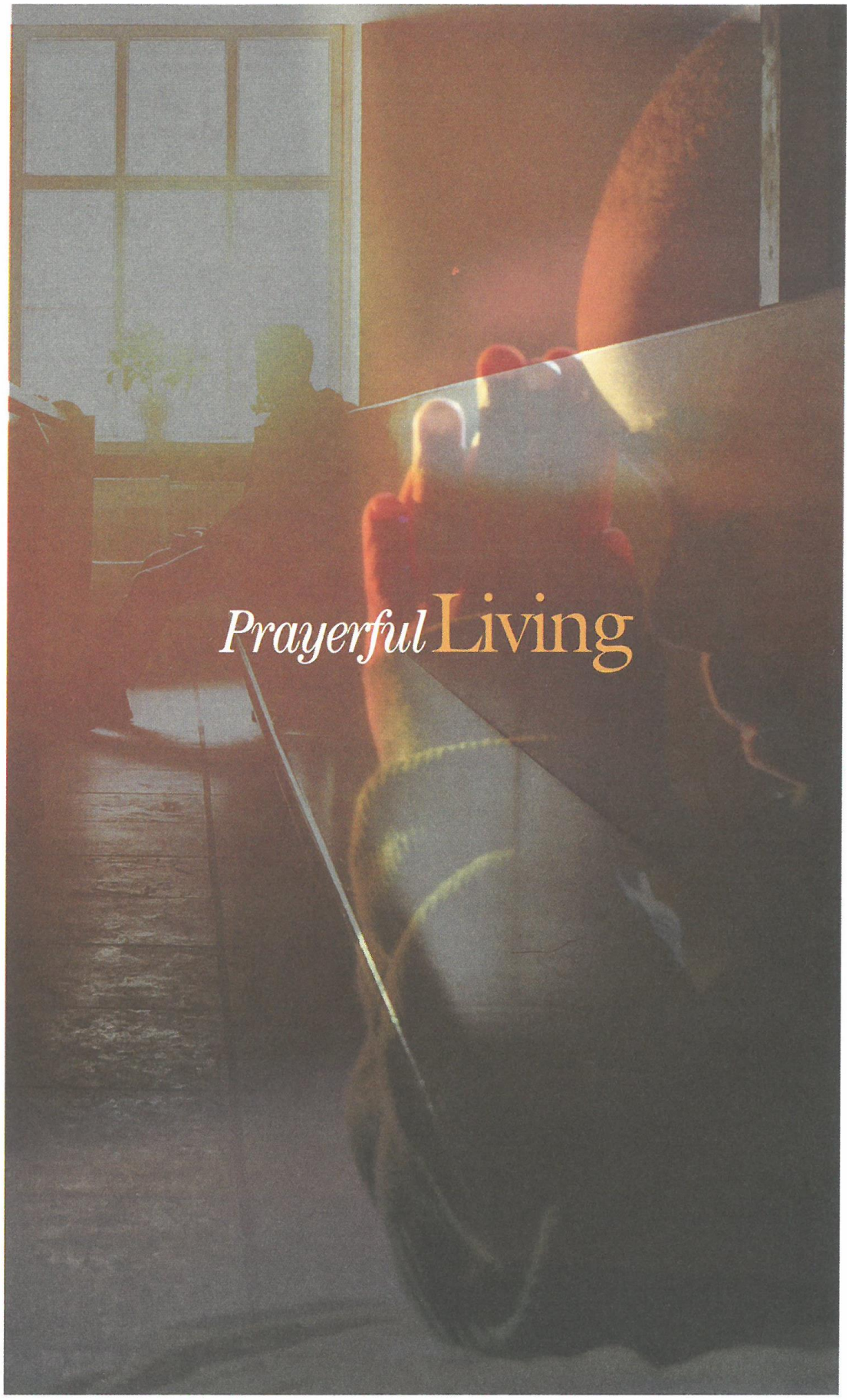
Prayerful Living

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.

Rest rooms (equipped with changing stations) are located on the first floor of the church building and outside the Community Room and the Nursery.

There is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: www.erucc.org.

