



**CARING
NEIGHBORS**

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 -

July 10, 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**

Come, let us celebrate the One

who calls us to love and speak truth to power:

No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

We are called to love and defend our brothers and sisters
who suffer in silence:

No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

We must rise up, stand up, and speak up for righteousness:

No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

Come, let us celebrate together the power to love
and to speak truth:

We are ready to worship our God who is still speaking!

***Opening Prayer**

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh upon us;

allow your presence to fill us with power from on high.

Come, Holy One, and dwell among us.

**We need your authority to love our neighbor
and speak to the powers of this world.**

**Give us a special anointing to stand and be witnesses
in our homes, our schools, and on our jobs.**

Come into this place and make us one with each other.

It is in your name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn *O Grant Us Light

#469

1 O grant us light, that we may know wis-dom that you a -
2 O grant us light that we may find where er - ror lurks in
3 O grant us light, that we may learn how dead is life from
4 O grant us light, when soon or late, all earth-ly scenes shall

lone can give, That truth may guide us as we go,
hu - man lore, And turn to you our seek - ing minds,
you a - part, How sure is joy for all who turn
pass a - way, In you to find the o - pen gate,

and vir - tue bless the lives we live.
and love your ho - ly Word the more.
to you an un - di - vid - ed heart.
to death - less home and end - less day.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain:

We confess you are still speaking!

In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored:

We confess you are still speaking!

In a world crying out for wisdom, love and mercy:

We confess you are still speaking!

In a world calling for the blessing of truth:

We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to hear!

Let us confess together:

**We confess that in our lives we often hide behind
our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion.**

We let ourselves get so busy

that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering.

We confess we allow the powers of this world

to seduce us into selfishness

and silence our witness.

Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all,

strengthen us to love our neighbor

and speak truth no matter the penalty. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

The Word of God assures us that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ. Let us go from this place with authority, knowing that God's Word gives us strength to love our neighbors near and far and power to speak up for those who are broken. Thanks to the Word of 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** *God Our Author and Creator*

#530

Unison

1 God our Au - thor and Cre - a - tor, in whose life we find our own,
2 Like those first a - pos-tles, Sav-ior, give us strength to love and serve:
3 Keep us faith-ful, Ho-ly Spir-it, help us bear the mes-sage true,

make our dai - ly wit - ness great-er, by our lives make your love known.
when our faint-ing spir - its wa-ver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.
that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."

Help us show how love em-brac-es those whom fear and greed down-trod;
Teach us wis - dom and com-pas-sion: bid our rest - less thoughts be still;
Join our lives in might-y cho-rus till we come from ev - ery place,

in all yearn-ing hearts and fac - es let us see a child of God.
by your guid-ance help us fash-ion lives con-formed un - to your will.
with all those who went be - fore us, to the full - ness of God's grace.

The Scripture

Colossians 1:1-14 NT page 199

Luke 10:25-37 NT page 71

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Morning Prayers

Honoring Kim Sexton for Twenty Years of Ministry with ERUCC

Sharing Our Stories

Kathy Gourlie

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

Organ Offertory

*Prayer of Dedication

**O God, we offer these gifts, tithes, and offerings
for the building of your kingdom on earth.**

Bless the gift and the givers.

Bless all who offer time, talent and treasure in your service.

We offer this prayer in your holy name.

*Closing Hymn *Help Us Accept Each Other*

#388

1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er
as Christ ac-cept-ed us;
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er,
each per-son to em-brace.
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us,
and bring us to be-lieve
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed
and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons,
as in our dai-ly life
we strug-gle to be hu-man
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for peo-ple,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may be-come.

3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us,
so that we may be moved
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions
to do the truth in love;
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance,
un-til we know by heart
the ta-ble of for-give-ness
and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.

4 God, for to-day's en-coun-ters
with all who are in need,
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance,
for righ-teous-ness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for see-ing,
new hands for hold-ing on;
re-new us with your Spir-it;
God! Free us, make us one!

***Benediction**

God, now as we leave from this place, but not from your presence, let us remember your still-speaking voice. Send your grace to go with us, your peace to keep us, and your love to surround us as we travel. May we leave empowered to love and speak your truth each day. **Amen.**

****Threefold Amen***

#812

Postlude *(please be seated)*

The flowers on the altar this morning are placed by the Doll children in honor of the love between their parents, Jane and Jack Doll, and for their wedding anniversary on July 15th.

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

The red rose buds are placed in celebration of the births of Ducan Sinclair Broderick, son of Evan and Laura Duncan Broderick, born June 24, 2022, and Hayes Benjamin Messner, son of Ben and Jacqueline (Doll) Messner, born July 1, 2022.

Attendance Last Sunday: 13 at 8:30 am, 84 at 10:30 am, and 67 online.

