

OpenTable

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.

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**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 –

August 28, 2022

Twelfth 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** Prelude on AZMON

- P. Manz

John Widmann, guest organist

### \*Call to Worship

We who have risen to embrace this day,  
we who are weary in body and spirit,  
**all are welcome in this sacred place.**

We who know the abundance of life,  
we who are left impoverished by harsh realities,  
**all receive a sustaining measure of God's love.**

We who are strong in mind and soul,  
we who are challenged by illnesses of many kinds,  
**all are whole in the Spirit of God.**

We who have a voice and the strength to use it,  
we who whisper prayers in our hearts,  
**all are invited to worship the God we love.**

### \*Opening Prayer

**We give you thanks, Gracious God, that you invite us and all people into your presence, to feast at your table, to share together as equals, and to welcome one another. Keep us ever mindful that it is by your grace that we are welcomed here. May we never do anything to suggest that others of your children are any less worthy of your grace. Amen.**

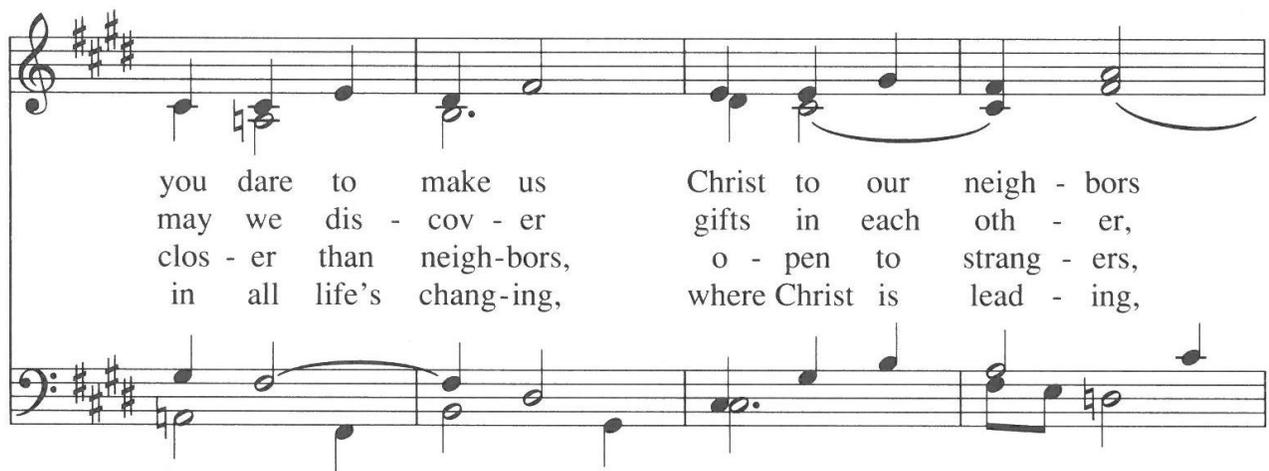
**\*Opening Hymn** *We Are Your People*

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*Unison*

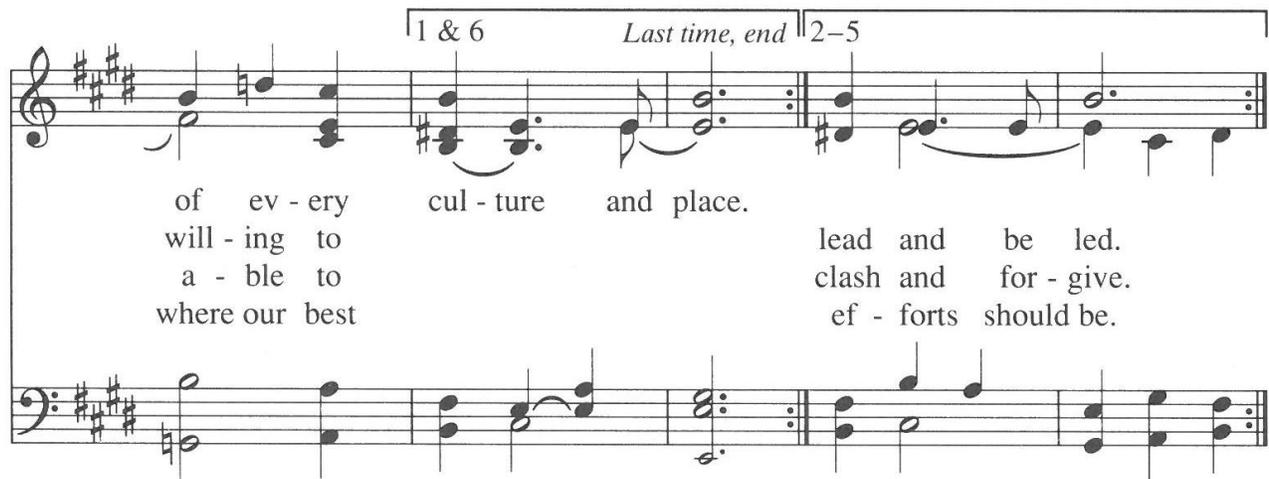


1 We are your peo - ple: Spir - it of grace,  
2 Joined in com - mu - ni - ty, trea - sured and fed,  
