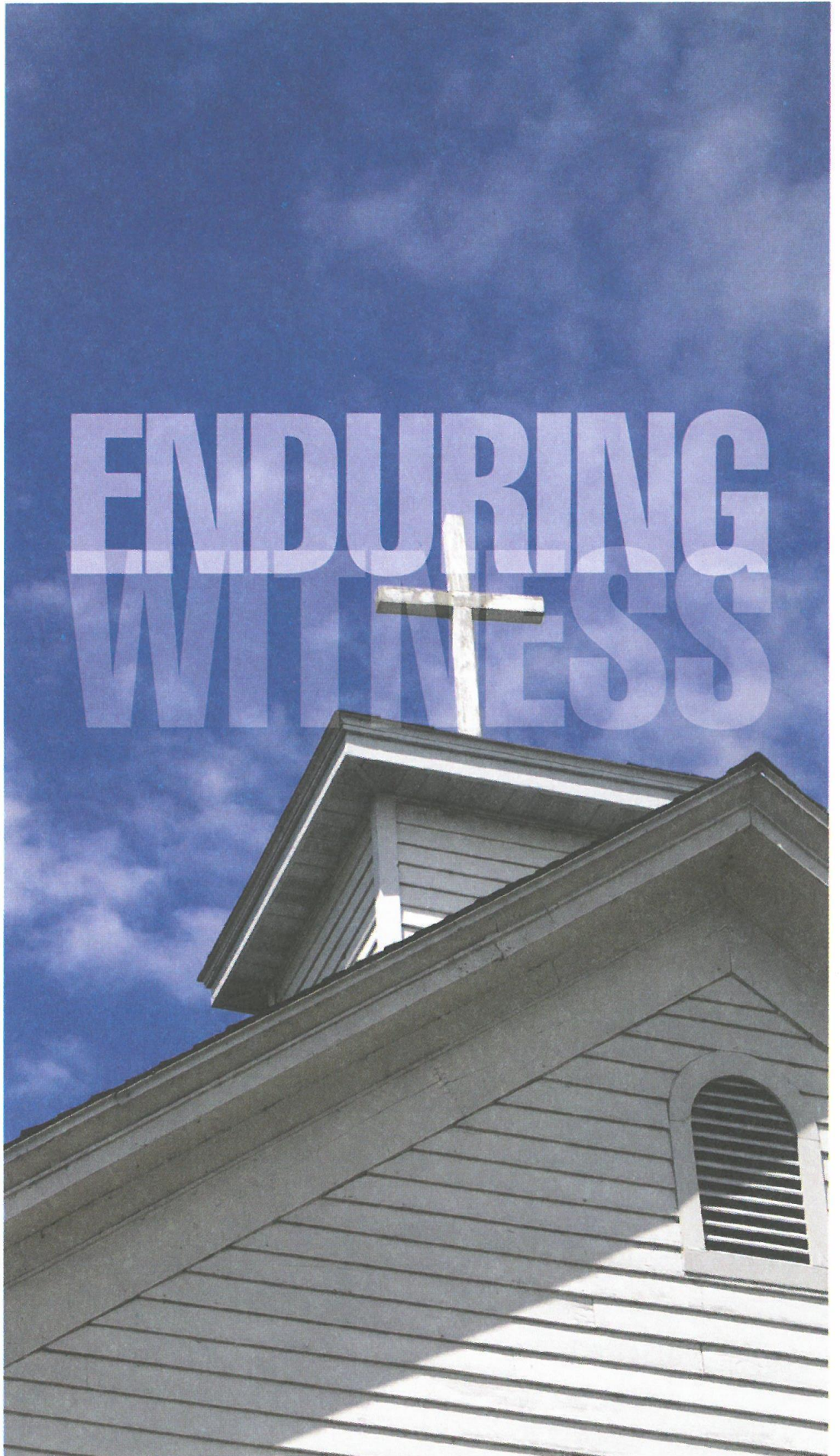


# ENDURING WITNESS



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

**F**or 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.

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

**W**e 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.

**T**here is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org).

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**EVANGELICAL REFORMED**  
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May 7, 2023

Fifth 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**

Jesus said, I go and prepare a place for you, and I will come again.

**Wherever we are gathered, we remember our presence and your love,  
now and always.**

Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

If you know me, you know God.

**We pray to know you more deeply,  
that we may know God more intimately, now and always.**

Jesus said, Ask me for anything, and I will do it.

**Help us to ask for the right things, Lord Jesus Christ,  
that we may fulfill your will, now and always.**

Jesus said, Believe in me, and Follow me.

