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Beautiful

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.

For Children: We have trained nursery staff (paid nursery attendant as well as adult volunteers) for ages 0-4. The nursery is located on the first floor outside of the Community Room. (Accessible by the stairs from the Church Street Entrance or via the elevator). Children ages 5 and above are invited to stay and worship with their families. Children's programs, books, and crayons are located in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table.

Hymn selections can be found in the black hymnals in the pew racks or printed in the bulletin. If you are visiting and did not stop at the welcome desk in the downstairs lobby please stop by after the service they would love to meet you or, please feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. Many of our visitors ask us about the time of offering. This is a time in our service when we respond to God's gifts of love by offering the gifts of our lives. For many of us, this is when we make a financial gift towards the ministries and programs of our church. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts in sharing God's love. If you are visiting, there is no obligation to give a financial gift. We are just glad you are worshipping with us. At this time, we are taking offering at the end of the service. Plates for offering will be placed at the doors as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you.

We ask that you please silence your cell phones during our worship service. We also ask that you refrain from applause after our choirs sing and allow the music to resonate in the quiet of the sanctuary and in your hearts. Our musicians are playing and singing for the glory of God. They know you appreciate their efforts and their gift.

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

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

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January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 am

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal

*All who are able may stand

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE SUNDAY

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

Greetings and Announcements

Celebration of Sherry Murray

Prelude *From a Distant Home*

arr. M. Helman
Cambridge Handbell Choir

***Call to Worship**

O Foot Washing God, who bends down,
who comes prepared with water and linens,
who first loved us, so that we may know how to love,
we gather here in your Spirit of service.

You taught us how no one is greater than the other,
no messenger outranks the sender.

And so, we come to worship both as givers and receivers,
the washers and the washed.

We unite at the basin and the table, finding the grace only you can give,
to embolden us to go and do likewise.

On this Health and Human Service Sunday,
let us wrap our towels around our waists,
ready to partake in communal care.

Let us root ourselves in ritual, steadying us for the Good News at hand,
and the sprouts of healing yet to come. Amen.

***Opening Prayer**

Spirit of Extravagant Welcome, help us to invite all parts of ourselves into worship today. Guide us to see no stranger within us or around us as we care for our world as the Body of Christ. Help us to break down all barriers to belonging and the systems sustained by suffering and greed. For, in discipleship there is abundance through togetherness and your acceptance of all we feel, carry, and desire. So, today, and on any given Sunday, use all that we come here with to build a sanctuary for you. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *Children of God*

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***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

In the beginning was the Word, but also the Conversation, as a way of being through relating, through knowing, and witnessing. Made in your image, we come to confess, but even more so to converse—to bring you our woes and wrongdoings, our soul-searching and longing for understanding. Like Paul, we don't always do the things we want to do, but rather the things we hate. Help us to reflect on how we got to this moment and what might need healing in us. Ignite our hearts with the courage to apologize, to center the care of those we've caused harm. Sift through our ramblings on how to repair, to find methods of mending that honor complexity and boundaries. And journey alongside us as we change our ways, to make discipleship a practice, as we learn, and re-learn, through conversation with you.
Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

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.

1 Chil - dren of God, lift hearts to one an - oth - er;
 2 For God whom Je - sus loved has tru - ly spo - ken:
 3 Fol - low with rev - erent steps the great ex - am - ple
 4 Then shall all shack - les fall; the storm-y clan - gor

where pit - y dwells, the peace of God is there;
 the ho - lier wor - ship which Christ deigns to bless
 of Christ whose ho - ly work was do - ing good;
 of wild war mu - sic o'er the earth shall cease;

To wor - ship right - ly is to love each oth - er,
 Re - stores the lost, and binds the spir - it bro - ken,
 So shall the wide earth seem a ho - ly tem - ple,
 Love shall tread out the bale - ful fire of an - ger,

each smile a hymn, each kind - ly deed a prayer.
 and feeds the wid - ow and the par - ent - less.
 each lov - ing life a psalm of grat - i - tude.
 and in its ash - es plant the tree of peace.

