

FREE to GRIEVE

Thank you for worshiping 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 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.

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.

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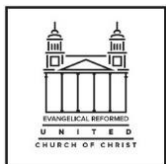
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October 2, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal
*All who are able may stand

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On World Communion Sunday, we consciously gather with followers around the planet to take in the bread and cup of life and liberation.

We worship, acknowledging the brokenness and hope that exists around the world and proclaim that the death-dealing ways of the powers-that-be are not the ways of God and Jesus, the radical one from Nazareth.

Chimes Concert at 10:00 am from Trinity Chapel's steeple

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude Prelude on UNION SEMINARY, *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

- C. Callahan

***Call to Worship**

Come.

Let us be God's community.

Come with love.

The steadfast love of God never ceases.

Come with curiosity.

We are one body, one planet, one Church.

Come with hope.

As we gather with the bread and the cup, justice is served.

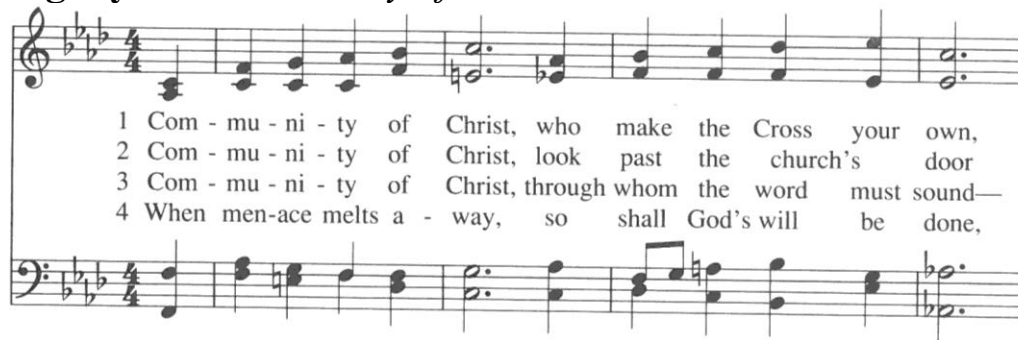
Let us worship.

*Opening Prayer

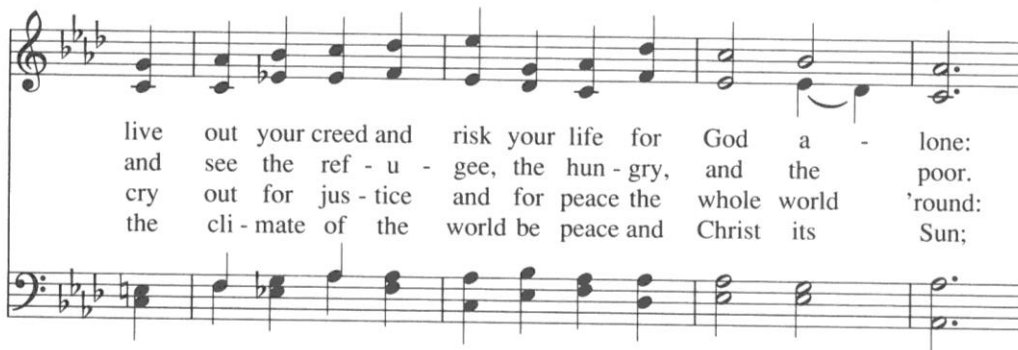
O Source of Justice, we are Your One Body, called to follow Jesus to create beauty and justice on Your One Body, Your planet. As we experience your Word, may we be awakened to see how suffering hurts the entire body and how beauty enlivens us all. Strengthen us. Draw us in to witness your vision, to the resilience and resistance of the timeless faithful in the work for justice.

