

From the  *Heart*

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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February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

***Choral Call to Worship** *Welcome*

– L. Zelman / M. Miller

**Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,**

Refrain:

**Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.**

**Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,**

Refrain:

**Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.**

**Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice**

Refrain:

**Crying welcome! Welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.**

***Call to Worship**

O lilies of the field, we of all colors and all varieties,
GOD calls us to hear the Word.

**We have been planted in faith,
So we turn our faces to you, O GOD.**

O people of the plains, the cities and the mountains,
we of all colors, theologies and life choices, we are God's field.
Come into God's sanctuary with joy!

You have cultivated us, O GOD.

**Let us vine and blossom
And bear the fruit of your integrity.**

O we of mustard seeds and wheat,
we of little faith and great, we come.

**We come to the Living Waters,
to the Sun of love and light.
We will drink of your ways, O GOD,
and we will sow your seeds.**

O, all who are of the world,
come and see what GOD has grown.

**We come to worship you.
We stand in the sunshine of your living word.
We prosper in your paths, O GOD,
as the lilies of your field.**

***Opening Prayer**

**Great God-Gardener,
Creator of all living things, you live with us today, shining like the
February sun, and promising tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.
The crocus tells us you are near and the snow-drops make vows you
alone can keep.**

**May we find you in every blooming thing beneath the snows of our lives.
May we see you in the brightness of the morning streaming through
these windows.**

**May we know you in the promise of today and today and today –
becoming, always becoming.**

***Opening Hymn** *Sing of Colors*

#402

1 De co - lo - res, de co - lo - res se vis - ten los
1 Sing of col - ors, sing of col - ors that o - ver the
2 Sing, re - joic - ing! Ev - ery crea - ture that breathes raise a

cam - pos en la pri - ma - ve - ra. De co -
hills in pro - fu - sion are spring - ing; Sing of
song to the God of cre - a - tion. Sing, re -

lo - res, de co - lo - res son los pa - ja - ri - tos que vie - nen de a -
col - ors of the birds that fly out - side my win - dow their can - ti - cles
joic - ing! Sing to God who so ear - nest - ly cares, who has of - fered sal -

fue - ra. De co - lo - res, de co -
sing - ing; Sing of col - ors, in the
va - tion. Sing the good news! Sing the

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Righteous God, we confess with sorrow that we often forget who has given us light, who has made our garden grow with waters of love. We forget your living word and move off your paths to serve our own worldly desires. We leave your cultivated field to venture out into the wilderness on our own. We quarrel with one another trying to decide “who is the greatest.” We make our own faces the benchmark for all faces. Help us to remember Jesus, reconciling the whole variegated world in himself.

***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.**

Children ages 5 through 5th grade may be dismissed for Junior Church, located in the Thomas Room, during the singing of the hymn. Children will then move to the Community Room to help with Fellowship today.

***Hymn Give Me a Clean Heart**

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The Scripture

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 OT page 186

I Corinthians 3: 1-9 NT page 167

Matthew 5: 21-24 NT page 4

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.

The first system of music features a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in grand staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Give me a clean heart so I may serve you."

God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you."

For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "For I'm not worthy of all these blessings."

Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.

The fourth system concludes the piece with the final melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you."

Morning Prayers

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

Offertory *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* – S. Temple, arr. Lloyd Larson
Spirit

***Prayer of Dedication**

**These gifts are our fruit, O God of all fields.
Each giver has made the choice between life and death,
blessings and curses.
We choose blessing. We choose life.
May God's promises be fulfilled.
through the harvest of God's garden in these our gifts.**

***Closing Hymn** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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***Benediction**

The Law of Moses says:
"You can have life or death. Which will you choose?"
We choose life.

The Law of Moses says:
"Obey the commandments of the Holy One, your God,
loving God, and walking in God's ways, and you will grow."
We choose to grow.

The Law of Moses says:
If you turn to your own ways, you will perish.
We choose God's ways.

The Law of Moses interpreted by Jesus says:
"Love God above all and love your neighbor as yourself."
We choose to walk that talk. Amen.

Postlude *(please be seated)*

Today's liturgy, "God's Field: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany" was written by The Rev. Marilyn K. Levine of the Northern Plains Conference.

Descant

2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

Unison

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in
shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with
 all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -
 each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this
 cep - tive hearts reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for
 your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -
 God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.
 nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.
 giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Walter and Suzanne Schmid from the Schmid family.

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, 133 at 10:30 am, and 66 online.