Meditation for Mental Health

The Rev. Michelle Beadle
Chair, Mission and Social Action Committee

O Maker of the Moon, who embraces our ever-changing tides,
we come to your shores of living water.

We arrive here not alone, but as the beloved community, *(arms out wide)*
allowing the weight we bear to be held, as the mountains do for the sea.

Walk with us through loss, grief, trauma *(hands holding heart)*

**Guide us to break through our barriers of privilege and bias to fully
see each other's human needs**

We call upon the Light of Christ, to illuminate the way of wellness,
through the rapids of shared struggle into the rivers of flow *(hands out
to release)*

Help us respond to each other with compassion even when we don't
understand.

May we love one another as you have loved us. *(arms out wide)*

*Children ages 5 through 5th grade may be dismissed for Junior Church,
located today in the **Community Room**, during the singing of the hymn.*

***Hymn** *God Our Author and Creator*

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The Scripture

Micah 6:1-8

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Matthew 5: 1-12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Morning Prayers

Unison

1 God our Au - thor and Cre - a - tor, in whose life we find our own,
2 Like those first a - pos-tles, Sav-ior, give us strength to love and serve:
3 Keep us faith-ful, Ho-ly Spir-it, help us bear the mes-sage true,

make our dai - ly wit - ness great-er, by our lives make your love known.
when our faint-ing spir - its wa-ver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.
that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."

Help us show how love em-brac-es those whom fear and greed down-trod;
Teach us wis - dom and com-pas-sion: bid our rest - less thoughts be still;
Join our lives in might-y cho-rus till we come from ev - ery place,

in all yearn-ing hearts and fac - es let us see a child of God.
by your guid-ance help us fash-ion lives con-formed un - to your will.
with all those who went be - fore us, to the full - ness of God's grace.

Beatitudes for Essential Workers

Blessed are you on the frontlines, who have sustained risk, toil, and exhaustion. You who have ridden every wave of this crisis and know its depths in ways others never will. Blessed are you,

for the kin-dom of God is yours.

Blessed are you donned in PPE, who have protected, sweated, and explained it a thousand times over. You who have stayed firm for the sake of life. Blessed are you,

for the kin-dom of God is yours.

Blessed are the understaffed, who have shown up, reached out, and adjusted beyond measure. You who make a way out of no way. Blessed are you,

for the kin-dom of God yours.

Blessed are you who deescalate, who have stepped in, listened, and navigated through winds of tension. You who know the eye of the hurricane. Blessed are you,

for the kin-dom of God is yours.

Blessings be upon your trauma, your grief, shock, and disappointment.

Yours is the experience of prophets and healers who have gone before you.

Holy are you,

for the kin-dom of God is in you.

Blessed are you on a mission, who seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. You whose care is an expression of your faith. Holy are you,

for the kin-dom of God is in you.

Blessed are the inspired, who found new ways to care, collaborate, and solve seemingly impossible problems. You whose service is an expression of the Creator. Holy are you,

for the kin-dom of God is in you.

Blessed is the work, yes, but holy are you, too.

for God no longer calls us servants, but friends.

Let us remember our essential belovedness

as we work for the kin-dom of God together. Amen.