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United Church of Christ
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September 18, 2022 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am

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

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

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

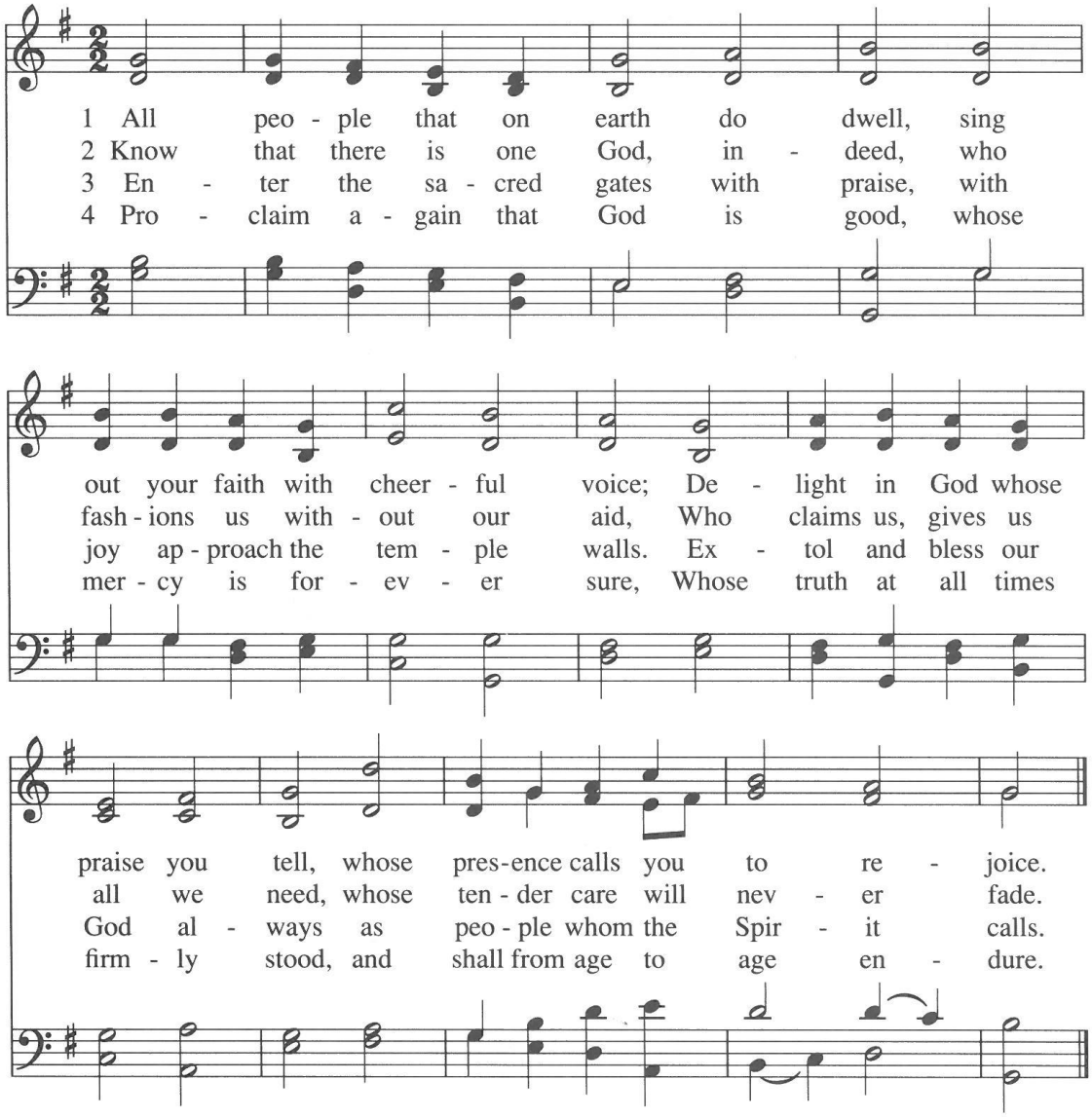
***Call to Worship**

We gather to respond to the call of God's love
Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.
May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.
Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.
Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.
May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

***Opening Prayer**

From deep within us we know of a loving presence.
All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light.
We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, "God!".
In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper,
may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense.
May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God,
who loves us at all times and in all places.
God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer be more and more in us that we might live more and more in you. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* #7



***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share
here in this sacred space and among this loving community.
We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience.
Forgive us when we are reluctant to open our doors,
open our hearts to others; some like us, some not.
We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness
to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies
for fear they just might become friends. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

