

Soul Investment

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 31, 2022

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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**

O give thanks to our GOD who is good,
Whose steadfast love endures forever!

**The people God loves have been gathered in
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Some have wandered, finding no safety, hungry and thirsty.

**In their trouble they cried out to God
who delivered them from distress.**

Let us thank our GOD for steadfast love for all humankind.

For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.

**O give thanks to our GOD who is good,
Whose steadfast love endures forever!**

***Opening Prayer**

Holy God, we gather this day to give thanks for your steadfast love and to experience afresh your desire to gather all people into communities of safety, justice and peace. With Christ as our guide, we seek to grow into "a new self" in your image: generous, compassionate, welcoming. Baptized into Christ, we seek to love all of our sisters and brothers with Christ's inclusive love that sees beyond difference and extends the hand of peace to strangers. Send your Spirit among us and inspire our imaginations and wills in the things that make for peace, for we pray in the name of the One who was called the Prince of Peace, Amen.

THANKSGIVING

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Nun danket alle Gott
(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sir. 50:20–24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,
1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;
Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,
With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an
Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.
With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**O God, like a father who teaches his child to walk,
like a mother who feeds and heals her children,
You desire to nourish all people and rescue them from injustice.
You call us into this work of justice-making and care.
Yet we follow other paths;
we make choices that lead to violence and destruction.
Meet us here and teach us how to put aside
all temptations that lead to violence,
from the smallest to the most global. Amen**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The apostle Paul calls us to seek the things that are above and find new life revealed in Christ. As we have been called by Christ, we put away the things that lead to death and Christ's life is revealed in us. Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Music from Our German Friends

*Danke, für diesen guten morgen
Alle Augen auf dich*

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.**

The Scripture

Psalm 107: 1–9, 43 OT page 559

Luke 12:13–21 NT page 74

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflections of our Partnership Experience

Morning Prayers

Recognition of the Completion of the Ministry of Kim Sexton

Prayer

God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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

Offertory *I Shall Wear a Crown*

-- T. McLaughlin
ERUCC Singers

***Prayer of Dedication**

Loving and merciful God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all the ways in which you have blessed our lives. We offer these gifts to remember that you are the source of our hope and our peace. With these gifts we commit ourselves to serve you and to work for peace in this world. Bless these gifts that they might be used in ministries of restoration and reconciliation. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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***Benediction**

Go now into the world, renewed in hope and dedication to serve God with all your heart and strength and to work for reconciliation among all of God's peoples until the whole human family can live in peace and security. **Amen.**

***Threefold Amen**

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Postlude *(please be seated)*

*1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22**John Oxenham, 1908; alt.
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
 One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.



We welcome our friends from Klein Schwechten to our service today.



Ring in Peace: Service Prayers for the 8th Sunday after Pentecost, was written by the Rev. Christopher Ney, Pastor of Central Congregational Church, UCC, of Newburyport, MA.

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

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

Attendance Last Sunday: 15 at 8:30 am, 68 at 10:30 am, and 54 online.

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Today: July 31, 2022

Liturgist: German Partners
Deacons: Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick
Elder: Peter Brehm
Greeters: David Howard, Susan Kulp
Robert and Nancy Manthey
Welcome: Jeanellen Kellevang
Audio/Visual: Ethan Kline, Larry Martin
Jeff Baker
Fellowship: Julie Clark, Joe Adkins, Quynn
Peter Brehm, Tricia Coffey,
Kelly Esslinger, Drew Jones,
Starr Schaeberle, Albert Manus

Chimers: *Saturday:* Dick Williams
Sunday: Kelly Esslinger

Next Week: August 7, 2022

Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick
Eric Weakly
Danielle Carbonne,
Sandy Gray, Anne Hoffman
Ave Barr, Marj Berkheimer
Jeff Baker, Ethan Kline
Kelly Esslinger
Kline Family

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.

Help us say goodbye to our German guests with an All-American Thanksgiving dinner during fellowship after today's service!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week

Jesus calls us to lives of faithfulness, being ever ready to participate in the reign of God. The teaching of Jesus in Luke 12:32–40 looks ahead to this new realm of God, urging us to prepare to eat at God’s heavenly banquet table. Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (v. 1). Led by our ancestors and mentors in the faith, we are called to trust that God will provide.

Today we will bless our 2022–2023 Confirmation class, their teachers, and mentors, and hold our annual blessing of the backpacks. We will also share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

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: The Family of Heather Krystofiak (friend of Laura Rhoderick,) Mary Jean Thiele (friend of Mary Boswell), Cliff Barr, Mary Ellen Baker, 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

LET'S TALK

Community Room

9:30 – 10:15 am

Today: Grappling with our Challenging History. The ERUCC youth and our German partners will report on their trip to Memphis and the Freedom Journey program as well as lessons learned while traveling together bridging language and cultural barriers.