3 Rich in di - ver - si - ty, help us to live  
4 Glad of tra - di - tion, help us to see



you dare to make us Christ to our neigh - bors  
may we dis - cov - er gifts in each oth - er,  
clos - er than neigh - bors, o - pen to strang - ers,  
in all life's chang - ing, where Christ is lead - ing,

1 & 6 *Last time, end* 2-5



of ev - ery cul - ture and place.  
will - ing to lead and be led.  
a - ble to clash and for - give.  
where our best ef - forts should be.

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Sacred Spirit who moves within and between, through you, we are assured of Love that gathers us in and renews us with worship.

We are quick to receive your boundless welcome, and with eager hands, we accept the sacramental gift of your grace.

But we are aware of the times we become satisfied with our own inclusion and we do not enact the divine hospitality planted deep within our very nature.

When we do not look beyond our institutional walls,  
**forgive us, O God.**

When we imagine ourselves to be more valuable than others,  
**forgive us, O God.**

When we do not live as your people,  
**forgive us, O God.**

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

In the soul of God, we each have a place of honour where the Spirit nourishes us. Then filled with the abundant love of God, we can extend ourselves in new and life-giving ways. Receive forgiveness and live the love 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.**

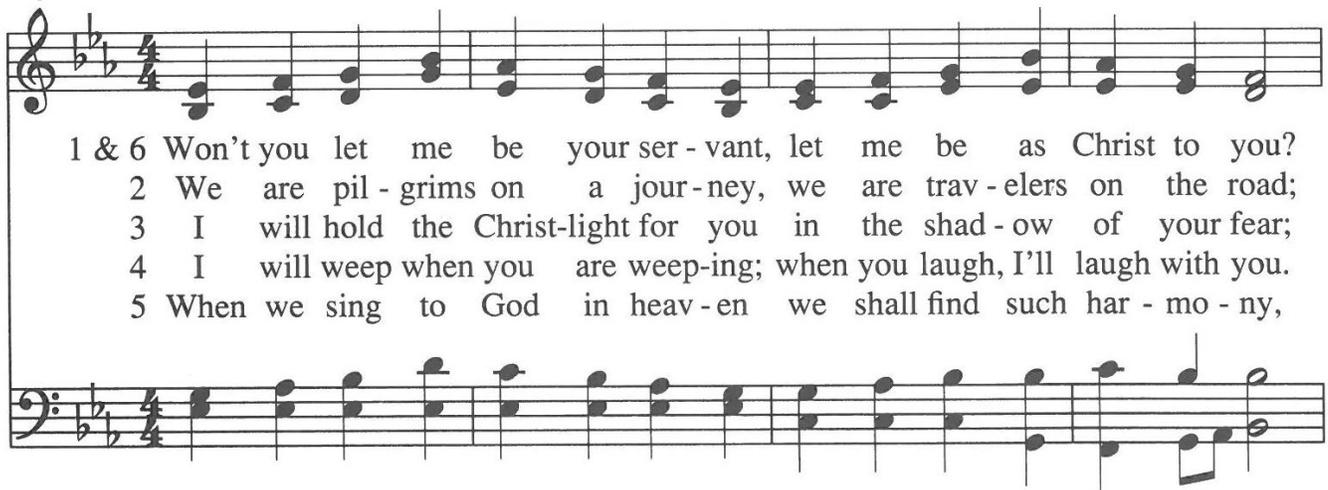
**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