The one who calls us to this place calls us to reconciliation through grace. Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love. **Amen.**

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** *There's Wideness in God's Mercy* #23

see next page

The Scripture

Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 OT page 861
Matthew 5:43-48 NT page 5

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

Sermon

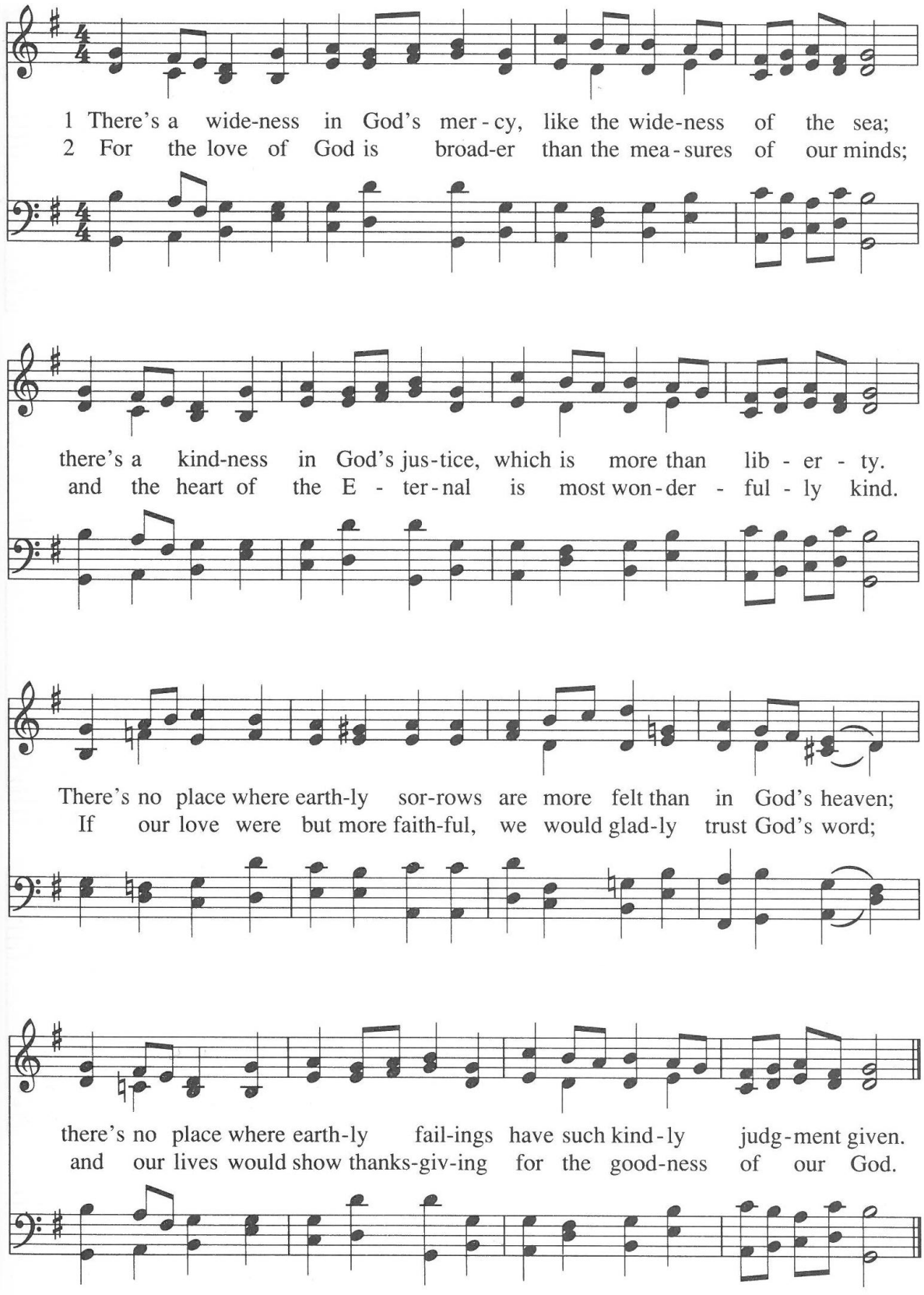
Morning Prayers