Next Week: Reflection: Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for spiritual centering, contemplation, and prayer. Entering the serpentine path of a labyrinth, you walk slowly while quieting your mind and focusing on a spiritual question or prayer. We will walk the labyrinth behind Trinity Chapel. Meet in the Community Room for a presentation about the history and mystery of labyrinth walking prior to walking the Trinity Chapel Labyrinth.

This Week at ERUCC

ALL-AMERICAN THANKSGIVING WITH OUR GERMAN GUESTS

TODAY - Sunday, July 31

Community Room

during Fellowship

Help us say goodbye to our German guests with an All-American Thanksgiving dinner during fellowship after today's service.

ERUCC YOUTH – 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 can come. This can count as service hours for school and or Scouts.

GREEN TEAM – COMMUNITY GARDEN

Select dates through August 6

8:00 – 10:00 am

Help in the Community Garden near the Frederick News Post building on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings. 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

WORK 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. Youth welcome! These hours can count as service hours for school and or Scouts.

Please contact Owen York, owenjyork@gmail.com, if you can help.

Upcoming at ERUCC

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT ERUCC?

If you are interested in learning more about ERUCC, the United Church of Christ, and what it means to be a church member, we hope you join us at one of the following opportunities:

Sunday, August 7	Community Room	11:45 am – 12:45 pm
Sunday, August 21	Zoom	7:00 – 8:00 pm
Zoom: bit.ly/ER0821	Meeting ID: 824 9521 1145	Passcode: 343455

We will be receiving new members into the church on Sunday, August 28 at the 10:30 am service. Thanks to our newer friends and guests for your participation in the life of ERUCC and for the joy you bring us.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Calling all students, teachers, bus drivers, school employees, and administrators! Bring the tools of your trade for Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10:30 am service on Sunday, August 7.

ERUCC BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, August 23

Contact Pam Shepp for more information

Liz Coffey Room / Zoom

7:00 pm

Heartseeker by Melinda Beatty

Read a book synopsis in Trinity Chimes at bit.ly/July22Chimes.

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.

ADVOCATES FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 19

Clustered Spires Golf Club



All proceeds will benefit Frederick County homeless individuals and families with children. All golfers receive a light breakfast, lunch, use of practice facilities, and 18 holes of golf. Lunch will be served after the tournament, followed by raffle drawing, door prize drawings, and individual and team prizes. \$125 per golfer. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

To register, please go to www.ahfgolf.com before August 19, 2022. For questions, please contact: Ken Allread, Executive Director, 301-662-2003 or kallread@afh88.org.

Opportunities to Use Your Gifts at ERUCC

FELLOWSHIP

Consider helping with Fellowship! 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.

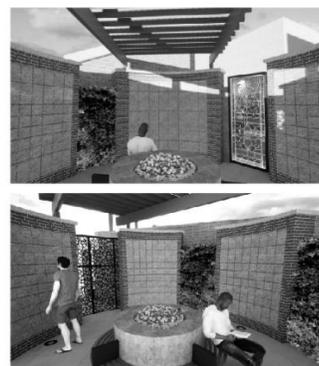
To help with upcoming events, contact Pastor Daniel or the church office, 301.662.2762, events@erucc.org, or sign up on the bulletin board or online: bit.ly/ERUCC_events_help.

Those interested in securing their final resting place here at ERUCC should contact the committee by email at columbarium@erucc.org or calling the office at 301-662-2762.

\$10,000 Top-tier Leadership niche (12"x12")

\$5,000 Standard niche (8"x8")

Each niche accommodates two urns.



July 31, 2022

Luke 12:13-21

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Then (Jesus) told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So, it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." Luke 12:16-21 NRSV

This parable reminds us that it is human nature to plan and build newer and larger structures in abundant times. This parable ends with the advice to give to God rather than to the glory and false security for the self. How do we give to God? Many other places in scripture act as reminders that the surest way to give to God is to give to those who have need here and now.

For some congregations, their structures enhance and support their giving to others. For others, the building itself - its care and maintenance - has become their ministry. Prayerful discernment about the role of the building in congregational life can be energizing and lead to new vision and purpose.

During the first half of 2022, the national staff of the United Church of Christ moved from the space that had been home for more than thirty years into new office space. Over the years, the national staff has continued to be reduced. With COVID on the scene, many of the staff began to work from home. The combination of a smaller staff and a greater percentage of those working from home meant that that large space of the old offices was no longer needed. After a period of discernment, it was decided that that building was no longer serving its purpose - to serve the mission and ministry of the church. So, the staff moved their official offices a mile away. The new space at 1300 E. 9th Street in Cleveland, is smaller and more flexible, with an open floor plan that encourages collaboration and innovation.

It will not be the right decision for every church to sell its building and move to smaller quarters. However, every church with a physical plant can ask whether the congregation is serving the building and grounds more than the building and grounds are serving God and neighbor.



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