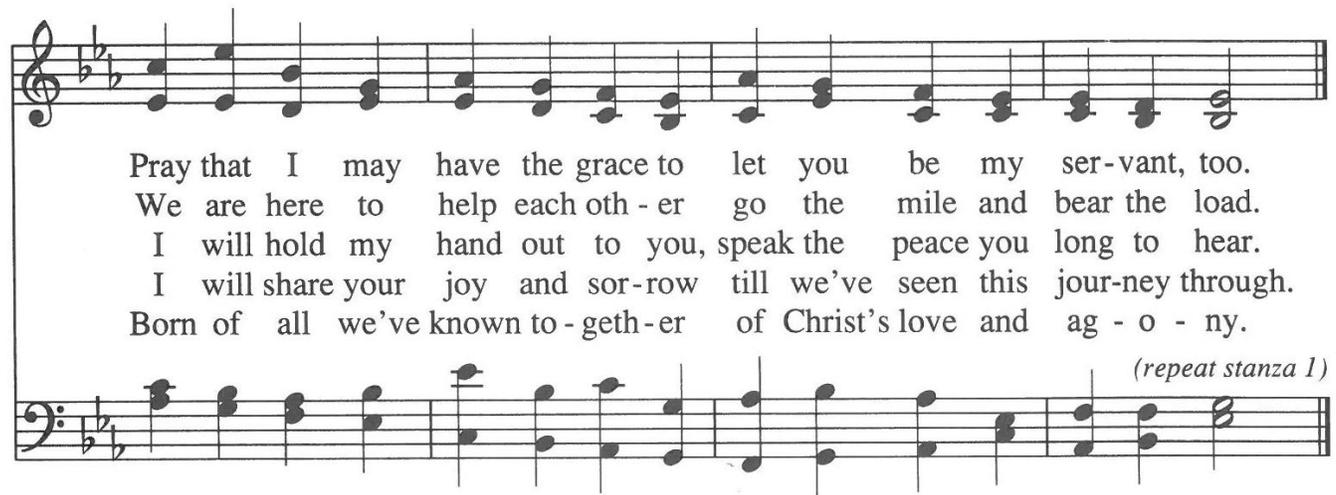
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant*

#539



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;  
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

*(repeat stanza 1)*

**The Scripture**

Hebrews 13: 1–8, 15–16 NT page 227

Luke 14:10–17 NT page 77

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Morning Prayers**

**Reception of New Members**

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

**Organ Offertory**

John Widmann, guest organist

## \*Prayer of Dedication

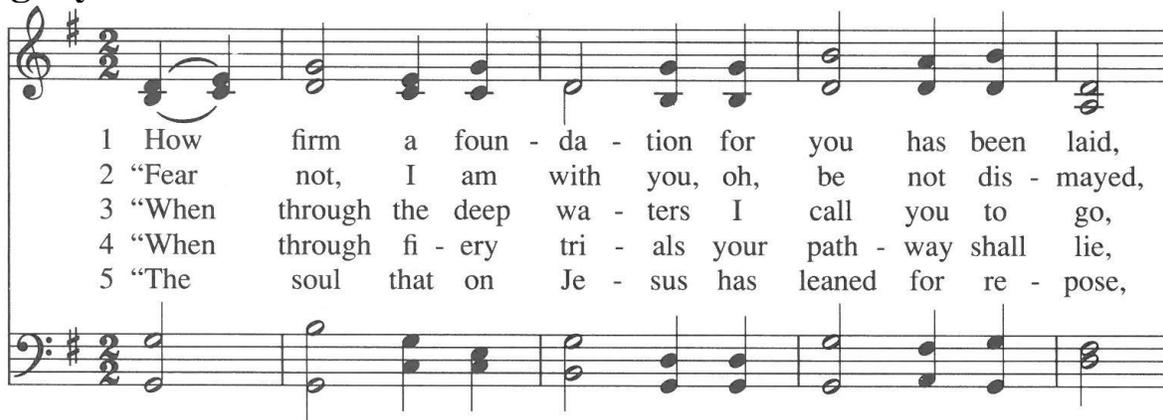
This is our place to learn and practice the way of Christ.

