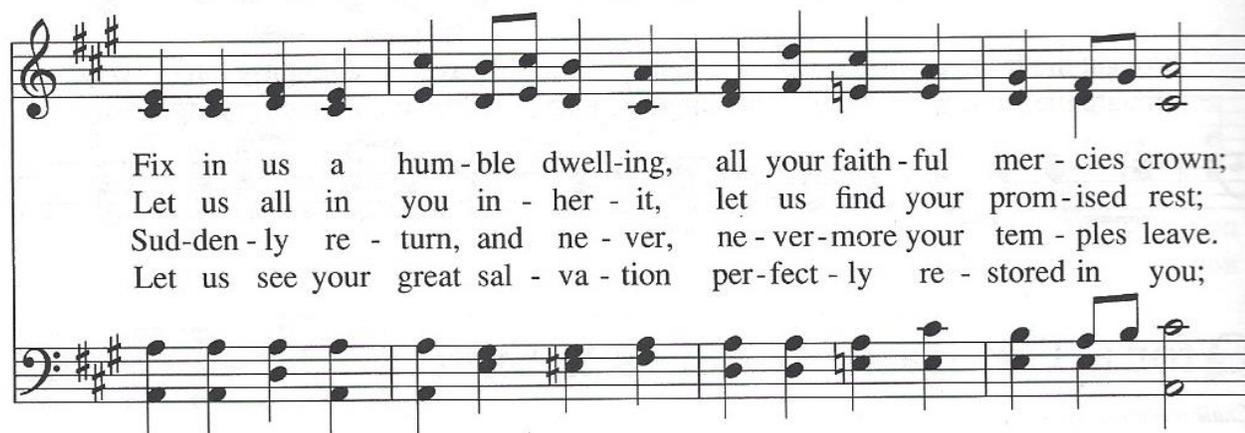
**In the shelter of its love let us lay before you our troubles, our longings,  
our hopes.**

**Let its power open us to new ways through difficulty, struggle and loss  
into your Spirit's realm of joy and peace.**

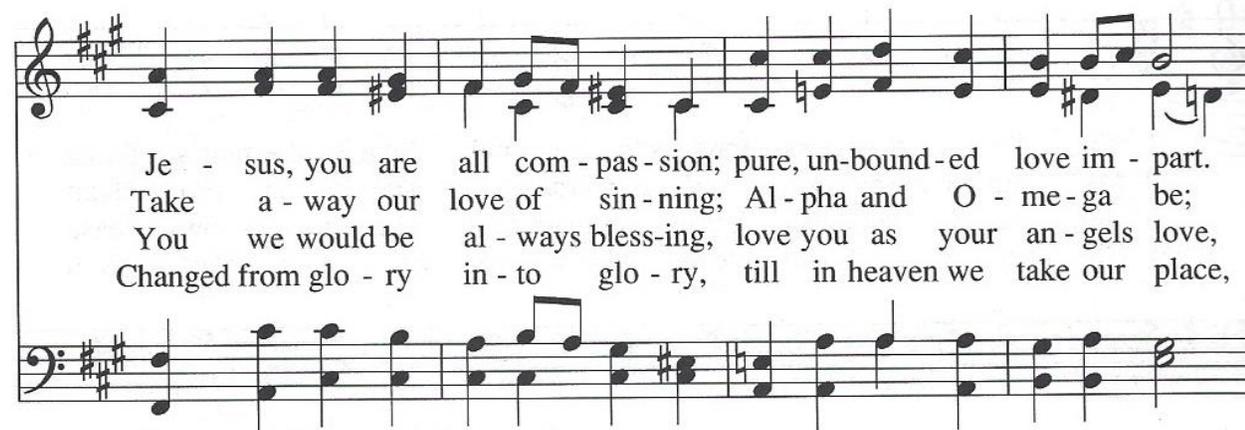
**Come, Holy God, in your presence there is fullness of glory. Amen.**



