

Powerful
Witness

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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or download the **GivePlus Church** application and
make your donation via the app. Thank you.



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EVANGELICAL REFORMED
United Church of Christ
– An Open and Affirming Congregation –



April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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** (*after Psalm 23*)

Let us pray these familiar words,
recognizing in the Risen Christ our Good Shepherd:

Jesus, you are our shepherd.

We shall never want.

You make us lie down in green pastures;

you lead us beside the still waters.

You restore our souls.

You guide us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

**Even though we may walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,**

we fear no evil, for you, Christ, comfort us.

Jesus has prepared a table for us

in the presence of our foes;

Jesus has anointed us with the oil of salvation;

our cup runs over!

Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us

all the days of our lives,

And we will dwell in the house

of our Holy Savior forever and ever. Amen.

***Opening Prayer**

Incarnate God,

You are the one who comes to us in Jesus Christ.

Holy One,

You are the one who comes to us in the Holy Spirit.

Sovereign of Earth and Heaven,

You are the one who calls us to recognize you today and every day

As splendid Mystery.

Gather our hearts and minds this day.

Kindle our God-consciousness.

Let us worship you in awe and wonder! Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows*

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***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful and Loving God, we ask forgiveness
because our consciousness of you
is dimmed by everyday desires and needs.

Raise our consciousness of you, O God.

We forget that we are a reflection of your image.
We act as though you are a Sunday-only event.

Increase our mindfulness of you, O God.

Help us to a greater common awareness
of your deep mystery and infinite presence.

Rouse our awareness of you, God.

Open our eyes from surface focus to depth perception.
Turn our heads from shallow concerns to eternal truths.

Awaken us from faint-heartedness, O God.

Forgive us for our narrow and selfish ways.

Save us from cheap grace with your amazing grace.

Forgive us, O God. We ask in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

1 Such per - fect love my Shep - herd shows, whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
 3 When vain and fool - ish oft I strayed, you,
 4 I do not fear death's shad - owed vale when

good - ness fails me nev - er, Whose hand all things I
 lov - ing Shep-herd leads me, And where the ver - dant
 faith - ful Shep-herd, sought me, And on your shoul - der
 you are here be - side me; Your rod and staff and

need be - stows and watch - es me for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow with food from heav - en feeds me.
 gent - ly laid, then home re - joic - ing brought me.
 strength pre - vail to com - fort and to guide me.

5 You spread a ta-ble in my sight,
 your gifts of grace be-stow-ing;
 And from your chal-ice I de-light
 to taste your mer-cy flow-ing.

6 And so through all the length of days
 your good-ness fails me nev-er;
 Good Shep-herd, may I sing your praise
 with-in your house for-ev-er.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Holy, Forgiving God, we are your sheep.

You keep us awake and aware.

You can increase our God-consciousness every day of our lives.

Bless you and praise you for forgiving us
when we are barely mindful enough to ask.

Help us to enter by the door
when we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd.

We hear your voice of pardon.

Through Christ's grace we are forgiven this morning, and we go in. **Amen.**

Sacrament of Baptism

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Ministry Moment

Marc Kline

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.*

***Hymn** *We All Are One in Mission*

tune – NYLAND

**¹We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**²We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**³Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

The Scripture

Acts 2:42-47 NT page 120

John 10: 1-10 NT page 103

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Closing Hymn *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;
 1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,
 2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;

in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre - pare.
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;

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*** Benediction** (*from 1 Peter and John 10*)

You are called for a purpose:
for the sake of knowing and drawing close toward God
a person bears up under sorrows.

We are not here by chance.

You are choice and precious in the sight of God,
and as living stones, your lives are being built up
into a spiritual sanctuary where the justice and mercy and peace
of the Risen Christ may dwell.

We are not here by chance.

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,
and they follow me;
and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish;
and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Jesus, we are the sheep of your pasture.

You have chosen us. We have chosen you.

We are not here by chance. Amen.

Postlude (*please be seated*)

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Gerri Wilson by Bruce Wilson.

The yellow rose bud is presented in memory of Dorothy Elseroad Martin by Larry & Sedonia Martin.

Attendance Last Sunday: 22 at 8:30 am, 146 at 10:30 am, and 84 online.