Here we will cultivate mutual love;

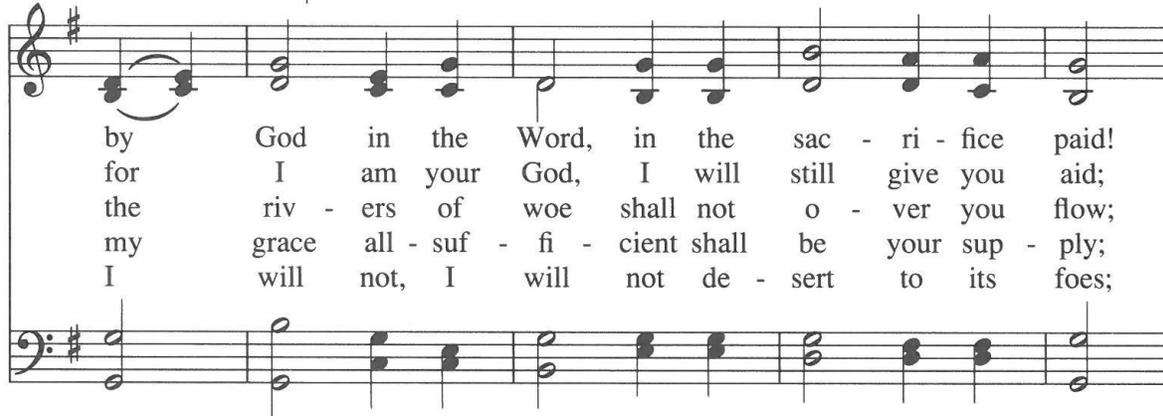
Through the gifts we bring and the lives we live we will hold loosely  
to our worldly wealth and share what we have to do the good we can.

## \*Closing Hymn *How Firm a Foundation*

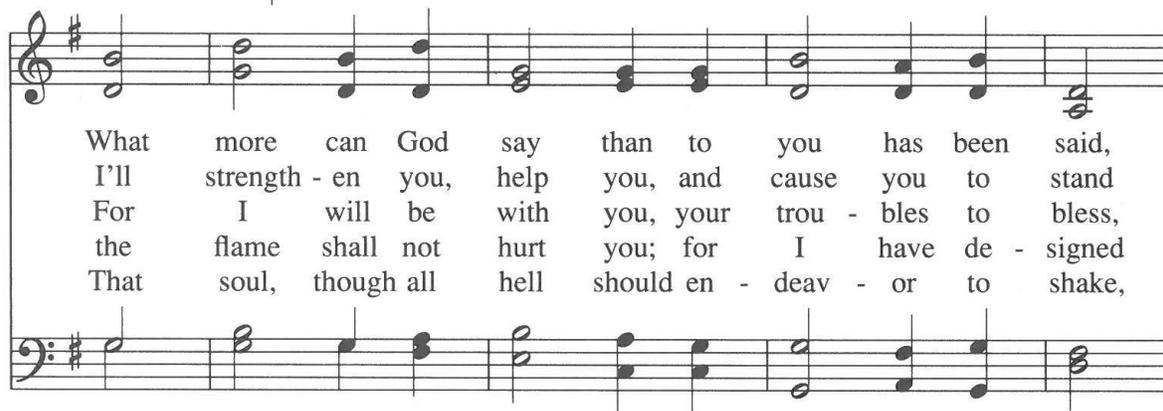
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1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,



by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!  
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;  
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can God say than to you has been said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand  
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."  
de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."  
your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

**\*Benediction**

Live always as an offering of praise. Remember always to do good in this world, and share what you have with others. So we become the blessing we receive, from God our Maker, Healer, and Guide.

**Amen.**

**\**Threefold Amen***

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**Postlude** Toccata in G Major  
*(please be seated)*

- T. Dubois  
John Widmann, guest organist



**We welcome John Widmann as our guest organist today.**

**The flowers on the altar** this morning are placed by the Wyand and Inners families in memory of deceased loved ones.

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

**The red rose bud** is placed in celebration of the birth of Lucy Anne Moulton, daughter of Elizabeth Fisher Moulton and Brian Moulton, born August 17, 2022.

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**Attendance Last Sunday:** 15 at 8:30 am, 106 at 10:30 am, and 60 online.