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Today: July 10, 2022

Liturgist:

Deacons: Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy

Elder: Marc Kline

Greeters: Eliza Stitely, Cathie Duncan,
Jo Ann Fritz

Welcome: Jeanellen Kellevang

Audio/Visual: Kelly Esslinger, Larry Martin,
Jeff Schaeberle

Fellowship: Bettie Crutchley,
Kathy & Bill Gourlie,
Drew Jones, Cathie Alschuler

Chimers: *Saturday:* Tricia Coffey
Sunday: Tricia Coffey

Next Week: July 17, 2022

Tadd Clarkson

Matt Davis, Harrison Fisher

Marc Kline

Tom and Rachel Ford,
Felecia Bishop

Julie Clark, Holly Davis

Rodney Martin, Jeff Schaeberle
Ethan Kline

Julie Clark, Joe Adkins, Quynn

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

We are called to listen to God's word of grace, and then let it shape our living. Christ changes all priorities, cutting through distracting social expectations. Colossians 1:15–28 portrays Christ at the center of everything; the universe is being reconciled to God through Christ. The Gospel lesson, Luke 10:38–42, tells the story of Jesus' visit to the home of Mary and Martha.

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: Cliff Barr, Mary Ellen Baker, John Slezak, Pat Hevner, David Cooney, Jeannette Johnson, Barbara Rhoads, Starr Schaeberle, 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, 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).

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/July22Chimes.

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

This class is on hiatus in July.

LET'S TALK

Community Room

9:30 – 10:15 am

Today: Frederick First Responders! Regardless of the emergency, we rely on first responders to be there when we need them. Sean Sexton will share information about becoming a first responder, what the job entails and what led him to choose a life of community service. Maybe we will even get to see some cool gear!.

Next Week: The Frederick Center! The Frederick Center exists to support and advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people and our families so we thrive, and are accepted and affirmed, in the broader Frederick community. Kris Fair will fill us in on the resources, strategies, and activities of the Frederick Center and how ERUCC supports that work.

This Week at ERUCC

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LISTENING SESSIONS

As Kim Sexton's ministry with us as Associate Minister for Children's Ministries concludes, it is important for our congregation to take time to reflect on what we should start, stop, and continue as it relates to what and how we are sharing in our ministry with children and their families.

With thanks for his help, David Cooney has agreed to facilitate three Listening Sessions:

Tuesday, July 12	Zoom: bit.ly/0712listen	6:00 pm
	Meeting ID: 837 7566 9655 Passcode: 729030	
Sunday, July 17	Community Room, <i>babysitting provided</i>	during Fellowship
Wednesday, July 20	Community Room, <i>babysitting provided</i>	6:00 pm

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

Upcoming at ERUCC

BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY - ERUCC/ALTMARK PARTNERSHIP

On July 19, eighteen youth and six adults will be arriving from our partner congregations in the Altmark region of Germany. A major part of our time will be spent traveling to and from Memphis to participate in a civil rights engagement program planned by First Congregational Church. On the way to Memphis, we will be visiting Mammoth Caves. On the way home, we will be spending the night at Uplands Retirement Community, affiliated with the UCC. At Uplands, the youth and adults will be engaging in conversation with former missionaries and church executives. One day we will tour Annapolis and enjoy a sailing trip.

Our friends will be with us in worship on July 31st and following the service, everyone is invited to an All-American Thanksgiving Dinner.

Your monetary and food gifts are very much appreciated.

WELCOME DINNER DONATIONS

On July 19, we will be welcoming our German friends and youth. Please consider donating towards a light meal in our Community Room. Donations welcome and labeled "7/19/22 Welcome Dinner" in the kitchen. For questions, contact Julie Clark, Jclarkad@yahoo.com. Donation sign up: bit.ly/july19meal

ALL-AMERICAN THANKSGIVING WITH OUR GERMAN GUESTS

Sunday, July 31

Community Room

during Fellowship

Help us say goodbye to our German guests with an All-American Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, July 31, during fellowship. We will take care of the turkey/tofurkey, gravy and mashed potatoes.

Bring one or more of your family's traditional sides or desserts to share. Please bring an index card listing all ingredients. Potluck sign up: bit.ly/0731food

Can you help by setting up, serving, or cleaning up? bit.ly/0731help

GOD'S KIDS CLUB – BIBLE TRIVIA

Friday, July 22

Zoom

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Join us as we answer questions about the Bible.

Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/bdd8wjyx>

Meeting ID: 810 3312 7723 Passcode: 668761

ERUCC BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, July 26

Contact Pam Shepp for more information

Liz Coffey Room / Zoom

7:00 pm

The Last Chance Library by Freya Sampson

Read a book synopsis in the June edition of Trinity Chimes at bit.ly/July22Chimes.