Watch
Worship
Live



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

Today: April 30, 2023

Scripture Reader: Pastor Daniel
Deacons: Matt Davis, Harrison Fisher
Elder: Laura Rhoderick
Greeters: Susan Kulp, David Howard
Bob and Nancy Manthey
Welcome:
Audio/Visual: Kelly Esslinger, Larry Martin
Kendra Sampson
Junior Church: Thomasa Pomeroy
Nursery: Dawn Lagrotteria
Fellowship: Dan and Julie Ebersole
Julie Clark, Starr Schaeberle,
Laura Rhoderick, Peter Brehm
Saturday Chimer: Dick Williams
Sunday Chimer: Tricia Coffey

Next Week: May 7, 2023

Betsy Selby
Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick
Eric Weakly
Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Schaeberle
Matthew Mercier
No Junior Church held on
Communion Sundays
Thomasa Pomeroy
Annual Meeting Luncheon
Contribute: bit.ly/er2023lunch

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: Fifth Sunday of Easter

In 1 Peter 2:2–10, the readers are thought to have been Gentiles who became followers of Jesus. They are scattered throughout the lands of the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas under the rule of the Roman empire and its culture. This letter aspires to guide and inspire them in their daily lives as they are grown into the ways of being God's own people, recipients of God's mercy and inclusion. The language/theme of rocks/stones continues through this passage with Christ being portrayed as both a precious cornerstone for those who trust in him and as a stumbling block to those who don't. This theme connects in part to today's gospel reading, John 14:1–14. Jesus, as part of his farewell discourse before betrayal and execution, speaks words of reassurance to his disciples.

We will be sharing communion this morning. The Senior Choir will be singing. The annual meeting of the congregation will be held in the Community Room / Zoom following worship.

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:

Joann Miller (mother of Angela Brittain), Greg Rhoads, Luke Chappell, Holly Davis, David Cooney, Mike Roberston (friend of Kathleen and Niel Jefferson), Bob Pinner, Stacie Carey (niece of Darlene Brunner and Jeannette Johnson), 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, 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).

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Evelyn Manwiller, who passed away April 26, 2023. A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for her life will be held on Monday, May 1 at 1:00 pm in the Main Sanctuary.

This Week at ERUCC

TUESDAY EVENING YOGA

Tuesdays, April 18 – May 23

Community Room

7:00 pm

Join your ERUCC friends for a new six-week cycle of Tuesday night yoga beginning April 18! 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.”

DISCO NIGHT: A CELEBRATION FOR THE ‘RING MY BELL’ CAMPAIGN

Friday, May 5

Community Room

7:00 – 10:00 pm

ERUCC has been blessed with a five-octave set of 61 handbells that now need to undertake a Complete Service refurbishment, which costs \$12,000. Donations of any amount are invited, and in case it is helpful, refurbishing one bells costs \$200. When making a gift to support this project, please note “handbells project” in the memo line or other description field. We hope you will consider joining us to support this important effort.

We will hold a major disco-themed fundraising event on Friday, May 5 in the Community Room. So, get your disco costumes ready and prepare for an evening of 21+ fun.

Suggested donation of \$10/person. Cash bar with non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages.



Upcoming at ERUCC

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 7

Community Room / Zoom

12:00 pm

Our annual meeting will be Sunday, May 7 in the Community Room with lunch being served immediately following worship. We will be electing new elders, deacons, and committee chairs. Members and friends of the congregation may also participate via Zoom.

To join via Zoom: bit.ly/er2023mtg

Meeting ID: 830 3501 9606

Passcode: 549585

Agenda for the Annual Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order
Opening Prayer
Review of Annual Program Reports
Review of Financial Reports
Nominating Committee Report
Old Business
 Trinity Chapel Campaign
 Columbarium status
New Business
Closing questions
Benediction

Nominating Committee Report

To be elected by the Congregation:

Elder for first term for 3-year term	Matt Hueting
Elder, replacing Richard Leslie for term ending in 2025	Ave Barr
Elder for second 3-year term	Peter Brehm
Deacon for first 2-year term	Robin A. Brady-Slifer
Deacon for first 2-year term	Robin L. Brady-Slifer
Deacon for first 2-year term	Jim Brittain
Deacon for second 2-year term	Matt Davis
Member-at-Large for first 2-year term	Larry Martin
Stewardship/Generosity Chair for first 2-year term	Julie Clark
Christian Education Chair for second 1-year term	Linda Coyle
Finance Chair for additional 1-year term	Will Duncan
Property Chair for additional 1-year term	Owen York
Worship Chair for first 2-year term	Rebecca Shillingburg

