

Restoring
Beauty

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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EVANGELICAL REFORMED
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– An Open and Affirming Congregation –



February 5, 2023

Fifth 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

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Let the Mystery of God draw us in:
Beautiful, Just, Merciful!

Let the Wisdom of God surprise us:
Vulnerable, Powerful, Searching!

Let the Glory of God shine through our work:
Salty, Bright and Good!

In the Mystery, the Wisdom, the Glory of God
Let us worship!

***Opening Prayer**

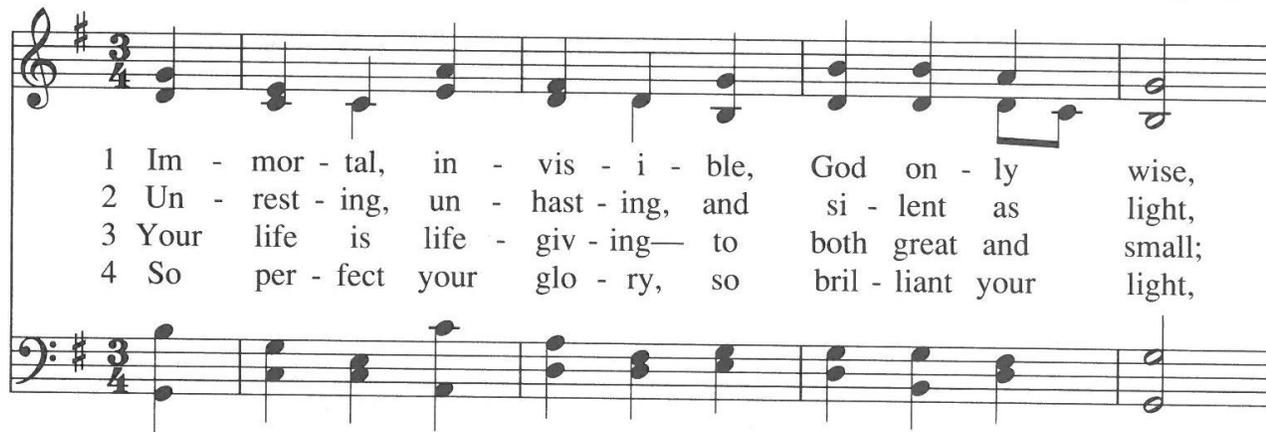
Wonderful God,
We gather today to celebrate your presence in the lives of faithful people.
Send your Spirit to meet us here and guide us into your depths that we may
begin to glimpse your grace:

**what eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived--
all you have prepared for those who love you.**

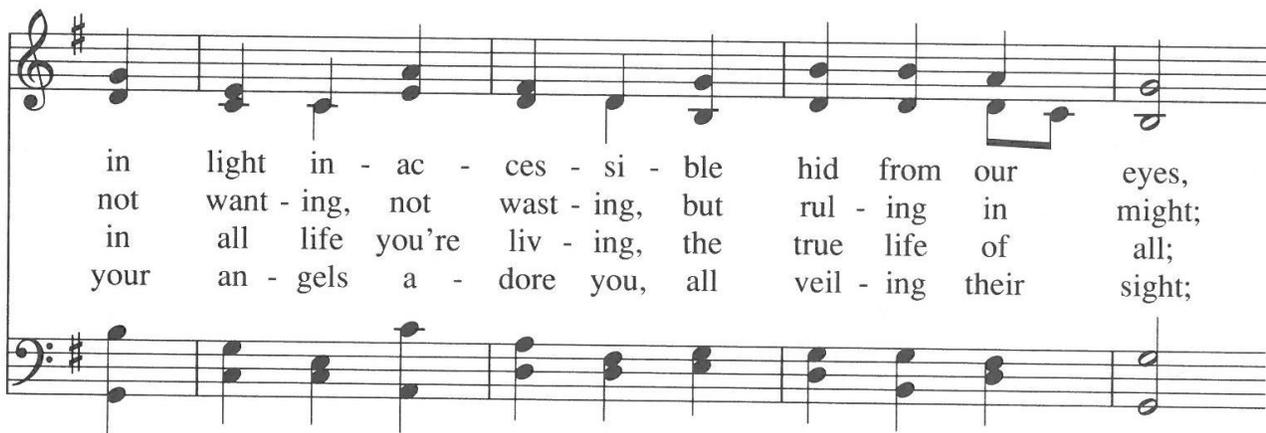
We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Mystery, your Wisdom, your Glory.

*Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

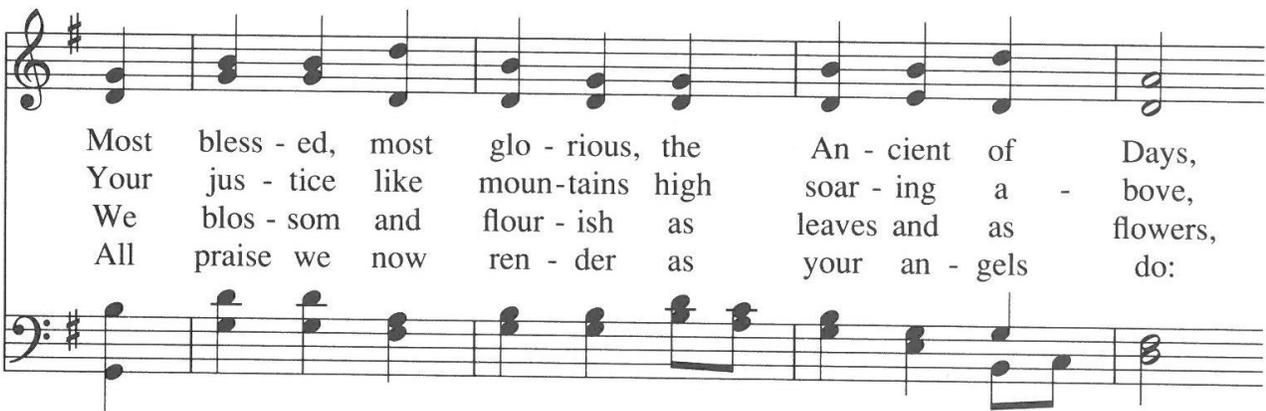
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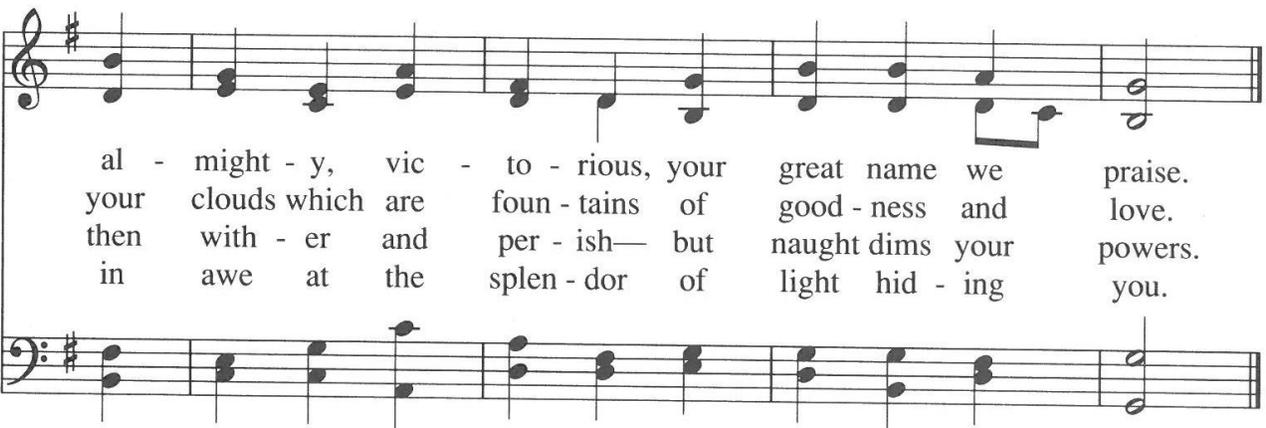
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Isaiah reminds us that our prayer, fasting and pious ritual must be lived out in compassion and justice:

When we forget the fast you desire—
To do justice, and stand up for the powerless:
Lord, have mercy.

When we forget the prayer you love—
To show compassion, and care for those in need:
Christ, have mercy.

When we forget the rituals you require—
To create relationships of righteousness and peace:
Lord have mercy.

***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 of all ages are invited to participate in the service today, including in the Sacrament of Communion. A book nook with children's programs, books, crayons, and activities is in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table and a wiggle space is available in the front of the sanctuary near the baptismal font.

Junior Church for children ages 5 through 5th grade will resume next week.

*Hymn *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People*

#181

D (allow to ring off) G D/F# A7 D

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

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Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain
G D/F# A7 D G D/F# A7 D

Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

G D/F# A7 D G D/F# A7 D

Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

The Scripture

Isaiah 58:1-12 OT page 688

Matthew 5: 13-20 NT page 4

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 *O Lord , Your Table Now is Spread*

– B. Nix
Senior Choir

***Prayer of Dedication**

O God, please take these gifts and multiply them; let them be a means to create the justice and peace you long for in this world.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

– SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION –

Invitation

We are hungry. We are hungry for justice. We are hungry for love. We are hungry for acceptance. We are hungry for peace. We are hungry for food. We are hungry for God. Here at this table, we encounter the risen Christ who feeds us. Yes, with physical food, but also with spiritual food. The kind that sustains us and does not run out.