*Opening Hymn *Community of Christ*

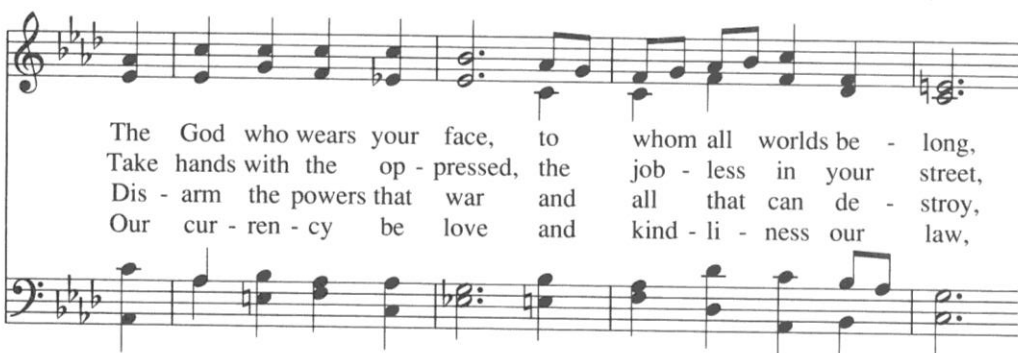
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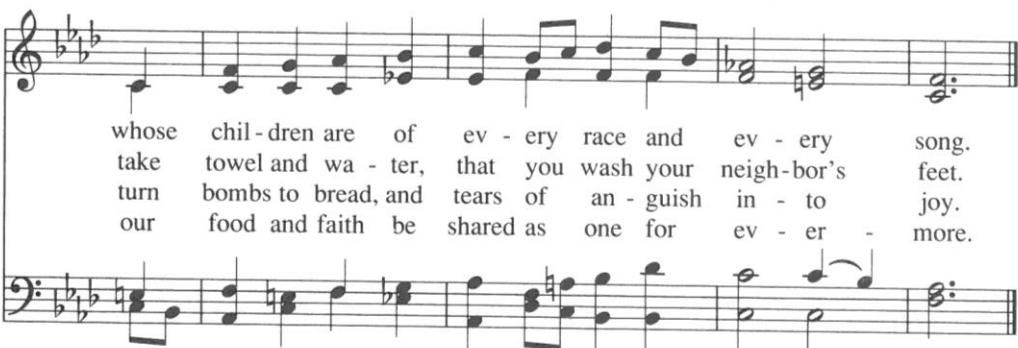
1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door
3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,



live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:
the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;



The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,



whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

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

2 Timothy 1: 1-7

Read in Spanish by Kelly Esslinger

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Luke 17: 5-10

Read in French by Cliff Barr

5 The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' 6 The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

7 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? 8 Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink;

later you may eat and drink”? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!””

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Morning Prayers

It's Coming: Consecration Sunday

Rev. Richard Leslie

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

We give thanks for the planet we share with all of God's creation and for imagining a world-made-new. Let us share what we have as one way of creating a world free from hunger, poverty, and oppression.

Offertory *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

- H. Friedell
Senior Choir

***Prayer of Dedication**

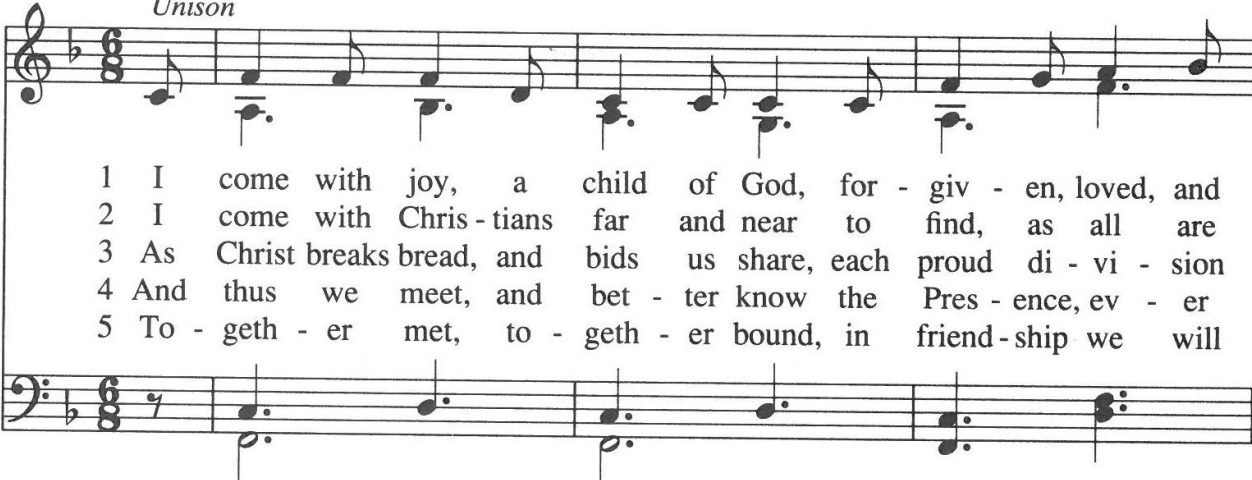
Embolden us, O God, as people of your global village to trust a new creation is possible. May our sharing be a symbol of that trust. Amen.

- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION -

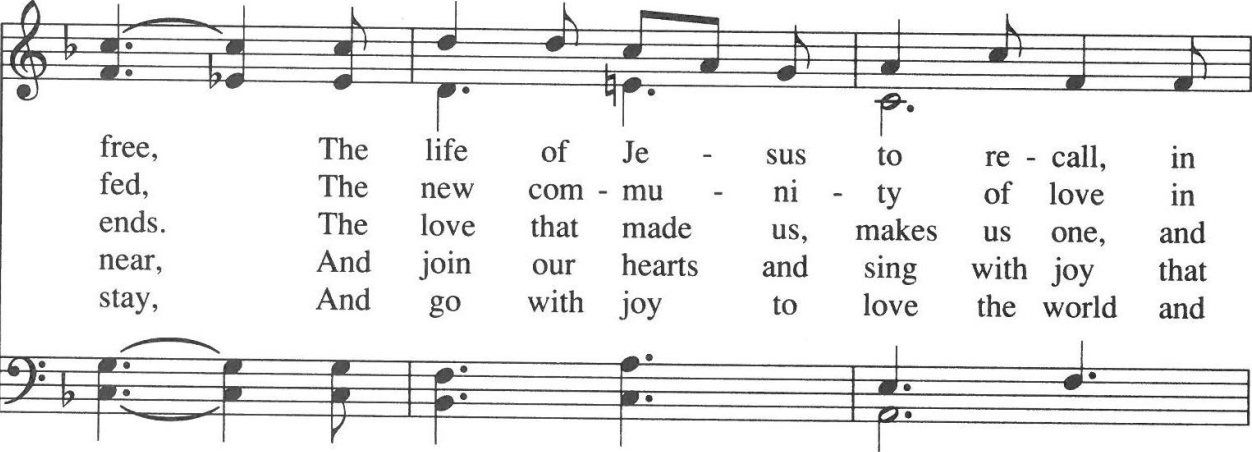
*Communion Hymn *I Come with Joy*

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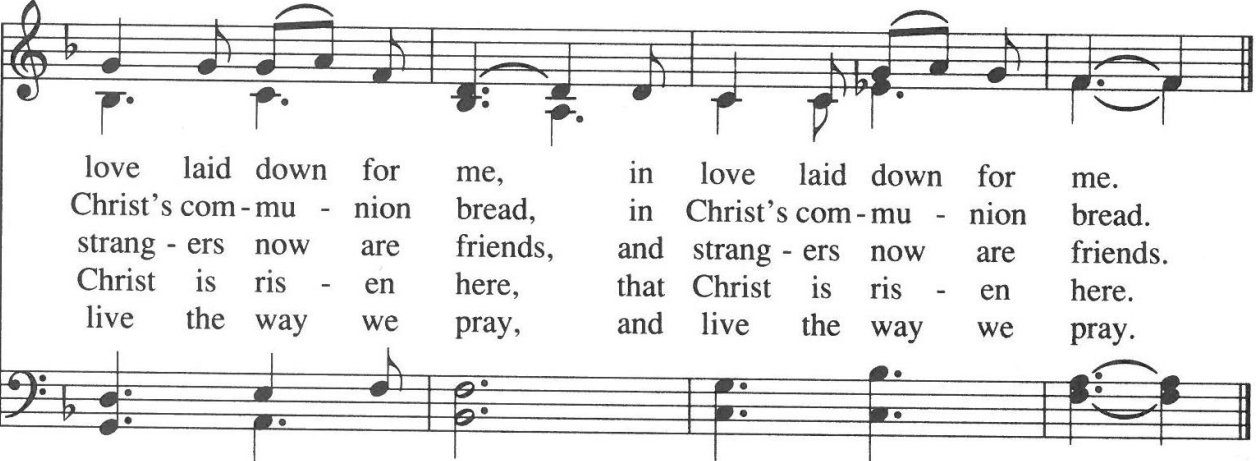
Unison



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will



free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that
stay, And go with joy to love the world and



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.
live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