To be elected by the Consistory

Secretary for 2023-2024	David Kehne
Treasurer for 2023-2024	Rodney Martin

CONTRIBUTE TO ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON

Please sign up to contribute a pre-made food item for the Annual Meeting luncheon on May 7 following the 10:30 am service. Drop your item to the community room kitchen labeled with ingredients by 11:00 am on Sunday, May 7. Questions? Julie Clark 301-305-8181 or Jclarkad@yahoo.com.

Sign up: bit.ly/er2023lunch



CHIMES LEARNING AND SERVICE GROUP

Thursday, May 11

Oscar's Alehouse

11:30 am

The Chimes Learning and Service Group will meet May 11 at 11:30 am for lunch at Oscar's Alehouse, 906 N. East Street.

LET'S SING

Sunday, May 14

Liz Coffey Room

9:30 – 10:15 am

It's Mother's Day! Celebrate by singing together! Did you know that singing together can be a therapeutic or spiritual experience, a great bonding activity, and just plain fun? Research shows that people who sing together feel happier. So, whether you are a gifted choir member or can't hold a tune, join us for a hymn sing led by Kathy Gelles-Baxter.

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP WALK

Sunday, May 21

Carroll Creek Linear Park

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Spring is here and it is time to rejoice and give thanks. Join the Green Team for a walk along Carroll Creek, where we can revel in the beauty of Frederick's public art installations and downtown nature. Depending on the whim of the group, we'll finish up with a stop at a creekside brewery or with a visit to Hoffman Brothers Ice Cream shop.

EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY

Sunday, May 21

Community Room

5:00 pm

It's my birthday, your birthday, everybody's birthday! Let's celebrate our birthdays with dinner and dessert. You'll be invited to sit with others in your own birth month to enjoy a slice of cake and share birthday memories and wishes. We hope to see you there and sing "Happy Birthday!" to everyone!

Please bring a side dish or salad to share. Consider signing up to decorate your birth month's table with a themed centerpiece or other decorations. For example, October might have Halloween décor and February might have hearts and groundhogs. Sign up to decorate a table in the Community Room during fellowship or by emailing Pastor Kirstin, ksrhoads@erucc.org.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF BARBARA'S RETIREMENT

With gratitude and appreciation, we will be celebrating Barbara's 40 years of ministry.

Saturday, June 3, 2023

5:00 – 8:00 pm – Reception in our Community Room

Congregation, family, friends, and the Frederick community invited

Program highlighting her career

Beer and wine and heavy appetizers

Sunday, June 4, 2023

10:30 am – Barbara's last Sunday preaching

11:30 am – Special Fellowship Time

Congregation and Family invited

If you would like to help with the celebration, contact:

Cathie Duncan, cathieduncan@comcast.net or Betsy Fisher, bcfishe@hotmail.com

ERUCC at FREDERICK PRIDE

Saturday, June 24

Carroll Creek Linear Park

10:00 am – 6:00 pm



ERUCC is an Open and Affirming congregation that proudly supports The Frederick Center and our LGBTQ+ community. The Frederick Center has organized Frederick Pride on Saturday June 24, 2023 on Carroll Creek. ERUCC will have a table at this event announcing its mission and programs to Frederick Pride visitors. Shifts are in two-hour increments. Plan on the weather being sunny and warm. This event is rain or shine. Parking is located in the City of Frederick parking decks. Bring your own water and a chair.

All are welcome to volunteer. No experience necessary! Contact Julie Clark, Jclarkad@yahoo.com or (301) 305-8181 with questions.

Sign up to help with outreach: bit.ly/41xOCP9

Youth Group Ministry

HIKE

Sunday, May 7

Meet at ERUCC

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Meet at church at 2:00 pm. We will return by 5:00 pm. Bring a water bottle and snacks.

Children and Family Ministry

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.