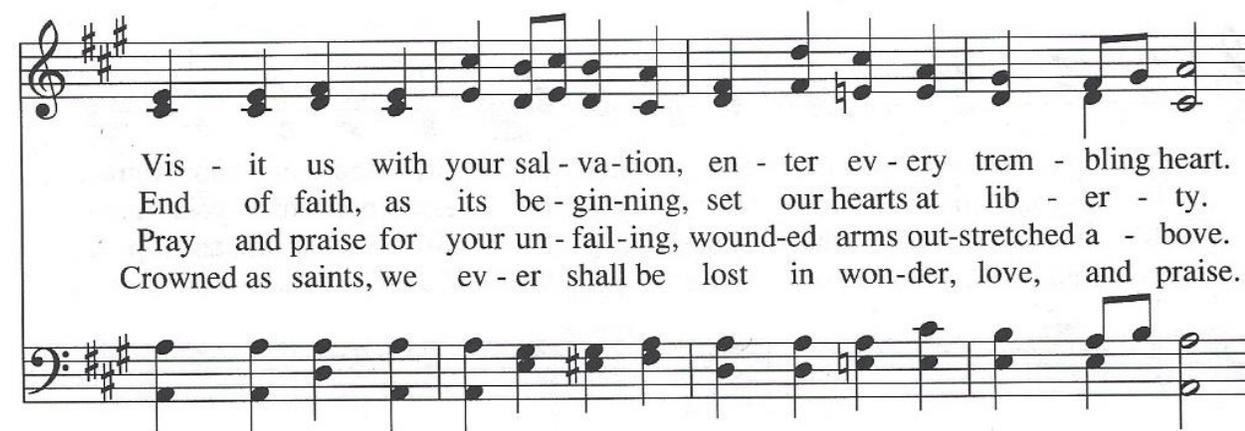
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;  
4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;  
Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;  
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.  
Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;



Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.  
Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-mega be;  
You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,  
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,



Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.  
End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.  
Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

## **\*Call to Confession**

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

**We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit.**

**We know the whole law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility.**

**We wish it were different.**

**When Jesus calls us to follow him,  
we find every excuse to instead go home  
or to the workplace to finish something more important first.**

**Yet we yearn to be more centered on You.**

*Silent confession*

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arm redeems the people. God calls us back to God's realm, and encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray. We need but ask and we are forgiven.

## **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.**

1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea;  
2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,  
3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the trea - sures we a - dore,  
4 In our joys and in our sor-rows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear your call,

Day by day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low me."  
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
From each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."  
Je - sus calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."  
Give our hearts to your o - be-dience, serve and love you best of all.

**The Scripture**

Galatians 5:1, 13-14

NT Page 190

Luke 9:51-62

NT Page 70

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 *Prayer of Peace*

-- J. Purifoy  
Senior Choir

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Our hearts are glad as we help work your wonders through our gifts.  
We ask your wisdom as we put our hands to the plow  
and look not back but only forward,  
visioning the kin-dom of God.

## \*Closing Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;

I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,  
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!  
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!  
O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

**\*Benediction**

**\**Sevenfold Amen***

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

**The flowers on the altar** this morning are in loving memory of LeRoy I. “Pete” Crum, by daughter, Martha J. Crum Kline.

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

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**Attendance Last Sunday:** 16 at 8:30 am, 85 at 10:30 am, and 51 online.