Communion Prayer

One world, spinning freely,
yet too often fractured and confined.
We, too, often find ourselves
broken, alone, feeling powerless.
Remind us of the words
written long ago to Timothy,
encouraging him to rekindle his faith.
Spark your fire within us,
the fire that energizes and renews
and brings new life to us and the world.
As a Samaritan paused to give Jesus thanks,
so we gather on this day –
people from around the world –
to celebrate Christ's presence in our midst.
We use bread from our culture,
and from others,
as a potent symbol that you, our God,
are the God of all people,
that your love reaches not only us,
but others besides.
Open us to listen to them.
Open us to learn from them.
Open us to be present for them
not in patronizing and colonial ways
but in loving, equal, and Christ-like ways.
This day we take Communion with all the world
and in so doing declare that Christ is present
for all people, challenging unjust systems
with God's challenge and promise.
As we break bread and share a cup,
may we remember the Christ
present with us through all these years
and across all this world, present with us as we
rededicate ourselves to you. Amen

Presentation of Breads from Around the World

Blessing

**We bless you, gracious one,
for the presence of your holy spirit in
the church you have gathered.
and we pray, come, Holy Spirit;
dwell in these breads and in this cup,
that they may be for us both blessing and life.
come, dwell in your people of every land and language,
that we may be united with one another
as the body of Christ in every corner of the world.
with the faithful in every place
and time, we praise your holy name:**

Sanctus (sung together)

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**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
you are holy, God.**

Words of Institution

Today, Christ-followers meet in public worship and secret gatherings to break bread together. Today, in grand churches and shanty-town hovels, wine is shared. In different languages, by ordained clergy and faithful lay leaders, Jesus' last supper is remembered as these words are shared:

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord, Jesus, gathered for supper with twelve of his closest friends, his disciples. He took the unleavened bread of the Passover feast, and when he had given thanks to God for it, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup and gave it to His disciples, saying, "This cup is the new covenant – a new relationship with God, marked by the forgiveness of your sins. Drink of it, all of you."

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

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

You have met us at the table, Lord Jesus, to unite us with you and with brothers and sisters around the world. Go with us now into that world, that we may be loving faces of welcome among refugees, of freedom among the oppressed, of hope amid persecution, of peace amid violence, of living faith amid a culture of skepticism, and of kindness toward the earth and its inhabitants. Amen.

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

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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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "In Christ there Is No East or West". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The time signature is 4/4. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support for the vocal line.

***Benediction**

From East, West, North and South we have been fed.
Now may the God of Community, three-in-one,
be with us all to be a just, free, and gentle people.
Let the people of God say, “**Amen!**”

***Sevenfold Amen**

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Postlude Fanfare on MCKEE, *In Christ There Is No East or West*
(please be seated)

- C. Callahan



Beauty and Suffering: God’s Holy Planet, A Service of Holy Communion for World Communion Sunday,
was written by the Rev. Ashley Goff. The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Breads was adapted
by Heather Prince Doss.

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Mike Condo who passed away October 5, 2016 by Patricia and Wells Condo.

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

Attendance Last Sunday: 15 at 8:30 am, 167 at 10:30 am, and 60 online.

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Today: October 2, 2022

Scripture Reader: Kelly Esslinger, Cliff Barr
Deacons: Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick
Elder: Tyler L. York
Greeters: Danielle Carbonne, Sandy Gray
Bob and Nancy Manthey
Welcome: Ave Barr, Marj Berkheimer
Audio/Visual: Larry Martin, Kendra Sampson
Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Schaeberle
Fellowship: Green Team
Saturday Chimer: Trish Coffey
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Next Week: October 9, 2022

Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy
Eric Weakly
Eliza Stitely, Felecia Bishop
Sue Pinner
Pat Condo
Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Baker
Larry Martin

Dick Williams
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 1st floor, is accessible by stairs or elevator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week

The Gospel lesson is Luke 17: 11-19. Out in Samaria, out beyond the boundaries of Israel, Jesus meets ten lepers, he heals them and is amazed by the gratitude of one.

Spirit will be sharing in music leadership this morning.

HOSPITAL AND PRAYER LIST

Your pastor wants to be available when members of ERUCC are in the hospital. Please let us know so that we can visit with you and your family and provide support. We always ask permission before adding a name to be included in the prayer list or in the verbal announcements on a Sunday morning. There are many for whom we pray and visit whose names are not listed in the bulletin by their request.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Derek C. Hupp (grandson of Beanie and Gaylon Cornell), Barbara Rhoads, Barbara and Wayne Kolb (friends of Stefan and Judi Mach and Tony and Linda LaFianza), Sean Sexton, Darryl Glick, John Ewing (grandfather of Tyler York), 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, Starr Schaeberle, Nancy Tordoff (mother of Kim Sexton), 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).