TINY TOTS ON THE FARM

Sunday, April 30

South Mountain Creamery

2:45 pm

We're heading to South Mountain Creamery where we will tour the farm, enjoy some ice cream, and bottle feed the calves! We will meet at 2:45 pm for a self-guided walking tour then meet a farm host at 3:45 pm to feed the calves!

\$5 per family. Ice cream/snacks available for purchase on-site.

FAMILY CAMPING

June 9 – 11

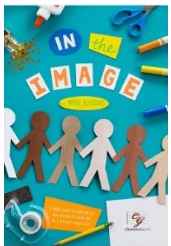
Cowan's Gap State Park, PA

We will take off for a camping trip at Cowan's Gap State Park in Pennsylvania. We have reserved a group spot for 40 people. If you want to rent a cabin or spot for an RV and share meals, fellowship, and worship with us, you can make your reservation by searching for Cowans Gap State Park: www.dcnr.pa.gov.

We have a planning team working on meal plans, and then we will send out the costs for the trip! Contact Pastor Kirstin for more information. By the end of April, we would like to have a good estimate of who is coming. Sign up in the Community Room.

SUMMER MUSICAL – IN THE IMAGE

rehearsals begin June 25



The ERUCC summer musical is back! During the summer months, ERUCC children and youth may participate in a musical. This year's show is *In the Image*, a story that explores what it really means to be created in the image of God. Through humor and exploration, the characters realize that being created in the image of God isn't just about how you look but about the attributes of God that show forth in your life.

Rehearsals begin Sunday, June 25 from 9:30 – 10:15 am in Trinity Chapel. Read more details in the May *Trinity Chimes*.

If you have any questions, or if you are an adult and are interested in helping with this effort, please contact Tricia Coffey, trishcoffey1195@gmail.com or (240) 815-9118.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 31 – August 4



This year's VBS theme is "Food Truck Party: On a Roll With God!" Read more details in the May *Trinity Chimes*.

Pastor Kirstin is looking for youth and adult volunteers for a variety of tasks: snack makers, craft leaders, game leaders, scientists/teachers, storybook readers, and musicians. Volunteers may be able to work mornings, afternoons, all day MWF, or some mix of these options. We will develop the schedule based on who we have. We expect to design a 9:00 am – 12:00 pm day, but that could be extended if we have enough volunteers for morning and afternoon shifts. The sessions are pre-designed, but for creative-minded volunteers, Pastor Kirstin invites you to look at the lessons and share your vision!

Special Gatherings in Celebration



*Gratitude Tour
with Pastor Daniel*

Pastor Daniel has planned some special gatherings in the months ahead. Please bring your photos, stories, and remembrances as we give thanks for our time together.

Monday, May 1 **Community Room** **7:00 – 9:00 pm**
Gathering for those who have gone on a mission trip

Monday, May 22 **Community Room** **7:00 – 9:00 pm**
Light supper for anyone who has served on the Consistory since 2006

Tuesday, May 23 **North Room** **following Bible Study**
Lunch with the Bible Study group

Tuesday, May 23 **Pastor Daniel's House** **6:00 – 8:00 pm**
Dinner with the ERUCC Book Group

Saturday, May 27 **Rodney & Becky Martin's** **12:00 – 3:00 pm**
Party at Larry & Becky Martin's for current and former youth group members and their parents

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 Starr Schaeberle or Laura Rhoderick for more details.

Additional Announcements

UPDATING CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Sunday, April 30

Community Room

before and after worship



A new pictorial directory is in the works! With thanks to ERUCC photographers: Rich Stolz, Tom Dorsz, and Jeff Schaeberle, we are offering opportunities on April 23 and 30 at 9:00 am and after worship in the Community Room for you/your family to get a new portrait for the directory. You may also submit your own photo to erucc@erucc.org no later than May 7.

Verify or Update Information: If you have yet to confirm the information we have in our database, please come to the Community Room during Coffee and Conversation before service or during Fellowship to make sure your name, address, phone numbers, and email are correctly listed in our directory.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



A small group of ERUCC members has examined our current preparedness in response to emergencies. We will be having a fire drill on Sunday, April 16 towards the end of the 10:30 am service. We are also preparing more first aid kits for our buildings and are seeking donations to refresh and complete those kits.