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

Offertory *O Love*

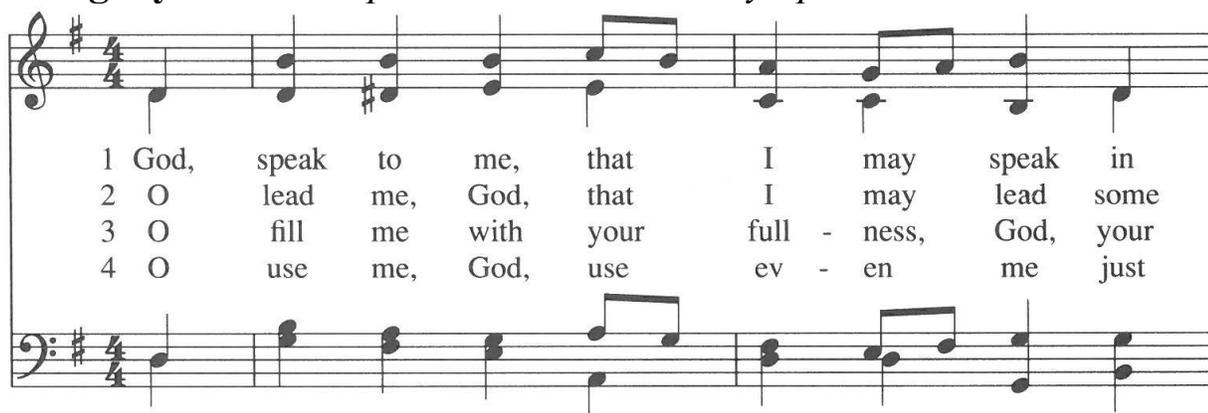
– E. Hagenberg
Senior Choir

*Prayer of Dedication

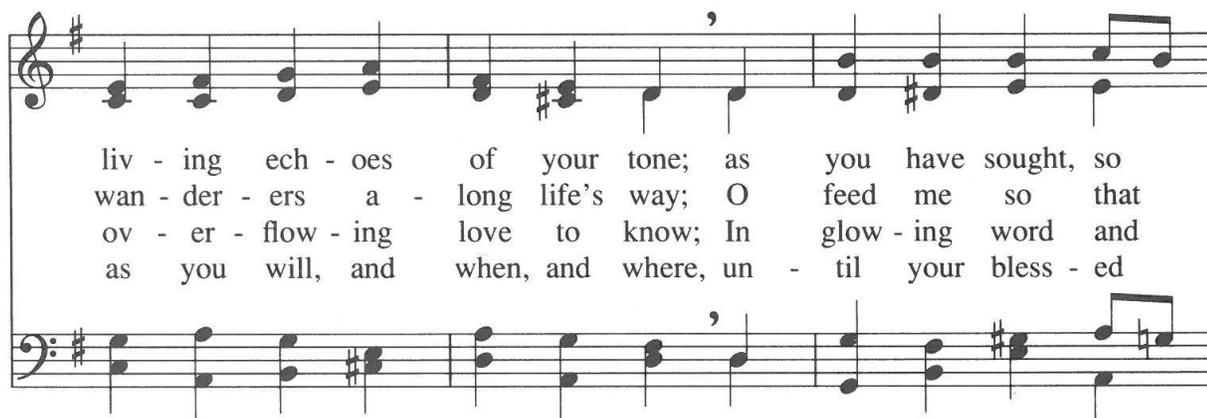
God, as we present our gifts to you today, may our tithes and offerings be used to love, heal, teach, and learn from each other as the Body of Christ. May our acts of service also be an offering to you, Holy One. As we grow in the ways we understand your blessing, as we learn how to be more humble and more compassionate, may our actions stretch, strengthen, and bear witness to our connectedness as neighbor. May our gifts be fruitful and may our spirits hopeful as we live into your vision for Beloved Community. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

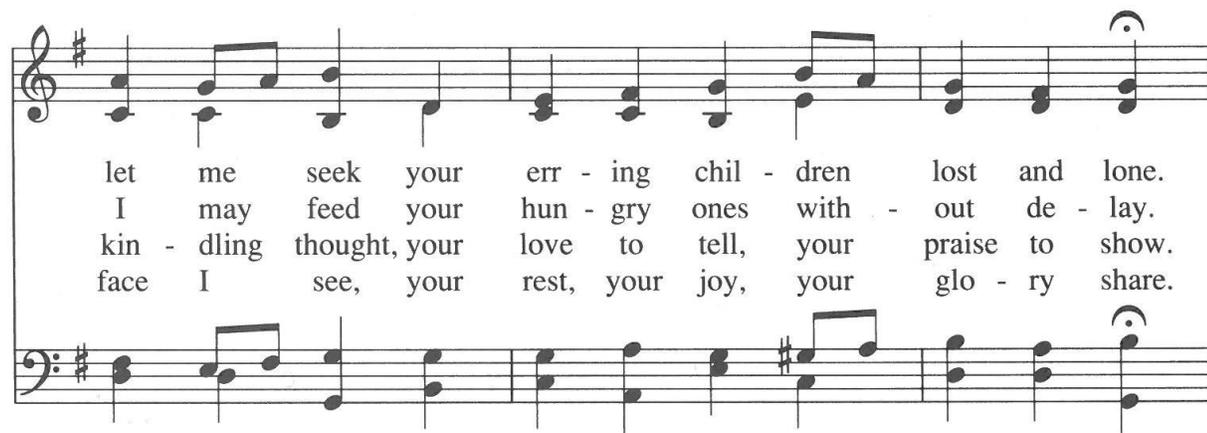
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1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in
2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some
3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your
4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

