

**Living into the Promise**

Thank you for worshiping 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 worshiping 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 -

August 7, 2022

Ninth 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**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.**

**Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.**

**We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen.**

**Prelude Arioso**

-- J.S. Bach

David Howard, cello; David Eslava Howard, piano

**\*Call to Worship Psalm 50**

Come, listen to the One  
**who speaks and summons the earth,  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Come, see the One  
**who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.**

Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One  
**who shows the salvation of God.**

## \*Opening Prayer

God of salvation, all the earth cries out for the beauty within us that comes from the covenant you made with creation. We, your little flock of young and old, male and female, rich and poor, strong and weak, are not afraid, for it is your good pleasure to give us now your kingdom on earth as in heaven. We have come: we are dressed for action and have our lamps lit, we are ready for a new dawn that brings an everlasting day. Amen.

## \*Opening Hymn *Enter in the Realm of God*

#615

The musical score consists of four staves of music in Unison, 3/4 time, C major. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first staff contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second staff contains the middle section. The third staff contains the fourth section. The fourth staff contains the final section, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*Unison*

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

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

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

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

## **\*Call to Confession**

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

God of mercy, remove the evil of our doings so we may  
**learn to do good!**

God of mercy, remove confusion from our doings so we may  
**seek justice!**

God of mercy, remove fear from our doings so we may  
**rescue the oppressed!**

God of mercy, remove hopelessness from our doings so we may  
**defend the orphan!**

God of mercy, remove complacency from our doings so we may  
**plea for the widow!**

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

God of compassion, your eternal love brings us back in true friendship with you through your boundless forgiveness. In Christ, this love is treasured in our hearts. Gathered as your community of believers, our family of faith, we are empowered to forgive one another as we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Thought for the Day**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

#369

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn-ing, keep your lamps trimmed and burn-  
 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py, it's our faith makes us hap -  
 3 We are climb-ing Ja - cobs's lad - der, we are climb-ing Ja - cob's lad -  
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er, ev - ery round goes high - er, high-

Last time, end

Sis - ters, don't grow wear - y, broth - ers, don't grow  
 wear-y, chil-dren, don't grow wear - y, for this work's al - most done.

*Refrain*

**The Scripture**

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16      NT page 225  
 Luke 12:32–40      NT page 75

Reader:    The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All:**        **Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

## Morning Prayers

– A JOURNEY OF FAITH –

### Dedication of the 2022–2023 Confirmation Class, Teachers, and Mentors

#### Questions of the Confirmands, Mentors, and Teachers

#### Blessing

Confirmands response: May my ears be open to hear the voice of God; may my eyes be open to see the light of Christ; may my lips speak words of truth.

**Congregation response: Gracious God, you are the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Draw near to these persons who seek to grow in faith. Steadily increase in them, and in us, the desire to follow you, courage to question you, and willingness to learn from you. Amen.**

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

#### Offertory *Andantino*

-- GB Pergolese

David Howard, cello; David Eslava Howard, piano

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Life-giving God, by faith we obey your call to set before you the promise and inheritance of who we are and what we have, which you have first given to us in love. May our humble offering be pleasing in your sight and multiply, as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore, for the greater good of all creation.**

## – SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION –

### **Communion Prayer**

The God of healing be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God who brings joy out of sorrow.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to praise you, surprising God.

From the beginning of time, you have created and are creating still.

You transform us and make us new each day.

Through prophets and leaders young and old

you have offered us covenants and new ways of living.

**Even when we turn away from you and think we know all there is to know, you do not give up on us.**

**You wait. You try a new way to bring us back to you.**

Most surprising of all, you came to live as one of us.

Born in a stable, to humble parents, Jesus knew the highs and lows of life, experienced hopes and fears, wonderings and questionings.

Jesus called many people to share in the new life of the reign of God.

**Jesus welcomed all with open arms, and sends us out to proclaim the good news of your love for the whole world.**

**As the disciples came back filled with joy, so we come with joy to this table to share in the feast of new and endless life.**

We remember Jesus, gathered with friends, breaking bread and saying:

“This is my body, given for you.”

And then he offered them a cup, and said,

“This is my blood of the new covenant. Eat, and drink, and remember me.”

Gather us in, O God. Through your Holy Spirit, bless these gifts we offer here, bless all of us gathered here, and make us one:

to love and serve you and proclaim your goodness for the rest of our days.