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Worship
Live



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<https://sundaystreams.com/go/ERUCC>

Today: February 12, 2023

Scripture Reader: Peg Stahler
Deacons: Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy
Elder: Tyler L. York
Greeters: Kathleen and Niel Jefferson
Cathie Duncan
Welcome: Jeanellen Kallevang
Audio/Visual: Rodney Martin, Jeff Baker
Jeff Schaeberle
Fellowship: York Family
Children's Sunday School
Saturday Chimer: Nancy Doll
Sunday Chimer: Kelly Esslinger

Next Week: February 19, 2023

Richard Leslie
Matt Davis, Harrison Fisher
Laura Rhoderick
Tom and Rachel Ford
Pat Condo
Holly Davis
Jeff Baker, Larry Martin
Kenda Sampson
Laura Rhoderick
Robin and Robin Brady-Slifer
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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: Last Sunday After Epiphany/Transfiguration Sunday

Today's readings seem an exclamation point to Jesus' teaching about God's realm in the Sermon on the Mount. In a place of sacred mystery, the shining and shadow of Jesus' transfiguration convey holy presence in the community of God's people across time. In this place of silence and witness, Jesus' followers catch a glimpse of God's dazzling reign in Matthew 17: 1-9. Exodus 24:12-18 tells of Moses ascending Mount Sinai. God's glory meets Moses in shadow and light.

The Senior Choir will be singing.

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:

David Cooney, Mike Roberston (friend of Kathleen and Niel Jefferson), Ed Hoffman, Bob Pinner, Stacie Carey (niece of Darlene Brunner and Jeannette Johnson), Ginny Peters, 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**

This Week at ERUCC

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. All monetary donations and food will be given to the Frederick Food Bank.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, February 12

Liz Coffey Room

9:45 – 10:15 am

Join the planning meeting for Pastor Barbara's retirement celebration! We have sub-committees for decorations, food, program/speakers, invitations and clean-up. Please join us!
- Cathie Duncan and Betsy Fisher, Committee Co-Chairs

PICK UP SUBS FROM YOUTH

Sunday, February 12



If you ordered a sub from the Youth Group, pick up your sandwiches following worship in the Community Room.

Upcoming at ERUCC

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.

TUESDAY EVENING YOGA

Tuesdays, February 28 – April 4

Community Room

7:00 pm

Sign up and 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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JODI BEDER, CELLIST

**PROGRAM OF SPIRITUALS
& ART EXHIBIT**

Saturday, March 4, 2023
6:00 pm

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Children and Family Ministry

GOD'S KIDS CLUB DAY OFF SCHOOL

Monday, February 20

Community Room

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Monday, February 20 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. Find more 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. 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

FUN ACTIVITY

Sunday, February 26

More details coming soon!



Additional Announcements

FALL 2023 GERMANY TRIP

From our friend Pastor Daniel Müller Thór of the Ev. Kirchengemeinde Inden-Langerwehe:

I am . . . happy to extend an “official” invitation to members and friends of ERUCC to visit Inden-Langerwehe in October 2023. Due to our school holidays we could welcome you any time between October 16 – 29 ... maybe for 10 days or so. This has been from my previous experiences a useful length given the many hours of travelling. Many families who have visited ERUCC over the past years would be delighted to host a delegation from ERUCC. Maybe some of your church members would be interested to visit. We could work together on developing a program of interest that would involve culture (the German museum in Bonn), issues at hand in our region (coal mining in Inden, Lützerath and other places) and church fellowship. Your group could be small or large, we would be very flexible. In case needed I could also help with finding suitable flights to Brussels, Frankfurt, Düsseldorf or Cologne. And please know that we will cover any costs here in Germany, so that it could hopefully be an affordable trip for many of you.

With thanks to them for agreeing to do so, I am pleased to report that Trish Coffey and Joe Adkins have agreed to organize the trip if we have a group who is interested in attending. Please let one of them or Consistory President Peter Brehm (pbrehm@comcast.net) know of your interest in planning this trip or going on this trip over the next few weeks. In addition to being respectful to Daniel and his congregation regarding our interest, Barbara’s guidance is that airline ticket prices are optimized about 6 months prior to the departure date, meaning we need to know counts of participants and departure / return dates by early April. Thanks!

Opportunities to Serve

VOLUNTEER FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

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 HOSPITALITY

We need help with providing hospitality to community and non-profit organizations that use our spaces at little to no cost. Contact the church office at tyork@erucc.org or (301) 662-2762 for more information or to volunteer with one of the dates below (all or a portion of the event):

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chaired by Will Duncan, the Finance Committee is seeking interested members of the congregation to join the team and participate in the process of creating and managing the ERUCC budget and church financial processes as well as advising the Consistory on allied financial matters. Knowledge about financial statements or a degree or career in accounting or finance is not needed. A desire to help guide the congregation on financial matters is the only criteria. The team meets monthly via Zoom at this time. If you discern God is calling you to help with this important work, please let Will know via email at wduncan54@comcast.net.