*Benediction

Friends, may you be blessed with the growing edge of the Spirit, where hope emerges alive and dissipates all despair. Let us forage for such grace in the most forgotten places. Let us find in relationship all we thought we had lost. And as we go forth from this space, may we take with us the medicines of compassion and service to make the world a more just place for all. Amen.

*Sevenfold Amen

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Postlude *(please be seated)*

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For more information about The Council for Health and Human Service Ministries, UCC, please visit: www.chhsm.org

For more information about Health and Wholeness advocacy, please visit: www.ucc.org/health

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Aiden Baldree's 20th birthday.

The yellow rose bud is presented in honor of veterans by Peter Brehm and Jack Day.

If you are interested in sponsoring the yellow rose, please contact the church office at (301) 662-2762 or erucc@erucc.org.

Attendance Last Sunday: 16 at 8:30 am, 101 at 10:30 am, and 50 online.

Watch
Worship
Live



Watch worship live every Sunday at 10:30 am or on-demand:
<https://sundaystreams.com/go/ERUCC>

Today: January 29, 2023

Scripture Reader: Rev. Michelle Beadle
Deacons: Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle
Elder: Eric Weakley
Greeters: Bob and Nancy Manthey
Susan Kulp, David Howard
Welcome: Pat Condo
Audio/Visual: Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Schaeberle
Larry Martin
Fellowship: Betsy Fisher, Monica Yost
Joan Maples
Saturday Chimer: Tricia Coffey
Sunday Chimer: Kelly Esslinger

Next Week: February 5, 2023

Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick
Starr Schaeberle
Sue Pinner, Danielle Carbonne
Anne Hoffmann
Marj Berkheimer, Julie Clark
Jeff Schaeberle, Jeff Baker
Kenda Sampson
Green Team
Dick Williams
Tricia Coffey

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.

Today, we celebrate Sherry Murray and her more than 7 years of years of caring ministry as our Nursery Attendant!

The Community Room, located on the 1st floor, is accessible by stairs or elevator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Jesus tells us that we are salt and light as we seek to live as God's people in the world in Matthew 5: 13-20. With the Spirit's help, we offer our gifts and talents to extend the reach of God's realm. With Isaiah 58: 1-12, we learn what it means to "practice righteousness," to restore beauty in community as we live out the heart of our faith.

The Senior Choir will be singing. This morning, Communion will be served to you while sitting in the pews.

HOSPITAL AND PRAYER LIST

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

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Jim Weitz, Ed Hoffman, Bob Pinner, Stacie Carey (niece of Darlene Brunner and Jeannette Johnson), Frank Tordoff (father of Kim Sexton), Ginny Peters, Larry Butler (father of RaeAnn Butler), Marcia Eisenstein, Bob Shafer, Joyce Kallevang (sister-in-law of Jeanellen Kallevang), Derek C. Hupp (grandson of Beanie and Gaylon Cornell), Wayne Kolb (friends of Stefan and Judi Mach and Tony and Linda LaFianza), Conway Barnes (brother-in-law of George and Linda Kline), Mary Ellen Baker, Pat Hevner, Jeannette Johnson, 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, Peggy Githerman, Emogene Wyand, Fran Wenner, Neremiah Castillo (niece of Andrew Beadle), Bonnie Devilbiss, 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).



**LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR
CHILDREN PRAYING**

Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults

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

Sundays

North Room / Zoom

9:00 – 10:20 am

Zoom: bit.ly/ERSunstudy

Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888

Passcode: 327128

Foundational Stories of the Old Testament ... in Order! The Exile ... and the Exodus ... is that one event with two names ... or two? And if they are different, which came first? Was Daniel in the lion's den because Joseph put him there?

If you have ever pondered questions like these, join the *Let's Study the Bible* class for an 8-week (or so) survey of the big stories of the Old Testament in the order they occurred. No prior experience needed; just bring your Bible!

LET'S TALK

Community Room

9:30 – 10:15 am

This Week: Another January trip to Franklinton Center at Bricks

Let's Talk this month focuses on "Faith in Action" as ERUCC members and friends reflect on recent trips including the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage, disaster recovery in Kentucky, and the Franklinton Center at Bricks work trip.

Next Week: *Let's Talk* will transition to *Friends and Fellowship!*

Life is busy. Sometimes we all need time to decompress. Come to the Community Room for some coffee or tea and to chat and relax.



Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with The Rev. Barbara Kershner Daniel

The Difficult Words of Jesus

Tuesdays through February 21

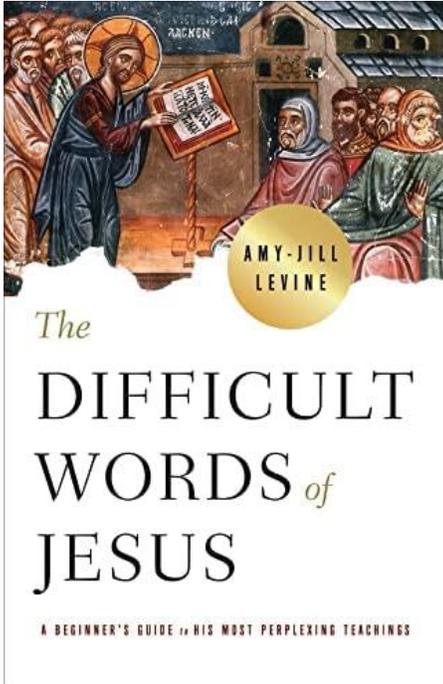
North Room / Zoom

11:00 am – Noon

Zoom: bit.ly/3TdUnOy

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Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44).

In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how have they been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation

No class on January 31

- February 7 Nowhere Among the Gentiles
- February 14 Outer Darkness
- February 21 Your Father the Devil



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This Week at ERUCC

CELEBATION OF SHERRY MURRAY

Sunday, January 29

We will honor and celebrate Sherry Murray for her many years of caring ministry as our Nursery Attendant during the 10:30 am worship service and during Fellowship in the Community Room. Please pick up a notecard in the Community Room to share your thanks!

FIRE IN ICE at ERUCC

Saturday, February 4

Fire in Ice returns to the front steps of ERUCC next weekend! Stop by and see our ice sculpture during this exciting community event when Downtown Frederick is transformed with hundreds of ice sculptures and lots of winter-themed family fun.

Please send photos with our sculpture to erucc@erucc.org!

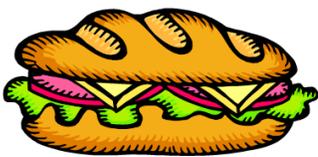
Upcoming at ERUCC

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY NEXT WEEK

Sunday, February 5

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.

YOUTH GROUP SUB SALE



The beloved ERUCC Youth Group Sub Sale is underway! This special fundraising event is a long-time favorite and we have brought it back again this year. These delicious 8" submarine sandwiches will be lovingly made by our ERUCC Youth Group and available just in time

for the Super Bowl!

Proceeds from this fundraiser will help offset costs for the youth group's planned mission and service-related projects throughout the year. Sandwiches will be available for pick up on Saturday, February 11th from 10:30-11:00 am or on Sunday, February 12th following church services. Our youth will have paper order forms which may be used to place your order or you may do so online using the digital form available through the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/230165489847165>.