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**Today: June 26, 2022**

Liturgist: Tyler L. York  
Deacons: Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle  
Elder: Peter Brehm  
Greeters: Rob Peters, Felecia Bishop  
Sue Pinner  
Welcome: Pat Condo  
Audio/Visual: Tadd Clarkson, Jeff Schaeberle  
Jack Day  
Fellowship: Laura Rhoderick  
Chimers: *Saturday:* Tricia Coffey  
*Sunday:* Kelly Esslinger

**Next Week: July 3, 2022**

Bob Manthey  
Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick  
Starr Schaeberle  
Jeff Schaeberle, Jeff Baker  
Ethan Kline  
Peter Brehm, Starr Schaeberle  
Dick Williams  
Tricia Coffey

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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.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Worship Next Week**

In Luke 10:1–11, 16–20, Jesus sends out 70 followers, perhaps recalling the story of Moses choosing 70 elders in Numbers 11:16. Jesus tells them how to behave as they spread the gospel to other towns. God reaches out to all people with a message of peace. In Galatians 6:1–16, Paul speaks to the Galatians about the importance of caring for others, especially those within the family of faith. We are to bear one another's burdens.

Communion will be served at the chancel rail this morning.

**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: Nancy Tordoff (mother of Kim Sexton), Mike Farner (friend 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, Paige Coffey, Jane Doll, 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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### **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/June22Chimes](http://bit.ly/June22Chimes).

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

This class, for people who would like a Bible study opportunity on Sunday morning but are not able to physically be at church, is currently studying the book of Acts. This Sunday, June 19th, we'll be looking at Paul's 3rd missionary journey in Acts 18:23 - 21:16. No background necessary, just a Bible. Join us!

This class will take a hiatus in July.

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**

**Liz Coffey Room**

**9:30 – 10:15 am**

**June 26: Spiritual Music** led by David Howard. Composers throughout the centuries have been inspired to write sacred music based on texts drawn from the Bible and elsewhere. In three sessions, June 12, 19, and 26, David will 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. David looks forward to sharing some of his very favorite compositions.

Next Week: **Generations!** Dawn Lagrotteria will lead in an exploration of differences across generations. Why do differences exist and what can we do about it? The focus will be on traditionalists, baby boomers, generation X, and millennials.

## This Week at ERUCC

### **ERUCC BOOK GROUP**

**Tuesday, June 28**

*Contact Pam Shepp for more information*

**Liz Coffey Room / Zoom**

**7:00 pm**

*The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict

Read a synopsis of the book in the June edition of Trinity Chimes at [bit.ly/June22Chimes](https://bit.ly/June22Chimes).

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### **GOD'S KIDS CLUB – POOL DAY**

**Wednesday, June 29**

**Diggs Pool**

**11:00 am**

Come for a day at the Diggs Pool! Bring your bag lunch and drinks. There is a fee to get in and a parent or guardian will need to accompany the children.

Information and directions at [tinyurl.com/3vptvsc4](https://tinyurl.com/3vptvsc4)

## 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: [bit.ly/3LtuBBc](http://bit.ly/3LtuBBc)

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### GOD'S KIDS CLUB – TOUR OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monday, July 11

Braddock Heights FD

10:00 am

Sean Sexton and other Fire Fighters give us a tour of the Braddock Heights Fire Department, 6715 Jefferson Blvd., Frederick, MD 21703. Transportation on own.

Please sign up so we know how many to plan for: [bit.ly/3NUjUcp](http://bit.ly/3NUjUcp)

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### GREEN TEAM – WATERWAY CLEANUP

Saturday, July 16

Pinecliff Park

9:00 – 11:00 am

Did you know that the Monocacy River is Maryland's largest tributary of the Potomac River? Now's your chance to do your part on behalf of our beloved Monocacy, the Potomac, and the Chesapeake Bay beyond. Green team member Scott Harris is a volunteer team lead with the Potomac Conservancy, hosting waterway cleanups throughout the Potomac watershed. Now, for the first time, the Conservancy will have a cleanup here in Frederick County! Sign up below to join us July 16 at Pinecliff Park in Frederick from 9-11 am. A good turnout will help convince them to do more cleanups here in the future! Sign up: [tinyurl.com/5cwbyh4f](http://tinyurl.com/5cwbyh4f)

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### ERUCC BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, July 26

*Contact Pam Shepp for more information*

Liz Coffey Room / Zoom

7:00 pm

*Heartseeker* by Melinda Beatty

Read a book synopsis in the June edition of Trinity Chimes at [bit.ly/June22Chimes](http://bit.ly/June22Chimes).