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**Today: August 28, 2022**

Liturgist: Marc Kline  
Deacons: Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle  
Elder: Peter Brehm  
Greeters: Kathleen Goebel, Felecia Bishop  
Sue Pinner  
Welcome: Pat Condo  
Audio/Visual: Rodney Martin, Jeff Schaeberle  
Kelly Esslinger  
Fellowship: Green Team  
Chimers: *Saturday:* Suzanne Morris  
*Sunday:* Robin and David Cooney

**Next Week: September 4, 2022**

Carolyn Roberts  
Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick  
Laura Rhoderick  
Sue Pinner, Abby Spear  
Danielle Carbone, Sandy Gray  
Ave Barr, Marj Berkheimer  
Kelly Esslinger, Larry Martin  
Jeff Schaeberle  
Sedonia and Larry Martin  
Dick Williams  
Kelly Esslinger

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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**

Our first lesson for this morning is from Psalm 139: 1-6. and speaks of a deeply intimate sense of an individual's relationship to God. In Luke 14:25-33, Jesus teaches about the costliness of discipleship and how the summons to follow calls for personal sacrifice and reshaped priorities.

This morning communion will be served to you as you are seated in the pews.

**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: Conway Barnes (brother-in-law of George and Linda Kline), The Family of Heather Krystofiak (friend of Laura Rhoderick), Mary Jean Thiele (friend of Mary Boswell), 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, Barbara Lee Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley), Marcy Channell (daughter of JoAnn Fritz), Paige Coffey, Jane Doll, Westin (great nephew of Sandy Gray & Danielle Carbone), Peggy Githerman, Emogene Wyand, Fran Wenner, Neremiah Castillo (niece of Andrew Beadle), Bonnie Devilbiss, Maria Csiba (mother of Tamara Tamas), The McCarty family, 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).

Peggy Githerman  
208 Center St  
Frederick MD 21701

Mary Ellen Baker  
634 Schley Ave  
Frederick MD 21702

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Blaine Hoffmann, who died Friday, August 19.

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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/Aug22Chimes](http://bit.ly/Aug22Chimes).

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

### **LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE with Reverends John & Rebecca Shillingburg**

**The Church Gets Organized: A Brief history of Christianity from the 1st Century to the Middle Ages Resumes September 11**                      **North Room / Zoom**                      **9:00 – 10:20 am**

This class will resume meeting on September 11, online and in the North Room, with an overview discussion of the history of the church from the 1st century into the Middle Ages. On September 18 and 25, *Let's Talk* and *Let's Study the Bible* will combine for a discussion about Mary Magdalene led by Rev. Richard Leslie at 9:30 am. Then, a series on the miracles of Jesus will begin on October 2 with more details to come.

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### **LET'S TALK**

**Sundays**    **Community Room**    **9:30 – 10:15 am**

**Today: Gratitude:** Plant-based diets...why?! Paying attention to what we eat and how it is grown can lead us to a diet that is more sustainable for the environment and healthy for our bodies. Even if you are dedicated to meat and cheese, there are ways to improve your diet while also reducing your carbon footprint. Scott Harris and Susan Kulp will highlight some of the benefits of switching to a vegan diet and provide tips for how to get started. Even if you are not ready to make any big changes, come sample some tasty plant-based treats!

**Next Week: Creation Justice:** In these days of unrelenting bad news about the climate and super-charged partisan politics, we need some hope! Using *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's*



*Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World* by Katharine Hayhoe, we will explore how to stay hopeful, engage others and take action. Even if you don't have time to read the book, join us for the discussion **led by members of the Green Team.**

## Welcome New Members

We welcome into church membership today:

**Doris Esslinger**  
526 Wood St Apt 308  
Bethlehem PA 18018

**Niel and Kathleen Jefferson**  
10597 Lakeridge Pl  
New Market MD 21774

**Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice**  
509 Sarah Ct  
Mechanicsburg PA 17050

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE,  
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE  
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY...  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

Welcome  
New Members!

## Upcoming at ERUCC

### SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY NEXT WEEK

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

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### CREATION JUSTICE SUNDAY

**Sunday, September 4**

Devastating news about climate change bombards us daily. It is very easy to become overwhelmed and depressed about the future of our beautiful planet. But when we become hopeless, we see no reason to act. Hope is the antidote for despair and we need more of it! Hope is empowering and gives us the courage to act and advocate. But where do we find hope amidst all the news of wildfires, melting glaciers and droughts?