Sandwiches are \$9 each and **orders are due by FEBRUARY 5, 2023!**

The Youth Group thanks you for your continued support!

CHIMES SERVICE AND LEARNING GROUP

Thursday, February 5

North Room

11:00 am

The guest speaker at the February meeting of the Chimes Service and Learning Group is The Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Sunday, February 12



On this day, the Youth of ERUCC will join in a nationwide youth movement to collect resources to tackle hunger. Our youth will be collecting monetary gifts in big soup pots following the service on Sunday, February 12. We will also be in the parking lot until 1pm to receive your drive by gifts. All monetary donations and food will be given to the Frederick Food Bank.

HIGH TEA AND PRAYER BEAD MAKING

Sunday, February 19

Community Room

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Most Christians are familiar with the Catholic rosary. Many other religions, from Buddhism to Islam use prayer beads, too. In the 1980s an Episcopal priest developed a different strand of beads. The strand has four “cruciform” beads, which can represent the four canonical gospels and between each of the cruciform there are seven beads to form a “week.”

You are invited to come and make your own set of prayer beads to use during the Lenten season and beyond. All materials will be provided along with a set of Celtic Christian prayers. Adding to the experience, we will have share in high tea with tea sandwiches and various kinds of tea. Youth and children are welcome with adult support.

For more information, contact Pastor Daniel, bkdaniel@erucc.org

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 22

12:00 pm at Trinity Chapel

A time of Fellowship and lunch will follow the service.

7:30 pm in the Main Sanctuary

Services will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.



seeking:
*Is this the fast
that I choose?*

TUESDAY EVENING YOGA

Tuesdays, February 28 – April 4

Community Room

7:00 pm

Join your ERUCC friends for Tuesday night yoga starting February 28! You will need to bring yoga mats, blocks if used, and a water bottle. Space is limited to 20 participants. For more information or to sign up, contact Renae Kline, rdkline15@gmail.com. The 6-week session is just \$60! Payments should be marked “yoga.”

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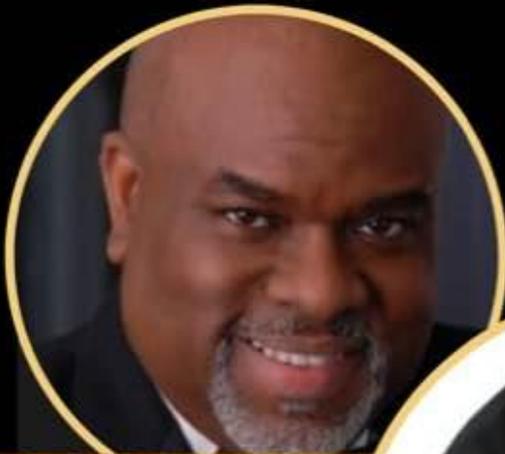
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SHANA OSHIRO, SOPRANO

CROSSING OVER



EDMOND CHARLES, PIANIST



VINCENT STRINGER,
ARTIST, BARITONE



JODI BEDER, CELLIST

**PROGRAM OF SPIRITUALS
& ART EXHIBIT**

Saturday, March 4, 2023
6:00 pm

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Children and Family Ministry

COLLECTING HATS AND GLOVES

Our Children's Ministry continues to collect new winter hats and gloves through the end of January! We have collected and distributed over 100 items already! Contact Pastor Kirstin, ksrhoads@erucc.org with questions.

GOD'S KIDS CLUB FAMILY SNOW TUBING

Saturday, February 4

Liberty Mountain Resort

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Cost \$10 per person. ERUCC will cover the difference. There are 2 different hills. The hill for kids under 42 inches requires parent supervision. Parents who come and do not plan to ride on tubes will not have to pay for a ticket. If you want to come and go on a tube yourself, you can pay for a ticket and ride on both hills. Kids 42" and taller can go on either hill. If they go on the smaller hill, they too must be supervised. Please sign up with Pastor Kirstin, ksrhoads@erucc.org.