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**LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR
CHILDREN PRAYING**

Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults

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

North Room / Zoom

9:00 – 10:20 am

Zoom: bit.ly/3QSB77N

Meeting ID: 833 1890 5798

Passcode: 891524

He told them a parable ... Whenever we hear this in a reading from the gospels, be prepared to **DUCK!** While they may appear to be simple stories telling a moral, there's often a lot more going on in the parables. And Jesus' real meaning may be at odds with the simple moral we have heard so many times. Join us as we delve into these enigmatic stories told by Jesus ... stories that often left even the disciples scratching their heads in confusion.

LET'S TALK

Community Room

9:30 – 10:15 am

Today: When Teaching a Man to Fish Isn't Enough. We all know the old adage: "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime." But does he though? The Mission and Social Action Committee invites you to join this discussion about how we as disciples of Christ are called to do the work of compassion and justice in a complex world. By identifying root causes of suffering and celebrating the power of partnerships to meet the demands of our day, we advance God's Kingdom promises.

Next Week: AARCH (African American Resources and Cultural Heritage) Society of Frederick. The AARCH Society is a "first voice" organization in which the people of a culture speak for themselves about their history, heritage, and culture. **Seaven Gordon, AARCH Vice President,** will share information about the AARCH Society's role in collecting and preserving Frederick's African American history. Come learn first-hand about how the AARCH Society highlights the history, rich heritage, culture and contributions of African Americans in Frederick County.

A Note of Gratitude



Dear ERUCC Family and Friends,

I was overwhelmed by the celebration of my 40th anniversary at ERUCC that you prepared and participated in. Thank you for an exciting, enjoyable, perfect day. I especially would like to recognize and thank the committee members who so creatively planned and produced this special occasion. And thanks to all of you for the warm wishes and love you showed me.

With love,
Alison

This Week at ERUCC

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES TODAY



Neighbors in Need: Donations support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy, and direct service projects supported by Justice and Local Church Ministries.

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/year.

Upcoming at ERUCC

AARCH WALKING TOUR

Explore the history of the southern section of Frederick from the African American perspective

Sunday, October 9

AARCH Heritage Center, 125 E All Saints St 2:00 pm



Join a 60–90-minute walking tour as an African American Resources Cultural and Heritage Society (AARCH) tour guide takes us on an informative exploration of local history on All Saints Street and the surrounding area. Learn about the cultural and historical importance of the neighborhood that was the center of the African American

community up until the early 1960s. We will meet at the AARCH Heritage Center, 125 East All Saints St, to begin the tour.

There is a 15-person limit. A donation of \$7 is suggested and can be paid to ERUCC.

RSVP to erucc@erucc.org.

TUESDAYS WITH TED

Tuesday, October 11

6:00 – 7:00 pm



Join a group on Zoom hosted by Pastor Daniel to listen to and discuss the TED Talk by **Elizabeth Gilbert: Your elusive creative genius.**

Elizabeth Gilbert muses on the impossible things we expect from artists and geniuses -- and shares the radical idea that, instead of the rare person "being" a genius, all of us "have" a genius. It's a funny, personal, and surprisingly moving talk.

To join via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3erWnj1> Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 Passcode: 313735

CHIMES LEARNING AND SERVICE GROUP

Thursday, October 13

North Room

11:00 am



At this meeting of the Chimes Group, our speaker will be from SHIP, the Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership of Frederick County, to share information on how they provide critical resources and urgent services for Frederick youth experiencing homelessness. All are welcome to attend.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Stewardship and Generosity Committee has selected the *Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, October 30, we are asking our attendees and members, in person and online, to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

You will not receive an *Estimate of Giving Card* in the mail before Consecration Sunday. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team, Consistory members, and committee chairs. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Peter Brehm, ERUCC Consistory President

GERMAN VISITORS FROM INDEN AND LANGERWEHE

October 14 – 23

Join us as we welcome our German Friends! Led by The Rev. Daniel Mueller-Thor, a group of 16 youth and adults will be visiting with us October 14-23. Please contact Pastor Daniel if you wish to participate in any activities. Drivers and people to prepare food are most welcome.