During Let's Talk, we will be discussing *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*. We will also host the knitted Tempestry, which shows the rise in temperatures in Maryland from 1900 to 2018. Our own Nancy Jones helped create this beautiful and informative piece of scientific artwork. David Howard will give a special musical performance representing climate change on cello.

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### CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUSIC

On September 11, we will kick off the year for children and youth music activities. **Children's Music and Movement** will rehearse each Sunday morning from 10:10–10:25 am in Trinity Chapel. Children will explore a variety of musical styles including the use of rhythm instruments, hand chimes, expression through movement, and vocal choirs. We will also hold **Cambridge handbell choir** rehearsals each Sunday morning from 11:30 am – 12:00 pm in the Flora Room. Both groups are open to participants in Pre-K through high school. We will sing or play in the 10:30 am worship service at least monthly, and children of all ages are invited to join us in singing a quick song verse following the Thought for the Day each Sunday.

We look forward to these new, exciting opportunities and hope you will join us! If you have any questions, please contact Trish Coffey, 301-455-8720 or [trishcoffey1195@gmail.com](mailto:trishcoffey1195@gmail.com) or Kelly Esslinger, 484-707-3233 or [kellbell.erucc@gmail.com](mailto:kellbell.erucc@gmail.com).

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### GREEN TEAM: IN THE STREETS

**Saturday, September 10**

**Community Room**

**11:00 am – 5:00 pm**

Visit members of the Green Team as we pair up with the Multifaith Alliance of Climate Stewards (MACS) and Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) at the In the Streets festival. We will be between 4th and 5th streets in the Going Green Block.

## **YOUTH GROUP OLYMPICS**

**Sunday, September 11**

**Community Room**

**6:00 pm**

Fun and games as we get to know each other and build community in our youth group for the coming year. Thanks to Trish Coffey for organizing!

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## **GREEN TEAM: NATIVE PLANT PLANTING DAY**

**Wednesday, September 14**

**8:00 – 11:00 am**

Come help us turn the plot of grass at the back of the parking lot into a native plant garden. Native plants help bring back biodiversity by providing flowers for pollinators, host plants for insects and seeds and berries for birds. Bring work gloves and water. We can really use some help!

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## **GREEN TEAM: SUNDAY SPIRITUAL WALK**

**Sunday, September 18**

**Catoctin Furnace**

**2:00 – 3:30 pm**

Enjoy the beauty of the Catoctin Mountains and reflect on the lives of the people who lived and worked at Catoctin Furnace. We will visit the furnace and follow the trail to the slave cemetery. Meet in the Cunningham Falls Manor parking lot to walk across the iron bridge to the Catoctin Furnace area. Or if you prefer not to do the steps on the bridge, you can park at the Catoctin Furnace parking lot and meet up with us around 2:30 pm. Take 15 N from Frederick towards Thurmont.

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## **ERUCC BOOK GROUP**

**Tuesday, September 27**

**Liz Coffey Room / Zoom**

**7:00 pm**

Zoom: [bit.ly/ER0821](https://bit.ly/ER0821)

Meeting ID: 824 9521 1145

Passcode: 343455

*We Are Not Like Them* by Christine Pride. Read a book synopsis in the August Trinity Chimes at [bit.ly/Aug22Chimes](https://bit.ly/Aug22Chimes).

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## **GERMAN VISITORS FROM INDEN AND LANGERWEHE**

**October 14 – 23**

The Rev. Daniel Mueller-Thor will be leading a group of 20 youth and adults to Frederick October 14-23. We are still working on the program and will have details soon. If you are interested in hosting for this event and available to participate in activities, please let Pastor Daniel know.

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## **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.

## **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 volunteers 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 12th to drive to Kentucky to enjoy a free evening and Sunday prior to starting work on Monday, November 14th. Please contact Keith Stickle, keith.stickle@montgomerycountymd.gov, or Pastor Daniel, bkdaniel@erucc.org, for more information or 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.

## **Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults**

### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Rev. Richard Leslie**

**Embracing Spiritual Awakening Guide: Diana Butler Bass on the Dynamics of Experiential Faith**

**Tuesdays, September 6 – October 4      North Room / Zoom      11:00 am – Noon**

Best-selling author, speaker, scholar, and "cultural observer" Diana Butler Bass explores what Christianity may look like "beyond religion and beyond the church." In this engaging and provocative study, Diana leads a small group of diverse adults, young adults, and youth in fascinating discussion of how, both culturally and spiritually, we are in the midst of another of history's "great awakenings."