GOD'S KIDS CLUB DAY OFF SCHOOL

Monday, February 20

Community Room

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Monday, February 20th will be our next School Day at Church! We'll partner with the Kids Creation Care Team to make pinecone birdfeeders. We'll also have other options to challenge your creative minds. Read full details in the February *Trinity Chimes*: bit.ly/Feb23Chimes.

Sign up in the Community Room during Fellowship or email Pastor Kirstin, ksrhoads@erucc.org.

Donate toward artistic creations: For our February 20 crafts, we are collecting any of your random buttons, beads, pins, ribbon, pipe cleaners, cardboard-style egg cartons, mismatched puzzle or game pieces, and even silverware. We'll be making artistic creations from what you might consider things for the junk drawer. Bring to the church office and mark "Kid's Club."

JUNIOR CHURCH

On all Sundays except the first Sunday of each month, children aged 5 – 5th grade may go to Junior Church after the Thought for the Day in the worship service. Junior Church, a space to join in creative spiritual formation activities, will take place in the Thomas Room most weeks, but is in the Community Room on January 29. Parents should pick up children from Junior Church following service.

Volunteer leaders needed! Contact Pastor Kirstin for more information and to express interest.

Youth Group Ministry

SUB PREPARATION AND SALE

Saturday, February 11

Community Room Kitchen

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

This will be one of our major fundraisers for summer trips and activities.

Notes of Gratitude

For the prayers, your thoughtfulness, visits, and food, a great big thanks to everyone!

- Don and Emogene Wyand

Thank you! I am grateful for all the prayers and well-wishes that I received after my recent surgery.

- David Howard



THANK YOU! for all your love and prayers and participation in my Installation Service this past Sunday as I responded to the call God has placed in my heart to serve "in and with and through" this beloved community of faith called ERUCC! Many participated in the day, sharing in music, attending to sound and visuals, making things available to friends online, welcoming guests into our home, encouraging our children in sharing their gifts, making invitations, preparing a reception afterwards, praying with and for me and us, and so much more! So much of ministry is relationship. Sharing in a covenantal relationship with you all is one of the greatest blessings of my life. And we've only just begun.

May God bless us as we journey forward together!

- Pastor Kirstin, Jason, Emi, and Marley



Additional Announcements

MISSION OPPORTUNITY – MEALS FOR MISSION OF MERCY



Beginning Monday, February 6, ERUCC will be supporting Mission of Mercy. They serve the uninsured, working poor, homeless and economically disadvantaged by providing free medical and dental services and prescription medications. All services are free.

The mobile clinic is held at the Frederick Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints two to three times a month. We have been asked to prepare and serve lunch for 30-35 staff and volunteers. We don't have to clean up, and all utensils, plates, and even drinks are provided! The Stake Center kitchen is available for food prep and warm up, OR we can meet at ERUCC and prepare, OR you can make at home and bring here to ERUCC fresh or frozen!

Please contact Angela Brittain if you feel a calling to give to this mission at angela3cats@yahoo.com or (240) 457-1479.

VOLUNTEER FOR FELLOWSHIP

Helping with Sunday Fellowship can be as easy as helping set up before worship, helping serve after worship, or bringing a special treat to share. Sign up at bit.ly/ERUCC_fellowship or talk with Laura Rhoderick or Starr Schaeberle for more details.

HELP WITH COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS

Did you know you can help extend ERUCC's radical hospitality to community and non-profit organizations that use our spaces throughout the week? It's easy, joyful, and helps extend our mission to support these groups with a place to gather and convene at little to no cost.