## **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*All who desire the Sacrament, including children, are invited to come forward at the direction of the deacons. You may kneel or stand to receive the elements. Consume the bread and drink from the cup as it is given to you, and hand your empty cup to one of the ushers, as you return to your seat by way of the side aisles.*

*Please use the quiet time before and after you commune for private prayers, for your own needs and for the needs of others.*

## **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for his holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **\*Closing Hymn *At the Font We Start Our Journey***

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*see next page*

## **\*Benediction *Luke***

As we go forth to proclaim and live the Good News,  
may our hearts remain set on an unfailing treasure in heaven  
where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

Wherever we are, may we know your treasured love in our hearts,  
and be always ready to open a door  
as soon as we hear Jesus coming and knocking.

Let us follow the footsteps of Christ into the world,  
and like our Savior, may we unconditionally serve in love  
all who dwell on this home called earth. **Amen!**

## **\**Threefold Amen***

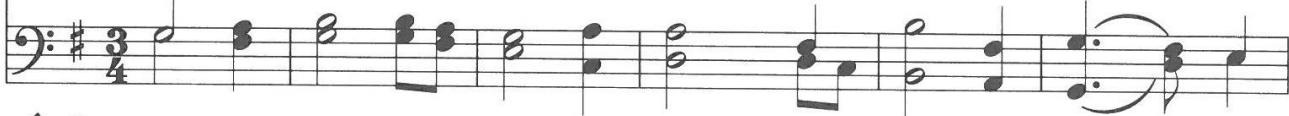
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## **Postlude (*please be seated*)**

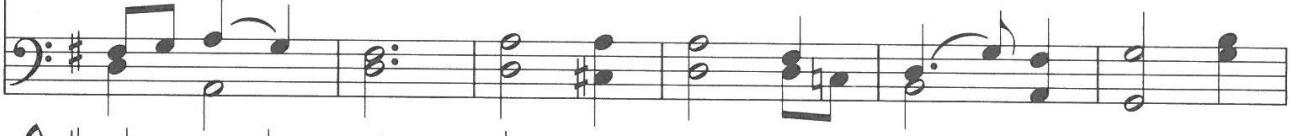
**Treasured Love: Service Prayers for the 9th Sunday after Pentecost** was written by James E. Janecek, a military chaplain with standing in the South Texas Association of the South Central Conference. The service for the Dedication of the Confirmation Class is from *Affirming Faith*.



1 At the font we start our jour - ney, in the Eas - - ter  
2 At the pul - pit we are fash-ioned by the Eas - - ter  
3 At the al - tar we are nour-ished with the Eas - - ter  
4 At the door we are com - mis-sioned, now the Eas - - ter



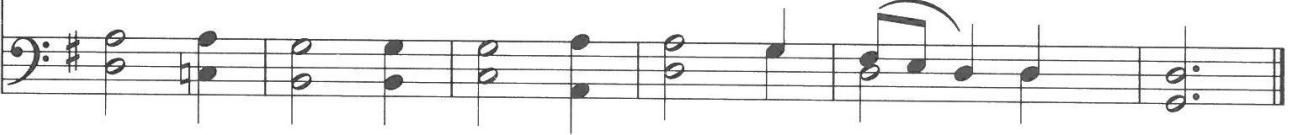
faith bap - tized; doubts and fears no long - er blind us,  
tale re - told in - to wit - nes - ses and proph - ets,  
gift of bread; in our break - ing it to piec - es  
vic - tory's won, to re - store a world di - vid - ed



by the light of Christ sur - prised. Al - le - lu - ia,  
by the power of Christ made bold. Al - le - lu - ia,  
see the love of Christ out - spread. Al - le - lu - ia,  
to the peace of Christ as one. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - al - ized.  
al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.  
al - le - lu - ia! Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed.  
al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter's work must still be done.



**The flowers on the altar** this morning are placed in loving memory of Bill and Michael Rhoads by Barbara and Family.

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

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**Attendance Last Sunday:** 17 at 8:30 am, 148 at 10:30 am, and 111 online.