COUNTING TEAM

Each Sunday after church, a team of two or three members of the congregation gather to count donations received by ERUCC during the prior week and Sunday services. The donations are organized by category of contribution (pledge, altar flowers, mission trip, OCWM, etc.), processed for deposit, data-entered into a simple spreadsheet, and then deposited at the bank. A counting team handles one Sunday per month. The process takes about an hour. We need additional counters. If you discern God is calling you to help with this important work, please let ERUCC Treasurer Rodney Martin know via email at treasurer@erucc.org. On this, a step-by-step manual documenting the counting process is available, as is training.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Working with ERUCC Property Manager Jaci Clayton, the Property Committee oversees ERUCC building and maintenance policies and activities, ranging from large capital projects like the Trinity Chapel Preservation Effort to snow shoveling. In some cases, team members undertake the work directly either on their own or as part of scheduled Work Sessions that include other members of the congregation. Chaired by Owen York, the Property Committee is seeking additional members to join this group, which meets after church every other month. If you discern God is calling you to help with this important work, please let Owen know via email at owenjyork@gmail.com.

NOMINATIONS

In May our congregation will elect Lay Leaders for the coming year. To prepare for this, and with the Elders serving as the core Nominating Committee, we are starting to identify congregational members who might take on these important roles in the church. Please let Consistory President Peter Brehm know (pbrehm@comcast.net) if you wish to join the Nominating Committee or are interested in serving in one of the opening Lay Leader roles.

These include serving as Elder (one person); a Deacon (up to four people); Member-at Large (one person), and selected standing committee chairs. The Nominating Committee will begin by canvassing people who can stand for reelection to their position over the coming weeks.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 – 9:15 am	Worship , Trinity Chapel
9:00 – 10:20 am	Adult Education , North Room <i>Let's Study the Bible</i>
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Nursery Care , Main Building
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>
9:30 – 10:25 am	Parent's Place , West Classroom, Trinity Chapel
9:30 – 10:25 am	Coffee and Conversation , Community Room
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>

Stay Informed

FEBRUARY TRINITY CHIMES

Read the ERUCC monthly newsletter, *Trinity Chimes*, in the back of the sanctuary or online by scanning the QR code or going to bit.ly/Feb23Chimes.



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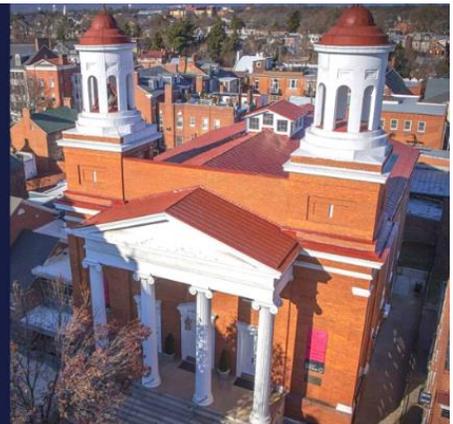


MISSION STATEMENT

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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From the Heart

Racial Justice Sunday/Science and Technology Sunday

First Congregational Church UCC of Poughkeepsie, NY knows that most people find new churches through webpages, and they want to assure that all who visit understand their stand on the importance of science as a companion to faith. Their website has a whole page dedicated to explaining their stance on the value of science.

“For too long, science and faith have had a combustible relationship...Some people like to describe science as being true whether you believe in it or not because it is based in conducting repeatable experiments, collecting measurable data and arriving at conclusions that match the data. Many consider faith, if not contrary to science, at least completely separate from it because they regard faith as believing in what cannot be proven.

But in the United Church of Christ, we don't regard science and faith as mutually exclusive, or as occupying completely separate realms. Instead, we want them to be engaged in conversation because we think they each have something to offer to the other. For we trust that God is still speaking, and we listen for God's voice not just in places of quiet contemplation or majestic beauty, but also in labs and lecture halls, through the lenses of microscopes and telescopes, in moments of discovery and through efforts to understand the world around us. We value intellectual curiosity and the way that science can uncover new information that expands our perspective. Because we are committed to service, social and economic justice, and careful stewardship of creation, we also are interested in the ways scientific discoveries can support or undermine these commitments.

So it is not surprising that since 2008, our congregation has chosen to recognize in worship the mutually valuable insights that can be gained when science and faith are in open and honest dialogue with one another. Indeed we desire a faith that is “scientifically sophisticated, technologically advanced, morally just, ecologically sustainable, and spiritually alive.” (from the UCC's Pastoral Letter on Faith Engaging Science and Technology).

We want to make clear the UCC's belief that science and religion are not mutually exclusive, and we extend our unequivocal welcome to persons who devote their lives to scientific inquiry, no matter the discipline.

We are a thoughtful, thinking church.”

“Faith and Science.” www.opentogod.org/science.



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