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

CLEAN-UP DAY AT THE CHURCH

Saturday, August 6

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Come and help with painting, cleaning, moving things, and who knows what. Owen York and members of the Property Committee will be on hand to organize and supervise your activities. Please contact Owen York, owenjork@gmail.com, if you can help.

SAVE THE DATE – WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, October 29

Community Room

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

One day women's retreat on October 29 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm in the Community Room. Please direct any questions to Starr Schaeberle.

Additional Announcements

SUMMER COINS FOR A CAUSE

The Coins for a Cause collection through 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 locally that are not supported in our annual budget. Donations can be placed in the jars at the back of the sanctuary near the collection plates.

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. Their clients, homeowners, are low-income and underinsured.

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 Stickle, keith.stickle@montgomerycountymd.gov, or Pastor Daniel, 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.

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.

Celebrating Kim Sexton

Kim Sexton joined the ERUCC staff in 2002 after years of volunteer work in the church. Rev. Fred Wenner identified her teaching skills and ability to provide organization and support for children and family ministries. Over the years, Kim expanded opportunities for children and their families to engage in the life of ERUCC and beyond. From the beginning, Kim's vision



was to create a church atmosphere where all are welcomed – including the youngest among us. As a congregation, we can see the result of Kim's ministry in that children are fully integrated in the life of the church.

Kim's responsibilities included recruiting teachers and providing training for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, supervising paid and volunteer staff in the nursery, and organizing special

events for children and their families. She created two groups for children – Tiny Tots for preschool kids and God's Kids Club for elementary aged children. She provided oversight for Monday Mess Hall when that was created in 2006.

A favorite aspect of Kim's ministry was providing the weekly Thought for the Day during the 10:30 service of worship.

Like all good teachers, Kim developed and deepened her knowledge and theology for ministry by attending the Lay Academy at Lancaster Theological Seminary and conferences with the Fund for Theological Education.

Along her journey, Kim developed her gift for healing ministry and provided prayers and support for members of the congregation, including visiting members in the hospital.

ERUCC acknowledges the many people Kim has influenced with her ministry and wishes her blessings in the future. We know that God has more plans for her.



ERUCC YOUTH SCHEDULE

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Sign up: tinyurl.com/5cwbyh4f

HELP WITH SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Wednesday, August 3

Frederick Stake

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Join Pastor Daniel at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as we sort through school supplies to be shared with young people attending schools in the City of Frederick. Come for an hour or two or the entire time. Please let Pastor Daniel know if you are able to come. This can count as service hours for school and or Scouts.

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DEDICATION OF THE 2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sunday, August 7

Worship Service

10:30 am

PARTY

Sunday, August 7

Hosted by the Coffeys

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Plan to come this evening as we welcome the newest members of our youth group, plan for the coming year, and bless those youth heading off to college. The church will provide the meat and drinks. We ask that you bring sides, salads, and desserts.

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, August 21

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Healthy Tools for a New School Year with Dr. Alison Bomba

July 10, 2022

Luke 10:25-37

Caring Neighbors

Today's scripture is the story of the Good Samaritan. Listen to the story in the words of those who experienced it:

The Religious Official speaks

I always believed there are two kinds of people in the world - good ones and, well, not-good ones. I, of course, have been blessed by birth and by training to be one of the good ones. I help when I can, but I tell myself that you can't help them all. And so that day, I rushed right by that person lying beaten on the side of the road, as I had rushed so many times before. In my rush to get where I was going and do the "good" thing I had planned, I think I missed a chance. I can't stop thinking of him and wondering if there was something more I could have done, wondering if "you can't help them all" is just a justification to not help anyone. Since that day, I've been thinking that maybe the world is not so easy to divide into good people and bad ones.

The Man Beaten by Robbers speaks

I always knew that there are two kinds of people in this world - those who suffer and those who make others suffer. Until that day, I made sure that I was the one who made others suffer, so they couldn't hurt me. Everyone feared my fists, and that's why they hired me to walk that dangerous road. But that day, I let down my guard for a moment, and others found me, and beat me. I thought I would die there, but instead I felt a cool cloth on my head, a gentle hand to bandage my wounds. Since that day, I've wondered if maybe the world is not so easy to divide into assailants and victims. The person who picked me up and helped me that day had no reason to help, he just did. Maybe the world isn't all about avoiding suffering or inflicting it. Maybe there is another way to live - healing and helping - that I hadn't noticed before.

The Samaritan speaks

Look, there are two kinds of people in this world. The right ones, like me, who know that God dwells on the holy mountain and the wrong ones, like him, who think God lives in a box in the city. When I saw him lying by the side of the road that day, I knew that he was one of the wrong ones. But in that moment, I also saw his pain was just like mine would have been. I saw that his blood was red just as mine is. And for some reason, I couldn't walk away. Since that day, I've wondered if maybe God could be both in my mountain and in their city. Maybe the world is not so easily divided into us and them.