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

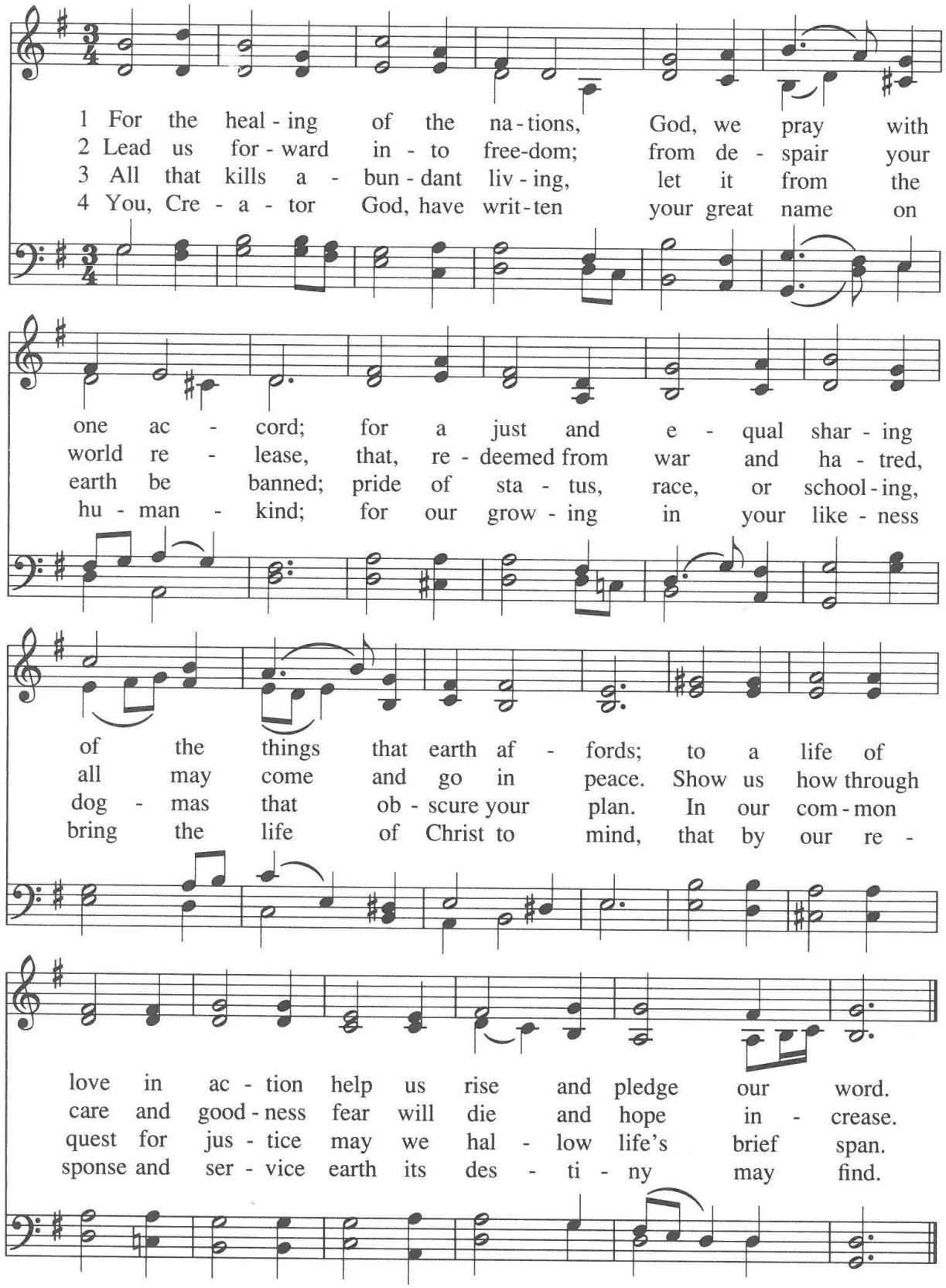
Offertory *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* - L. Larson
Senior Choir

***Prayer of Dedication**

Steadfast One, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them. Thank you that we have an abundance of resources to share so that every need is met. May we always give from wide open hearts, and may what we give, be used to bring a balm of justice. Amen.