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### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY with Rev. Esther Ziegler**

***Faithful and True: A Study Guide to the Book of Revelation***

**Wednesdays, September 7 – October 26      North Room      2:00 – 3:00 pm**

What should contemporary Christians make of the last book in the New Testament? Greg Carey, Professor of New Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary, offers an accessible guide to the Book of Revelation in his new book *Faithful and True: A Study Guide to the Book of Revelation*. Rather than translating the fantastic and metaphorical language of the first century, he invites us to learn what those first Christians were facing in their time and culture and to use it to engage the urgent questions of power and loyalty we face as Christians today. Books are available through the church office and the reading for each session will be about 10 pages long plus assigned passages in scripture.

## 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.*

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### 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](http://www.ahfgolf.com)** before August 19, 2022. For questions, please contact: Ken Allread, Executive Director, 301-662-2003 or [kallread@afhf88.org](mailto:kallread@afhf88.org).

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### TOGETHER IN TEAL: ENDING OVARIAN CANCER



This year marks 10 years since my diagnosis of late-stage ovarian cancer. While I am incredibly grateful to be healthy, I can't help but think of all the women that have not been as fortunate ... who struggle with recurrence or worse, have lost their life to this terrible disease. My passion for the cause remains strong. The Frederick teal community has now merged with the Annapolis Chapter to form the Central Maryland Market and we will be walking on Sunday October 9 at the Annapolis Mall. This year my team, Cathie's Warriors, will be walking in memory of all the women we have lost, in particular, my dear friend Debra Sapcariu, who was the co-chair of the Frederick Chapter.

Please help support Cathie's Warriors for 2022 Together in TEAL® to raise awareness and funds for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition and support our mission. Together we can imagine a world where no woman ever loses her life to ovarian cancer.

To donate go to: **<https://togetherinteal.donordrive.com/participant/23786>**

Thank you for your support,  
Cathie Duncan

## ERUCC FINANCE REPORT JULY 2022

Our church is blessed with members and friends with tremendous generosity, THANK YOU! As stated at the annual congregational meeting the Finance committee committed to keep you informed of the financial state of our church. The following information is based on financial reports through July 31, 2022.

ERUCC Finances as of 31-July 2022				
	Jan - Jun 2022	Budget	Over(Under)	% of Budget
Envelopes & Offering	\$ 268,196.00	\$ 316,513.00	\$ (48,317.00)	84.7%
Plate	\$ 894.00	\$ 864.00	\$ 30.00	103.5%
Building Use	\$ 29,112.00	\$ 11,666.00	\$ 17,446.00	249.5%
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,000.00			
Property Donations	\$ 45.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ (37,955.00)	0.1%
Mortgage Assistance	\$ 39,629.00	\$ 33,250.00	\$ 6,379.00	119.2%
Investment Income	\$ 141,470.00	\$ 139,096.00	\$ 2,374.00	101.7%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 480,346.00</b>	<b>\$ 539,389.00</b>	<b>\$ (59,043.00)</b>	<b>89.1%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 532,549.00</b>	<b>\$ 726,041.00</b>	<b>\$ (193,492.00)</b>	<b>73.3%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ (52,203.00)</b>	<b>\$ (186,652.00)</b>	<b>\$ 134,449.00</b>	<b>28.0%</b>

As you can see our direct donations through envelopes and offering is behind our projected/budgeted amount, building use is ahead as is mortgage assistance. On the expense side we are under what we projected to have incurred so that is good news that we are keeping expenses under control.

We apologize for the delay in sending the mid-year individual giving statements, which were emailed or mailed on Wednesday, August 24th. Please consider completing your financial commitment to the work and ministry of ERUCC.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Treasurer at [treasurer@erucc.org](mailto:treasurer@erucc.org) or Finance Chair at [financeChair@erucc.org](mailto:financeChair@erucc.org) of any questions or concerns.