So, come to this table and be fed by Christ. Heap your plates high with God's abundant grace and love. Dine on justice, and peace, and love. Be fed by God. This table is open all who seek to follow Christ. It is not a table for only our congregation. It is not a United Church of Christ table. It is not a table of this country, but the table of Jesus the Christ. All are welcome here.

In the beginning, God, you created everything. You gave us an abundance of food and called it good. But we ate what was not good and broke the covenant you made. And we broke it again, and again, and again. You

placed rainbows in the sky, sent prophets to remind and warn us when we strayed, led us through the wilderness, and fed us manna when we were hungry. And we ignored you. We complained about what you gave us, and we wandered away from you.

So, you began again. You sent your son to guide us home to you; mend the broken relationship; and offer forgiveness and reconciliation.

In Jesus' life, and in his ministry, he called us to feed those who were hungry. Hungry for peace. For justice. For acceptance. For love. Those who hungered for food and stability, and those who are hungry for you. You call us to feed those in need and remember that how we treat "the least of these" is how we treat Christ.

It's hard, God. Hard to be mindful of those in need. Hard to see those at our door who are hungry for what you offer that is not food. And yet you keep calling us to do it.

So feed us Lord, feed us so that we can feed the world with your peace, justice, acceptance, welcome, love, and, yes, actual food. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup so that we may be fed by you to go out and do what you call us to. That we may have courage, energy, acceptance, and love to serve others who hunger. Meet us in the bread and fruit of the vine.

At this table, may we be nourished so that we may go out into the world and continue the work you called us to – to love, serve, and care in the name of your son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

This morning we will bring communion to the congregation as you are seated in the pews. Please hold the bread until all have been served and the pastors extend the invitation for all to eat. Please hold the cup of grape juice until all have been served and the pastors extend the invitation for all to drink. In this way, we can commune together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn** *To God Compose a Song of Joy*

#36



1 To God com - pose a song of joy; to God make mel - o - dy,
2 Be - fore the na - tions God re - veals a just and righ - teous will,
3 In ev - ery cor - ner of the earth, God comes to save and free;
4 With trum - pet, with the sound of horns, with strings, yes, with the lyre,



Whose arm of strength does won - drous things, whose hand brings vic - to - ry!
Re - mem - ber - ing in faith - ful love the house of Is - ra - el.
Break forth with shouts of ho - ly joy; all lands, make mel - o - dy.
With voic - es praise the sov - ereign God, a lust - y, joy - ous choir.



5 Let seas in all their full-ness roar;
sing, peo-ple of all lands;
Let moun-tains join and sing for joy;
let riv-ers clap their hands.

6 The God of jus-tice comes to save;
let earth make mel-o-dy;
For God will judge with righ-teous-ness
and rule with eq-ui-ty.

***Benediction**

Let the Mystery of God send us into the world:

Beautiful, Just, Merciful!

Let the Wisdom of God surprise us in the world:

Vulnerable, Powerful, Searching!

Let the Glory of God shine through our work in the world:

Salty, Bright and Good!

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Let us rejoice!

***Sevenfold Amen**

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Postlude *(please be seated)*

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of my husband, Michael Rhoads, on the anniversary of his birthday by Belinda Rhoads.

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: 18 at 8:30 am, 110 at 10:30 am, and 83 online.

Watch
Worship
Live



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

Today: February 5, 2023

Scripture Reader:

Deacons: Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick

Elder: Starr Schaeberle

Greeters: Sue Pinner, Danielle Carbonne
Anne Hoffmann

Welcome: Marj Berkheimer, Julie Clark

Audio/Visual: Jeff Schaeberle, Jeff Baker
Kenda Sampson

Fellowship: Green Team

Saturday Chimer: Dick Williams

Sunday Chimer: Tricia Coffey

Next Week: February 12, 2023

Peg Stahler

Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy

Tyler L. York

Kathleen and Niel Jefferson
Cathie Duncan

Jeanellen Kallevang

Jeff Baker, Larry Martin
Kenda Sampson

York Family

Children's Sunday School

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: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Jesus helps us take another look at some commandments to discover what is at the heart of the law – love of God and love of neighbor in Matthew 5: 21-37. God’s people are urged to choose to act in ways that are life-giving in Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 and I Corinthians 3: 1-9. As we work together to live into the vision of God’s reign, we can be assured that it is God who gives the growth.