1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;
there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;
there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

***Closing Hymn** *For the Healing of the Nations* #576



***Benediction**

Now may the One who is faithful to all
be with us all as we depart this blessed place.
May we be a blessing to every place we go,
until we gather again. **Amen.**

****Sevenfold Amen*** #814

Postlude *(please be seated)*

We welcome The Rev. David Cooney as our preacher and worship leader this morning.

The flowers on the altar this morning are in memory of loved ones by Jack Stush and Audrey Rayfield.

The yellow rose bud is presented in memory of Amos & Janet Martin by Larry & Sedonia Martin.

Attendance Last Sunday: 8 at 8:30 am, 95 at 10:30 am, and 59 online.

Watch worship live every Sunday at 10:30 am
https://sundaystreams.com/go/ERUCC

Want to listen to the sermon again?
Visit our YouTube channel: **bit.ly/erucc_youtube**

Today: September 18, 2022		**Next Week: September 25, 2022**
Liturgist:	Austin Byrd	Glenn Wallace
Deacons:	Matt Davis, Harrison Fisher	Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle
Elder:	Gerry Blessing	Peter Brehm
Greeters:	Tom and Rachel Ford	Kathleen Goebel, Felecia Bishop
	Cliff Barr	Sue Pinner
Welcome:	Julie Clark, Holly Davis	Pat Condo
Audio/Visual:	Rodney Martin, Ethan Kline	Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Baker
		Larry Martin
Fellowship:	Julie Clark, Bud Rossig	Starr Schaeberle, Peter Brehm
		Kelly Esslinger
Chimers: *Saturday:*	Suzanne Morris	Dick Williams
Sunday:	Robin and David Cooney	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
Today we will join in joyful praise for the gifts of music as we celebrate 40 years of Alison Shafer's ministry with ERUCC.

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:

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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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/Sep22Chimes**.

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

Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults

LET'S 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

Today and September 25, *Let's Talk* and *Let's Study the Bible* combine for a discussion about Mary Magdalene led by Rev. Richard Leslie at 9:15 am. Then, a series on the parables of Jesus will begin on October 2 at 9:00 am, with more details to come.

LET'S TALK **North Room / Zoom** **9:15 – 10:15 am**

Zoom: **bit.ly/3QSB77N** Meeting ID: 833 1890 5798 Passcode: 891524

Today and Next Week: Mary Magdalene Revisited: The Tower of Christianity. A recent re-study of ancient documents has turned up explosive findings about Mary Magdalene. Over two Sundays, two Scriptures will be studied, Luke 10:38-42, and John Chapters 11 and 12. No previous biblical expertise required. Led by The Rev. Richard Leslie, Let's Talk these weeks will be offered both online and in the North Room

This Week at ERUCC

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.

THE WRITE STUFF: GET OUT THE VOTE POSTCARD WRITING PARTY
Wednesday, September 21 **Community Room** **6:30 – 8:00 pm**

The Write Stuff - Postcard Writing Campaign, a non-partisan effort coordinated by ERUCC's Mission and Social Action committee to remind Virginia voters to Get Out and Vote! Join us to gather, write, chat and snack … all while helping democracy! This event is open to everyone! Feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors!

Contact Rebecca Shillingburg or Colleen Baldree with any questions or if you would like to organize your own post carding party.

Upcoming at ERUCC

YOUTH GROUP: LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE IMPORTANT, TOO!
Sunday, September 25 **Community Room** **6:00 – 7:30 pm**

Sarah Matthews from the League of Women Voters will join us this evening to discuss local elections making a difference and the need for young people to be involved in the democratic process. We'll work on some projects to help get out the vote. We might even write some postcards to voters!

GOD'S KIDS CLUB *(And anyone else who would like to join us)*

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Monday, September 26 - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

A day off from school is a great time to do something fun with your church friends. We will gather at 9 a.m. in the Community Room to see what the Bible has to say about animals. Then we will travel to the the Foxie G Foundation farm (https://thefoxiegfoundation.org) where we will learn about how they care for retired race horses as well as cats and other creatures.

At this hands-on farm, the kids (and adults!) will be able to groom the horses and feed all of the animals treats! Bring a bag lunch and make sure you wear shoes that can get muddy. Please sign up with Pastor Daniel at bkdaniel@erucc.org if you are interested in going. We will need adults to help with transportation and supervision.