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### **Today: August 7, 2022**

Liturgist: Tyler L. York  
Deacons: Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick  
Elder: Eric Weakly  
Greeters: Danielle Carbonne,  
Sandy Gray, Anne Hoffman  
Welcome: Ave Barr, Marj Berkheimer  
Audio/Visual: Jeff Baker, Ethan Kline  
Kelly Esslinger  
Fellowship: Kline Family  
Chimers: *Saturday*: Tricia Coffey  
*Sunday*: Robin Cooney

### **Next Week: August 14, 2022**

Jim Weitz  
Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy  
Cathie Duncan  
Eliza Stitely, Cathie Duncan  
Jo Ann Fritz  
Jeanellen Kallevang  
Rodney Martin, Larry Martin  
Kelly Esslinger  
Larry and Sedonia Martin  
Nancy Doll  
Kelly Esslinger

### **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

This morning we will hear about the nearness of God in Jeremiah 23: 23-29. Our second reading is from Psalm 82: 1-8. Psalm 82 is a mythic drama, in which the sovereign God “takes his place in the divine council” of other eternal beings. In the midst of the gods, God calls out the leaders of the spiritual realm for injustice: In Luke 12:49–56, Jesus describes the costs of faithful discipleship in terms of divisions it may cause.

The Rev. John Shillingburg will be leading worship.

**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, Emogene Wyand, Fran Wenner, Neremiah Castillo (niece of Andrew Beadle), Bonnie Devilbiss, Maria Csiba (mother of Tamara Tamas), Betsy Fisher, 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).

Peggy Githerman  
208 Center St  
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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

### **BIBLE STUDY CLASS with Reverends John & Rebecca Shillingburg**

This class will resume on September 11. Details coming soon.

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#### **LET'S TALK**

#### **Community Room**

**9:30 – 10:15 am**

**Today: 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. Led by Michelle Beadle, we will meet in the Community Room for a presentation about the history and mystery of labyrinth walking prior to walking the Trinity Chapel Labyrinth.

**Next Week: Attention:** **Native Plants** create habitat and food for all types of wildlife from bees to bunnies. Join the Green Team for a walking tour of the patio and parking area to learn about some of our native plants and the roles they play in nature. We will also talk about future plans for more native plants. Meet on the patio behind the church at 9:30 am to join the tour.

## This Week at ERUCC

### **SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY TODAY**

**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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### **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](https://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.

## **YOUTH GROUP 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.

## **Upcoming at ERUCC**

### **FELLOWSHIP: PILGRIM MEAL**

**Sunday, August 14**

**during Fellowship**

Join those walking the Camino de Santiago in September for lentil soup and torte, typical foods served to those pilgrims walking the Camino.

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### **YOUTH GROUP**

**Sunday, August 21**

**6:00 – 7:30 pm**

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

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

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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.

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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*** by Katharine Hayhoe, who is a leading climate scientist and a person of faith. She gives us ...cont.

factual information, reasons to care and empowering ways to act and stay engaged. **Start reading now! You will love this book!**

We will also host the knitted Tempestry that day 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. A special musical performance representing climate change by David Howard on cello.

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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. 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 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.

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## 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.

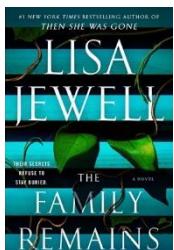
## Additional Announcements

### LISA JEWELL: *THE FAMILY REMAINS* WITH CURIOUS IGUANA

Friday, August 12

Community Room

7:00 pm



Join Curious Iguana for an evening with the suspense queen Lisa Jewell to celebrate the launch of *The Family Remains*. From the #1 New York Times bestselling author Lisa Jewell comes an intricate and affecting novel about twisted marriages, fractured families, and deadly obsessions in this standalone sequel to the "brilliantly chilling" (Ruth Ware, New York Times bestselling author) *The Family Upstairs*.

Tickets required. Each ticket includes admission for two and one copy of *The Family Remains*. No more than 3 books from home for signing. Select backlist titles will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Tickets: \$30, available online: [bit.ly/3zSPyCA](https://bit.ly/3zSPyCA)

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### MAMA BEARS FILM SCREENING AT THE FREDERICK CENTER

Friday, August 12 & Saturday, August 13

322 W Patrick St

6:30 pm

Spread across the country but connected through private Facebook groups, over 30,000 mothers in America—many from conservative, Christian backgrounds—fully accept their LGBTQ+ children. And they call themselves "mama bears" because while their love is warm and fuzzy, they fight ferociously to make the world kinder and safer for all LGBTQ+ people. *MAMA BEARS* explores the journeys of two mama bears and a young lesbian whose struggle for self-acceptance exemplifies why the mama bears movement is vitally important.