Spirit 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:

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!

Sunday Fellowship Opportunities for Adults

Friends and Fellowship

Community Room

9:30 – 10:15 am

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.

The Parent's Place

West Classroom, Trinity Chapel

9:30 – 10:25 am

The kids are in Sunday School and you have a moment to chill in a new space for parents to gather in Trinity Chapel. It's a good time to relax and talk with other parents and enjoy some kid-free time. Coffee and snacks provided, but if you love your Sunday morning Starbucks, stop by afterward. The West Classroom is the room to the right as you enter the chapel.

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

Meeting ID: 875 1423 3398

Passcode: 973365

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. 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

February 7 - Nowhere Among the Gentiles
February 14 - Outer Darkness

February 21 - Your Father the Devil

This Week at ERUCC

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY

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

Orders due: Sunday, February 5



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 11 from 10:30-11:00 am or on Sunday, February 12 following church services. Our youth will have paper order forms or you may order online using the QR code or 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 9

North Room

11:00 am

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

FAMILY CAMPING TRIP PLANNING MEETING

Thursday, February 9

Zoom

7:00 pm

Zoom: bit.ly/3JB5DSz

Meeting ID: 841 6426 0665

Passcode: 173952

Join a group working to plan our annual family camping trip this spring.

Upcoming 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 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.

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. We will be meeting Sunday, February 12th in the Liz Coffee Room at 9:45. Please join us!

- Cathie Duncan and Betsy Fisher, Committee Co-Chairs

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

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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CROSSING OVER

VINCENT STRINGER, ARTIST, BARITONE

EDMOND CHARLES, PIANIST

JODI BEDER, CELLIST

PROGRAM OF SPIRITUALS & ART EXHIBIT
Saturday, March 4, 2023
6:00 pm
EVANGELICAL REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
15 West Church St.
Frederick, MD 21701
(301) 662-2762
erucc@erucc.org

DONATIONS WELCOME, ADMISSION FREE

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, 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.



Additional Announcements

FALL 2023 GERMANY TRIP

Our friend Pastor Daniel Müller Thór of the Ev. Kirchengemeinde Inden-Langerwehe recently wrote:

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!

NOTES OF GRATITUDE FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS



Homewood Foundation, Inc. *ERUCC donated a gift of \$250.*

Thank you for your support of the Homewood at Frederick Chapel Fund. Your gifts to the Chapel continue to enhance the opportunities to provide spiritual care, support, and enrichment at Frederick.



Franklinton Center at Bricks, Inc. *ERUCC donated a gift of \$2,364.70.*

Thank you for your support to Franklinton Center at Bricks, Inc. Your support afforded us the opportunity to increase our social justice work of addressing food insecurity, racial inequity, and addressing economic disparities. We worked with individuals, organizations, and communities to invigorate champions for social justice. Thank you again for being a part of the important work of Franklinton Center at Bricks.

ERUCC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



ERUCC is fortunate to have several scholarship programs available to our members as they seek educational opportunities to develop knowledge and skill in realization of their full potential. The McCardell Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. Robert McCardell in honor and memory of members of the McCardell family. The Kieffer Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Henri L.G. Kieffer, pastor of this church from 1910-1946. The Liz Coffey Scholarship Fund was established in memory and honor of our beloved youth Liz Coffey. Also included are funds given in memory of Tina Baker, a long time educator and member of the ERUCC Scholarship Committee. Contributions to these Scholarship Funds by members and friends of the church are always welcome.

These scholarships are gifts to church members for post-secondary undergraduate education and are awarded by the Scholarship Committee. The awards are based on the quality of the candidate's plan for use of the funds, the ability and promise of the applicant, and the need for financial assistance. The aid may continue for subsequent years after an interview with the Scholarship Committee, submission of intent to reapply, and a transcript of grades for the current year.

Scholarship applications for new applicants are available through the Church Office, erucc@erucc.org or 301-662-2762.

Students wishing to renew scholarships must also contact the Church Office providing the information requested. All application materials must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee through the Church Office by the April 30 deadline.

Any further questions can be directed to Sandra Trout, Chairman of Scholarship Committee at troutsandra@aol.com or 301-676-6585.



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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 COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS

Did you know you can help with 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) 662-2762 for more information, to be added to the list of volunteers, or to sign up to help with one of the dates below (all or a portion of the event time):

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 and 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.