ERUCC BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, September 27 **Liz Coffey Room / Zoom** **7:00 pm**

Zoom: **bit.ly/ER0821** Meeting ID: 824 9521 1145 Passcode: 343455

We Are Not Like Them by Christine Pride. Read a book synopsis in the September Trinity Chimes at **bit.ly/Sep22Chimes**.

GREEN TEAM: ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING PRESENTATION
Wednesday, September 28 Community Room 7:00 – 8:30 pm

The Multifaith Alliance of Climate Stewards of Frederick County (MACS) urges a rapid transition to clean, renewable energy to curb greenhouse gas emissions and restore health and economic stability. The MACS *Wire Up and Ready to Go* presentation includes

- Why electrifying everything matters
- How to power your life with clean, renewable energy
- Which incentives and rebates apply to you
- Resources to get you started

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.

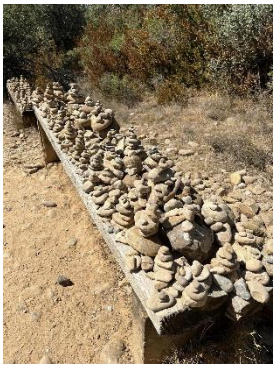
WOMEN'S RETREAT
Perfect Rough Edges: Per'-fect or Per-fect' led by Pastor Daniel and Karen Justice
Saturday, October 29 Community Room 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

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 are 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.

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.

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.

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 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

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.

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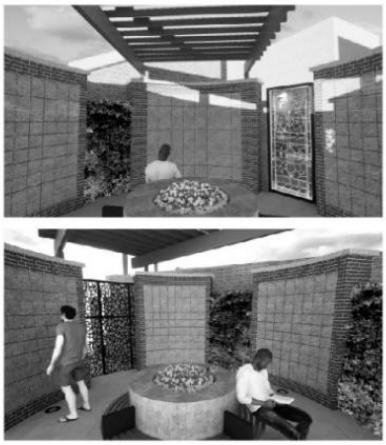


Sunday Morning Schedule

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

God is still speaking,

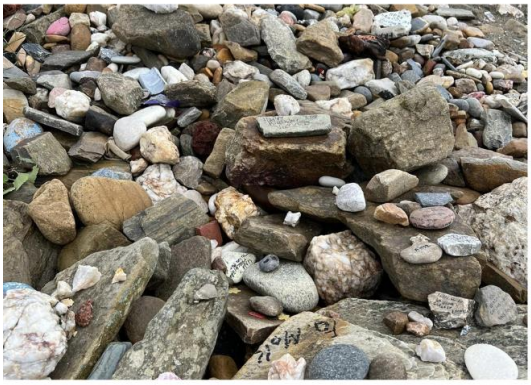
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.

Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage

Pastor Barbara, Ken, Joe, David, and Paulette walk along the Camino Frances route of the Camino de Santiago.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2022 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Prayerful Living
Just Peace Sunday

Michael Neuroth has served for more than a dozen years as the International Policy Advocate at the national United Church of Christ office in Washington, DC. Michael, and his colleagues on this small but mighty staff, are the UCC ear and voice in the nation's capital.

Their work is multiplied by relationships fostered in the Washington Interreligious Staff Community (WISC), an ecumenical group from across a variety of faith traditions. WISC is made up of at least twelve working groups, which find ways to collaborate and let leadership emerge where there is expertise. They follow public policy and give voice in DC to various issues. Michael's leadership on the Peace and Security Working Group and the International Affairs Working Group have been especially valuable.

As we acknowledge the 30th anniversary of the Just Peace resolution this year, everyone in the United Church of Christ can celebrate that identity whether or not they declare the local church a Just Peace church. Just Peace is part of our connection and identity as UCC, since the United Church of Christ was the first denomination to so designate.

On this Just Peace Sunday, local congregations are invited and encouraged to publicly witness and articulate locally what Just Peace means to them as they pray about and act on issues they feel called to in church communities and the world. By celebrating and upholding Just Peace Sunday, you can raise your local profile and also lift up the hard work of our national UCC staff. Just Peace Sunday creates synergy between what we say we are at the national level and who we are at the local level.

According to Michael Neuroth, the work of Just Peace is the work of avoiding conflict and war in the first place. As we look for ways to eliminate weapons of mass destruction, the ecumenism and cooperation that is lived out daily by our staff in the DC office and their colleagues in WISC is one beautiful model for a path forward.

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