Please consider contributing towards the purchase/donation of supplies by signing up for a needed item or contributing monetarily using "First Aid" in memo line.

Emergency supply donation list: bit.ly/3lvVWLv

MONTHLY SUPPORT FOR MISSION OF MERCY



ERUCC has been called upon to provide lunch for the doctors, nurses, and staff of Mission of Mercy in Frederick on the first Monday of the month. Mission of Mercy provides primary medical care, dental care, medications, and more to Frederick's under- and non-insured community. Since its inception in 1984, they have served over 200,000 individual patients at no cost! Over 400,000 FREE prescription medications have been provided, and over 10,000 pro-bono hours have been donated by doctors, nurses, and interpreters!

We are asking the congregation to help out with this labor of love. We have committees undertaking certain months, but you can help with salad, bread, butter, and dessert. Interested in preparing a main course? Wonderful! Everything needs to serve between 30-35 people. The best part? We simply deliver the food! No set up or clean up!

Please get in touch with co-chairs Angela Brittain, angela3cats@yahoo.com or (240) 457-1479, or Nancy Jones, ncjsquared@msn.com or (240) 446-8025.



Trauma Responsive Frederick

Surviving Hardship

A discussion of how adopting a trauma-informed approach promotes healing and resilience.



**May is Mental Health Awareness Month
Join us for a panel discussion with local
survivors and experts in the field.**

**Free + Open to the Public
Register Here**



**Wednesday, May 17
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Frederick Community College
Conference Center**

bit.ly/TRF_Surviving

Some of the topics discussed could be of a sensitive nature and could cause discomfort.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 – 9:15 am	Worship , Trinity Chapel
9:00 am – 10:20 am	Adult Education , North Room and Online <i>Let's Study the Bible</i>
9:30 – 10:25 am	Parent's Place , West Classroom, Trinity Chapel
9:30 – 10:25 am	Coffee and Conversation , Community Room
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>
10:30 – 11:30 am	Worship , Main Sanctuary and Online
11:30 am	Fellowship , Community Room
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Cambridge Handbell Choir Rehearsal , Flora Room <i>Pre-K through high school</i>

Stay Informed

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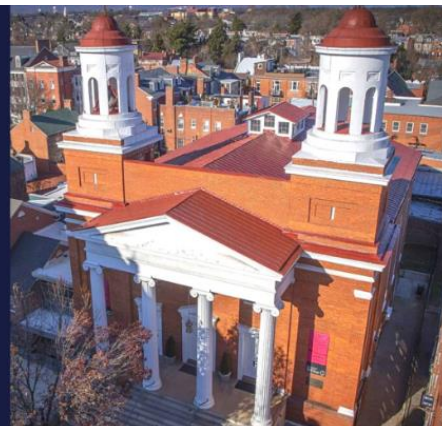


MISSION STATEMENT

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023

Psalm 23

Powerful Witness

Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries Sunday

You are invited to pray deliberately through the 23rd Psalm, perhaps taking one line per day. How is new meaning revealed to you as you make your way slowly through this familiar psalm?

God is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Consider what it would be like to not "want." Pray for all those who are lacking.

God makes me lie down in green pastures,

Touch a piece of earth with your feet, hands, or entire body. How does being in literal touch with creation help you feel closer to the Divine?

and leads me beside still waters;

Remember times that God has brought you through rough waters. Give thanks.

God restores my soul, and leads me in right paths

Pray by walking. With each step, rejoice in God's renewing presence.

for the sake of God's name.

Pray using all the names of the Divine you can think of. Are there names that make you uncomfortable? Why? Which names are most meaningful to you?

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

Pray for all those who have no one to pray for them. Ask God to help your prayers become acts of mercy and justice.

I fear no evil; for you are with me;

Remember times when you have felt afraid. What gave you courage?

your rod and your staff--they comfort me.

What are the tools you use in work or hobbies? Notice their shape and ask God to bless them and their use.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

As you eat, give special thanks for the land and the hands that produced your meals.

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Anoint yourself. Place a small amount of lotion or oil on your head or hand, giving thanks to God for the gift of your body.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

Give thanks for those who have shown you God's goodness and mercy.

and I shall dwell in the house of God my whole life long.

Imagine the house of God. Can you draw it, or describe it in writing?



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