Contact Tyler in the church office at tyork@erucc.org or (301) 401-3904 for more information, to be added to the list of amazing volunteers who make this ministry possible, or to sign up to help with one of the dates below:

Saturday, February 4, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Community Convening – Local Management Board and the Office of Children and Families

Saturday, February 18, 2:00 – 9:00 pm

Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs – Staff Party

Sunday, February 26, 1:00 – 6:00 pm

Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Frederick - Ayyám-i-Há Celebration

STAY INFORMED

February Trinity Chimes

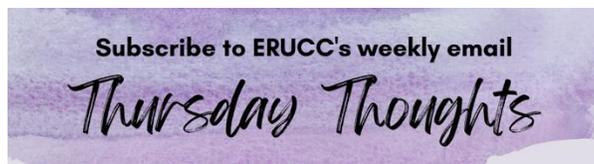


Read the ERUCC monthly newsletter, *Trinity Chimes*, for more information about activities, opportunities, and updates. You can find the newsletter in the back of the sanctuary and online by scanning the QR code or at bit.ly/Feb23Chimes.



Please send announcements for the bulletin, *Thursday Thoughts*, or *Trinity Chimes* to erucc@erucc.org. *Trinity Chimes* submission **deadline** is the 15th of each month.

Weekly Thursday Thoughts Email



Subscribe to receive our weekly email newsletter with a special message from Pastor Barbara or other church leaders, details on the upcoming worship service, ministry

and mission opportunities, discipleship, fellowship, and activities for Christian education, youth, and children and families, as well as special announcements.



It's easy to subscribe at <http://eepurl.com/gDNCu5> or by scanning the QR code!



Sunday Morning Schedule

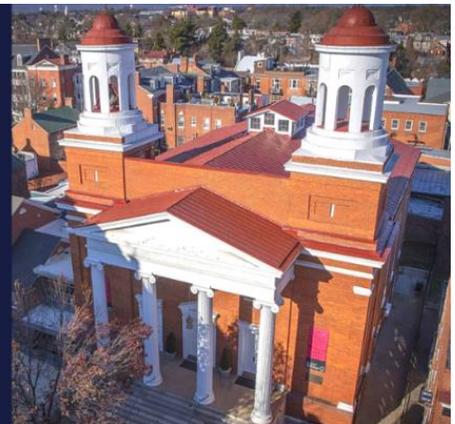
8:30 – 9:15 am	Worship , Trinity Chapel
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Nursery Care , Main Building
9:30 – 10:15 am	Adult Education , Main Building <i>Let's Talk (9:30 am) and Let's Study the Bible (9:00 am)</i>
9:30 – 10:10 am	Children's Sunday School , Trinity Chapel <i>Ages 3 – 2nd Grade, 3rd – 6th Grade, Confirmation Class</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	Fellowship , Community Room
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Cambridge Handbell Choir Rehearsal , Flora Room <i>Pre-K through high school</i>

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.



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January 29, 2023

Matthew 5:1-12

The Vision Beautiful
Health and Human Service Sunday

Blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are those with illnesses of the mind and heart, the diseases and dis-eases of these troubled days, and blessed are those who facilitate the slow work of healing.

Blessed are those who mourn. Blessed are those who wail with the grief of loss, and blessed are those who abide with the ones who weep.

Blessed are the meek. Blessed are the children who have been abandoned to circumstance, and bless those who fill the absences in those precious lives with warmth and commitment.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Blessed are those at the mercy of mean and chilly streets, and blessed are those who offer a warm meal, a dry bed and the promise of a transformed society where all have plenty. Amen.

Today, we gather together with the whole United Church of Christ in observing Health and Human Service Sunday. We bear witness to the faithful heritage the UCC has in co-creating spaces of wholeness with communities across this country and around the world. The UCC and its predecessor denominations courageously founded schools, hospitals, and orphanages during times of pandemic, war, and social upheaval. Now, there are more than 400 UCC affiliated health care centers, hospitals, affordable housing and retirement communities, transitional housing for those experiencing homelessness or domestic violence, and service centers for children, youth, families, and those with developmental disabilities. These ministries continue to show up in the most challenging circumstances—and do so with the fervor of healing and justice. It is thus a day to celebrate that the life of the church is vibrant beyond our church walls and outreach ministries.

“Health and Human Service Sunday.”

<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/health-and-human-service-sunday/>



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