Friday, October 14	2:30 pm 5:30 – 6:00 pm	Arrival at Dulles Welcome meal at ERUCC
Saturday, October 15	Morning Evening	Free time with Host Families Pumpkin Patch / Maze with Supper (joint activity with children and youth)
Sunday, October 16	Morning Day	Worship at ERUCC Free time with Host Families
Monday, October 17	8:30 am Evening	Depart ERUCC for Washington DC Dinner at ERUCC
Tuesday, October 18	Time TBD Evening	Visit Frederick: African American Heritage Walking Tour Free time with Host Families
Wednesday, October 19	9:45 am Evening	Immigration Conversation – USA and Germany Meet at ERUCC to walk to Heritage Frederick exhibit of immigration Panel with Frederick County residents about their immigrant experience at the Asian American Heritage Center of Frederick Dinner at ERUCC
Thursday, October 20	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am Evening	Depart ERUCC for Annapolis Guided tour of the State House Banneker-Douglas Museum (focuses on African Americans in Maryland) Lunch and Free Time Dinner at Brewer's Alley
Friday, October 21	9:00 am Evening	Depart ERUCC for Harper's Ferry Dinner at the church Thomas Johnson High School Football Game
Saturday, October 22	4:00/5:00 pm	Free Day with Host Families BBQ at the Hoewing Moxley Farm
Sunday, October 23	Morning	Worship at ERUCC Lunch and goodbyes following worship

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Perfect Rough Edges: Per'-fect or Per-fect' led by Pastor Daniel and Karen Justice

Saturday, October 29

Community Room

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Although we often think otherwise, sometimes our rough edges are perfect. After all, the rough edges of diamonds cut through hard objects. Sometimes, however, we need God's help to perfect our rough edges. As we tumble through life and we glue our broken pieces back together, we are constantly transforming our rough edges.

Join us for a day of discussions about our expectations, acceptance and artistic adaptations for transforming the rough edges of our lives. While we won't achieve perfect, we'll learn to perfect the lives God has given us.

Light breakfast to be served at 8:30 am. Program will begin promptly at 9 am. Lunch from Firestones will be provided. A \$10 donation for meals is requested.

RSVP to erucc@erucc.org by October 24.

KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

November 12-19



ERUCC members and friends will travel 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. The group was formed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and has supported rebuilding after all the major hurricanes since. Their client homeowners are low-income and underinsured. The Fuller Center uses volunteers to make rebuilding more affordable and is financed from donations and grants.

On December 10, 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, 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.

BE A BLESSING PRACTICE PEACE.
LEAD WITH LOVE.
BE JOYFUL. PRAY OFTEN. BE KIND. GIVE THANKS.
DO GOOD. HAVE COURAGE. WORK FOR JUSTICE.
BE THE LIGHT. ENCOURAGE OTHERS. 

Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with The 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

Zoom: bit.ly/3TdUnOy Meeting ID: 875 1423 3398 Passcode: 973365

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 study, Diana leads a discussion of how, both culturally and spiritually, we are in the midst of another of history's "great awakenings." Come at 10:30 am to view the companion video if unable to watch at home.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with The Rev. Barbara Kershner Daniel

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

Tuesdays, October 11 – November 22 North Room / Zoom 11:00 am – Noon

Zoom: bit.ly/3TdUnOy Meeting ID: 875 1423 3398 Passcode: 973365

"What in the world are we to make of the dizzying array of grand and grotesque images 'revealed' to an early Christ-follower named John? Enter the expert scholar-teacher Greg Carey as the perfect docent through Revelation's stunning gallery. Carey orients us to a 'faithful and true' focus on the 'faithful and true' Christ - a vital corrective to fanciful and false readings of Revelation that remain wildly popular." (F. Scott Spencer, author of *Salty Wives*, *Spirited Mothers*, and *Savvy Widows*).

What should modern readers make of the wildly fantastical Revelation to John? New Testament scholar Greg Carey offers an accessible guide to the daunting Book of Revelation, inviting us not to decode every symbol or tame every dragon, but rather to engage the urgent questions of power and loyalty.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY with The 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.

Children and Family Ministry

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning today, October 2, Sunday School will divide into two classes, a Younger and an Older Elementary class. The younger group (age 3-2nd grade) will meet in the same downstairs room as previously. The older group (grades 3-5) will meet upstairs in Trinity Chapel. Both groups will return downstairs for Music and Movement and to be checked out.