## **Additional Announcements**

### **SUMMER COINS FOR A CAUSE**

The Coins for a Cause collection in June - August will be shared with The Frederick Center, a 501c3 organization that serves the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) communities. Since its inception in 2012, The Frederick Center has grown into a well-respected organization advocating and supporting our community which now proudly bolsters over 500 program events each year. They are leaders in advocacy and education. They have an HIV test kit distribution program, and over eight support groups open to the public.

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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### **KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY**

**November 12-19**

ERUCC members and friends will be traveling to Kentucky to work with Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders, a 501(c)(3) Christian organization dedicated to serving the victims of major disasters in the United States. They were organized in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and have supported rebuilding in all the major hurricanes since then. Their clients, homeowners, are low-income and underinsured. The Fuller Center uses volunteer labor to make our rebuilding effort more affordable and are financed from donations and grants.

On December 10th, 2021, Kentucky was hit by record-setting, catastrophic tornadoes. A "long-track" twister was on the ground for almost 200 miles and hit 11 counties, including the small towns of Dawson Springs and Bremen. The Fuller Center is partnering with First Christian Church of Madisonville, centrally located between Dawson Springs and Bremen, to house volunteers and begin rebuilding these communities.

We will be leaving on Saturday, November 12 to drive to Kentucky to enjoy a free evening and Sunday prior to starting work on Monday, November 14. Please contact Keith Stickley, [keith.stickley@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:keith.stickley@montgomerycountymd.gov), or Pastor Daniel, [bkdaniel@erucc.org](mailto:bkdaniel@erucc.org), for more information if you are interested in going. While construction related skills are welcome, we need all kinds of skills to make the trip work so do not hesitate to consider this opportunity.

## 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](http://bit.ly/ERUCC_fellowship).

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### **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](mailto:events@erucc.org), or sign up on the bulletin board or online: [bit.ly/ERUCC\\_events\\_help](http://bit.ly/ERUCC_events_help).

June 26, 2022

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

## Pick Up the Mantle

### *Open and Affirming Sunday*

An elder and a younger man go on a journey. Finally, the elder says to the youngster, “You have come far enough. The rest of the journey, I will make myself.” The younger person persists, saying that he will continue to accompany the elder even if it is difficult. At last, the youngster has the honor of walking with the elder all the way to the end of his days. In so doing, the youngster receives a mantle that he can carry to the next generation.

On this Open and Affirming Sunday, we read the story of the elder prophet Elijah and his student Elisha. As we hear the story of this passing of the mantle, we pause to honor members of the LGBTQ community 65 years and older. If we are in that group of elders, how might we pass the mantle to the younger generation? And, if we are in a younger generation, how might we accompany our elders on the great journey that for all of us ends in being received into the arms of the Holy One?

There are at least two million lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people 65 and older in the U.S., and this population will double by the year 2030. Many LGBTQ seniors are isolated and lonely. Often subject to mistreatment in retirement communities and nursing homes, they need the resources churches can provide. The majority of these seniors have been alienated from organized religion for most of their lives: an Open and Affirming congregation can be a lifeline to community, understanding and respect.

An effective ministry for LGBTQ seniors is an opportunity for partnership with your LGBTQ community center and other welcoming churches and synagogues. If your church is the only LGBTQ-welcoming congregation in your community, and there is no LGBTQ community center, there are still likely to be LGBTQ seniors—most of them closeted—who can be reached if you publicly affirm your welcome.\*

You can find resources and more ideas at [openandaffirming.org](https://openandaffirming.org)

\*“Seniors.” UCC Open and Affirming Coalition, 27 Dec. 2020,  
<https://openandaffirming.org/resources/seniors/>.



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