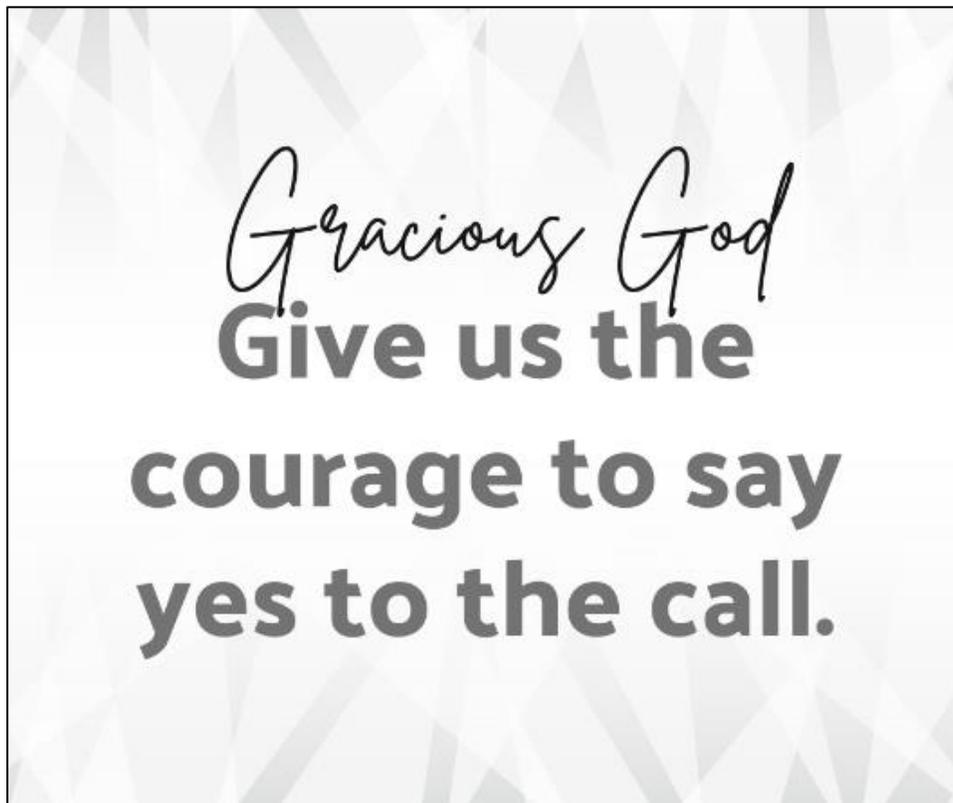
PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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.



WEEKLY THURSDAY THOUGHTS EMAIL

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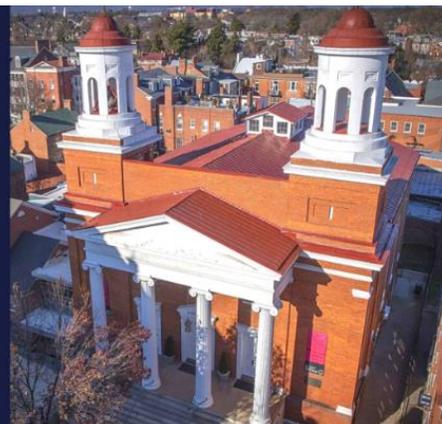


MISSION STATEMENT

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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“There are very few real emergencies. This doesn’t mean truly terrible things don’t happen. But if we can do things like breathe, delay gratification, feel our feelings in real time, keep ourselves from too much impulsivity, and reach for the right practice or people, we can survive—we can emerge-and-see—through disaster. And with spiritual hindsight, many of our disasters might turn out to be Holy Spirit portals: the way God gets in.

Life as it stands will keep trying to shake us up or smash our boat onto the rocks. This is not because God is a jerk. It’s because Nature throws novel viruses and earthquakes and worse into our path. It’s also because humans are inventive and wonderful, but then we dream up things that ruin lives, like crystal meth, hypercapitalism, and high-waisted jeans (not a good look for anyone).

If we think we are safe, we are wrong. Nothing can insulate us from loss. But safe was never the point. There are fates worse than death—like not ever really living.

If you are lucky, you are currently between emergencies. Maybe you’ve had a rare chance to get off the roller coaster entirely. Your legs have just stopped shaking, and you think, “I’m never doing that again.” You are sitting in the sun, eating something delicious and terrible for you: fried dough, a corn dog, a caramel apple that will pull out your crown. Enjoy the moment. It’s not going to last.

And if you are in the middle of a fast-moving or slow-motion emergency—a sick toddler, a wayward teen, a relationship at a crossroads, a dance with addiction, a mental health crisis—only time will tell if it really was a true emergency. Because with the right kind of attention, ruptures can reveal us, emerge us, and help us evolve faster than any virus.”

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