**Your Finance team:** Will Duncan (Chair), Rodney Martin (Treasurer), Allen Flora, RaeAnn Butler, Robert Morris, Bob Ziegler, Peter Brehm and Barbra Kershner Daniel

## Opportunities to Use Your Gifts at ERUCC

### ERUCC RINGERS



Do you enjoy music and have an interest in ringing handbells with us? ERUCC has traditionally had several handbell choirs and would love to keep that tradition alive. We will begin handbell rehearsals for the upcoming year on Thursday, September 15 (adults and experienced middle/high school-aged youth). We will rehearse each Thursday evening in the Flora Conference Room from 6:15-7:00 pm. NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE is necessary. We will teach you, if you are willing to learn! Our goal is to play in church at least once a month. Please join us! We would love to have you.

Please let Trish Coffey know via text, 301-455-8720, or email, [trishcoffey1195@gmail.com](mailto:trishcoffey1195@gmail.com), if you are interested in joining us.

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### 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](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 online: [bit.ly/ERUCC\\_events\\_help](http://bit.ly/ERUCC_events_help).

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### AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM

We are looking for volunteers to join our AV team. No special skills or experience is required. We rotate duty Sundays so you don't need to be there every Sunday. We each typically work about 2 Sundays each month. Schedules are set 3 months at a time, and we work together to cover shifts when someone's plans change. There are three people there each Sunday so you will always be with someone experienced. We will provide training on both audio and video consoles. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Schaeberle, [jeff@erucc.org](mailto:jeff@erucc.org). You are also welcome to come up to the balcony on any Sunday to observe and learn more.

## **SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

*beginning September 11*

8:30 – 9:15 am	<b>Worship</b> , Trinity Chapel
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Nursery Care</b> , Main Building
9:30 – 10:15 am	<b>Adult Education</b> , Main Building <i>Let's Talk</i> (9:30 am) and <i>Let's Study the Bible</i> (9:00 am)
9:30 – 10:10 am	<b>Children's Sunday School</b> , Trinity Chapel
10:10 – 10:25 am	<b>Children's Music &amp; Movement</b> , Trinity Chapel
10:30 – 11:30 am	<b>Worship</b> , Main Sanctuary
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Children/Youth Hand Chimes Rehearsal</b> , Flora Room
11:30 am	<b>Fellowship</b> , Community Room

Those interested in securing their final resting place here at ERUCC should contact the committee by email at [columbarium@erucc.org](mailto: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.



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the members of this congregation, seek to celebrate in word and deed the gospel of Jesus Christ, by nurturing spiritual growth through worship, study and prayer; by caring for one another as God cares for us; and by proclaiming God's love for all people as we work to help our neighbors near and far. We commit ourselves to develop and implement specific programs to fulfill our mission.

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 28, 2022

Luke 14:1, 7-14

### Open Table

The Little Pantry Movement is based on the Little Library movement. Where the little libraries made books available to neighbors and passers-by, the little pantry makes available non-perishable food and hygiene items for anyone who might be in need. The motto of the loosely organized movement is “Take what you need, give what you can.” The mini pantry movement is a grassroots, crowdsourced solution to immediate and local need. Whether a need for food or a need to give, mini pantries help feed neighbors, nourishing neighborhoods.

Emmaus United Church in the Northern Virginia community of Vienna has a Little Free Food Pantry on their property. In September 2020 the Emmaus Youth Group received a \$500 service grant from a local organization to build a Little Free Pantry, a project that was chosen by the Emmaus Youth Group members. Over the course of 3 weekends, the Youth Group members gathered to construct and install the Pantry. The Youth Group checks and stocks the Pantry weekly, but anyone can check it throughout the week and restock it from a bin of donations left in a public place.

Suggested personal care donations to the Emmaus Little Food Pantry are items like hand sanitizer, face masks, individually wrapped toothbrushes, small size toothpaste, socks, first aid supplies, soap/shampoo, brushes and combs.

Of course, food donations are the mainstay of the pantry and include nonperishable food items with pull tabs or other easy-to-open and single serve containers. Suggested items are jerky, canned/packets of meat, canned ready meals (pasta, chili), nut and seed butter (single serve or small size preferred), canned fruit/fruit cups, peanut butter & other snack crackers, dried fruit, trail mix, nuts, granola/protein/breakfast bars, single serve cereal, single serve shelf stable milk, juice boxes, canned vegetables, canned soup, and water bottles.

Jesus welcomed all to an open table. A Little Free Pantry is one example of an open table that you and your community can co-create with Christ in your area. If you are curious about how you could create a Little Free Food Pantry on your church property, check out <https://emmausucc.org/> or <https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>.