Cost: \$10 with tickets available online: [bit.ly/3vEboYa](https://bit.ly/3vEboYa)

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### IT'S GETTIN' HOT IN HERE: The Environment, Climate, and the 2022 Election

Saturday, August 20

Virtual Event

9:30 – 11:30 am



The Environmental & Climate Justice Network of the *Justice & Witness Action Network* calls on local churches, clergy, and justice leaders across the Central Atlantic Conference to join us in the work of tending to God's world, and the people in it through the struggle for environmental and climate justice. Our shared environment is in crisis, and as people of faith we are called to tend to it, to nurse its wounds, and to care for the people suffering due to climate change and environmental racism.

UCC justice leaders, clergy and local churches will gather for worship, learn from environmental and climate justice leaders about the state of the environment, climate and what is at stake in the November elections, and get prepared to work on environmental and climate justice issues as part of the elections and beyond.

RSVP now: [bit.ly/Aug20-HotInHere](https://bit.ly/Aug20-HotInHere)

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES MISSION DASH 5K: CLIMATE JUSTICE



Join Global Ministries for a 5K for climate justice! Creation care efforts by international partners evolve with each natural disaster and shift in weather patterns. Partners cope with the negative impacts of climate change by protecting and nurturing the natural world, preserving resources, and seeking to ensure food security.

Throughout the month of August, there will be opportunities to participate in advocacy actions in solidarity with international partners. This year, proceeds from the Mission Dash Virtual 5k will support climate justice projects that are led by the partners and communities being served across the globe.

Registrants may do the 5K anytime between August 1 and August 31, 2022. The cost is \$25 per person, and each registrant will receive a collapsible water bottle and magnet.

Register today: <https://globalministries.org/5kregistration>

*Global Ministries is a joint witness in mission between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ.*

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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@ahf88.org](mailto:kallread@ahf88.org).

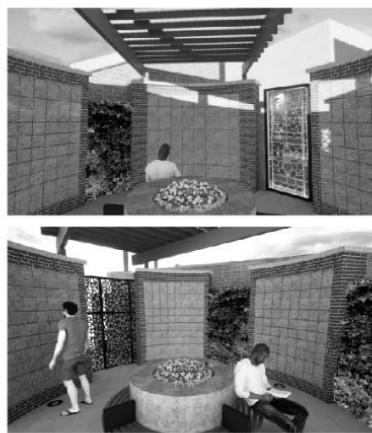
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Those interested in securing their final resting place here at ERUCC should contact the committee by email at [columbarium@erucc.org](mailto:columbarium@erucc.org) or calling the office at 301-662-2762.

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

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

Each niche accommodates two urns.



## 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](https://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](https://bit.ly/ERUCC_events_help).

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## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 2022

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

### Living into the Promise

Rev. Ann Kansfield, UCC pastor, FDNY chaplain and author of *Be the Brave One: Living Your Spiritual Values Out Loud and Other Life Lessons* shares the courage that led her to write a book about her experiences.

"My wife Jennifer and I serve part-time as co-pastors of the Greenpoint Reformed Church, (a joint UCC and Reformed congregation in Brooklyn, NY). We do our best to love God and neighbor, even though we aren't always sure how to do that.

My other ministry setting is as a chaplain for the fire department of the City of New York. I am one of seven chaplains who serve the department as a whole. I never know what might happen on any given day, but I pray that God can use me in a way to be of service to others. Also, the uniforms are pretty great."

Although friends encouraged her to share her stories and reflections, Kansfield shied away from the idea of writing a book. "One of the things that really changed the trajectory of the book was connecting with Marty St. George, my co-author... He is really the one who helped take a bunch of stories and thoughts and turn them into a book. I think it's actually a really great story in itself because it shows that sometimes we can do big things when we have friends and fellow travelers who walk alongside us and help us. Sometimes we minister to others and other times they minister to us. Life is really best lived when it's done in mutual ministry with others around us.

For me, bravery is doing things which make us uncomfortable, things which we would rather not do or avoid. And being brave is what allows us to be authentic and vulnerable and have important conversations which we would otherwise want to avoid. Bravery is not just about apologizing for our mistakes but asking 'how did my mistake impact you?' and then being quiet and listening.

We can all use some extra bravery these days. It's not always easy to be our most authentic selves. It's certainly difficult to be vulnerable and to share our deepest hopes and fears and listen to the hopes and fears of others. That stuff can be terrifying! But that's the space where God often leads us - to authenticity, vulnerability and bravery."



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