SAVE THE DATES: MORE DETAILS AND SIGN UPS SOON

Saturday, October 15

Summer's Farm

Pumpkin Patch and Campfire Family Meet Up at Summer's Farm! This first family meet-up of the fall will also be with our German families. Time TBD.

Thursday, October 12 or Friday, October 13

Tiny Tots Play Day! This morning will be a great time for both organized and free play, while parents can begin to get to know Pastor Kirstin.

Thursday, October 20

Community Room

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pumpkin Extravaganza! God's Kids Club will decorate, bake, and play relay games and make sticky crafts with pumpkins! Pumpkin chocolate chip cookies and mini pumpkin pies will be treats for us and will also become gifts to some friends on our prayer list.

Sunday, October 23

Community Room

12:00 – 2:00 pm

"What's the Scoop" Pizza and Ice Cream Sundaes. This will be a great time for families/caregivers of elementary children to engage in some get-to-know-you games led by Pastor Kirstin and for parents to get to know her over an ice cream sundae extravaganza!

Additional Announcements

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 who have not been as fortunate, who struggle with or 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 walk in memory of all the women we have lost, particularly my dear friend Debra Sapcaru, 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. 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

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 online: bit.ly/ERUCC_events_help.

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM

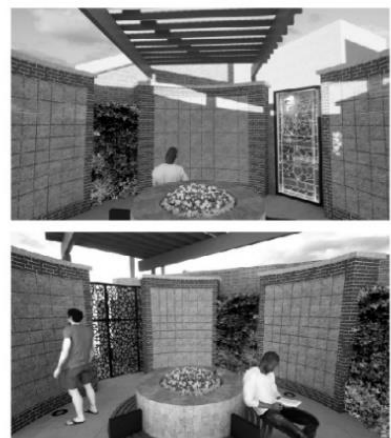
We are looking for volunteers to join our AV team. No special skills or experience is required. We rotate duty Sundays so you don't need to be there every Sunday. We each typically work about 2 Sundays each month. Schedules are set 3 months at a time, and we work together to cover shifts when someone's 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. You are also welcome to come up to the balcony on any Sunday to observe and learn more.

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.



Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 – 9:15 am	Worship , Trinity Chapel
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Nursery Care , Main Building
9:30 – 10:15 am	Adult Education , Main Building <i>Let's Talk (9:30 am) and Let's Study the Bible (9:00 am)</i>
9:30 – 10:10 am	Children's Sunday School , Trinity Chapel <i>K – 6th Grade</i>
10:10 – 10:25 am	Children's Music & Movement , Trinity Chapel <i>Pre-K through high school</i>
10:30 – 11:30 am	Worship , Main Sanctuary
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Cambridge Handbell Choir Rehearsal , Flora Room <i>Pre-K through high school</i>
11:30 am	Fellowship , Community Room

God is still speaking,
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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/Oct22Chimes.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, Thursday Thoughts, or Trinity Chimes, please send to erucc@erucc.org.

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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 2, 2022

Psalm 137

Free to Grieve *Neighbors in Need Offering* *World Communion Sunday*

The psalm today begins with weeping, as God's people wonder how to sing
God's song
And so we hung up our harps,
there upon the willows.
For there our captors asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth,
saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
How could we sing God's song in a foreign land?

In 1933, in a pause between the last century's world wars, the first World Communion Sunday was celebrated as a way to celebrate the interconnectedness of all Christians in all times and in all places. Today, 99 years later, the need for unity in our diversity is as great, or maybe greater, than it was in those fragile interwar years.

This mid-and-post-pandemic world in which we find ourselves is indeed a strange land, and we might be asking ourselves how we can sing God's songs of justice, love and unity? Hope can be found in *Gifts in Open Hands: More Worship Ideas for the Global Community* by Maren Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy. This book shares multicultural liturgies, prayers, affirmations, blessings, and poetry by people from the global community. Images for reproduction in church bulletins are included, and a new feature is the arrangement of translations so that liturgies in other languages are available to English-speaking as well as bilingual worship planners. You can find that resource, and many more at The Pilgrim Press website, thepilgrimpress.com.

Today many UCC congregations receive the Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering. This special mission offering of the United Church of Christ supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities. Find more at the United Church of Christ website, ucc.org.