**Help us to worship you fully - believing and following – now and always!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Ever-gracious, Way-Making God,  
we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit.**

**You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking,  
but with the milk of your truth**

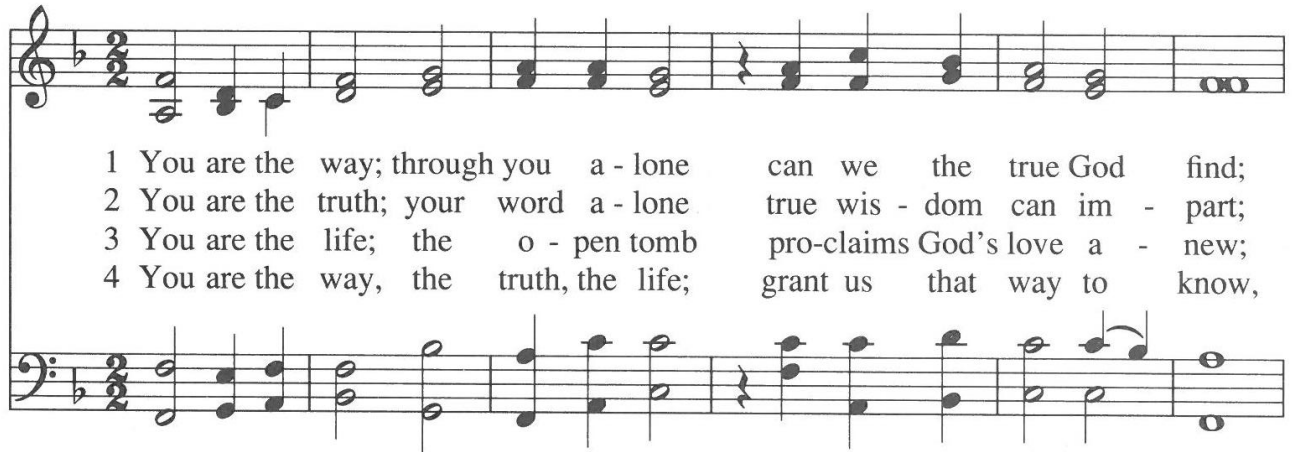
**you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ.**

**You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever  
faith leads us.**

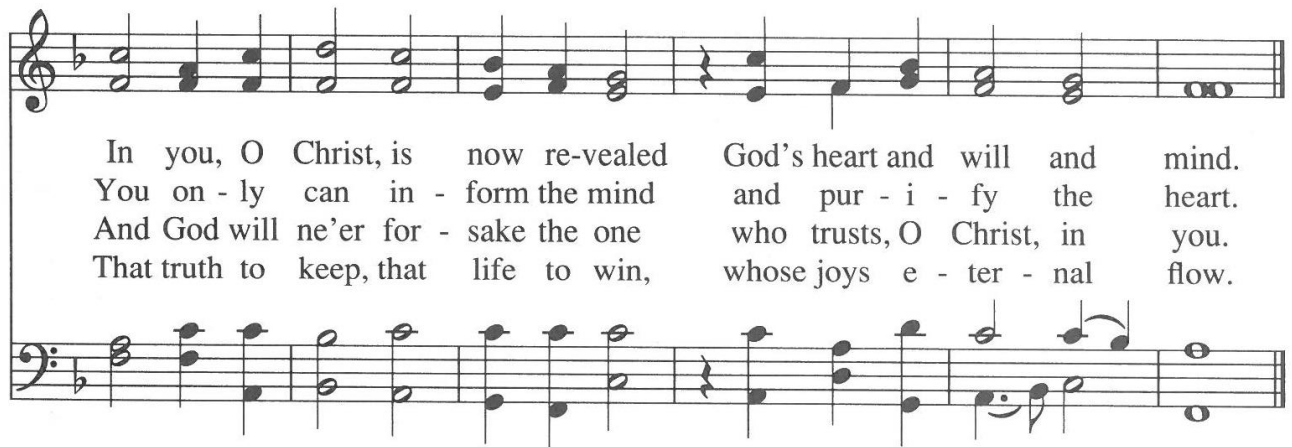
**You fill us with strength and hope,  
and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship.  
You promise us splendor and beauty in this life  
and in the world to come.  
Meet us here, we pray,  
that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing  
and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *You Are the Way*

#40



1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the true God find;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the o - pen tomb pro-claims God's love a - new;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



In you, O Christ, is now re-vealed God's heart and will and mind.  
You on - ly can in - form the mind and pur - i - fy the heart.  
And God will ne'er for - sake the one who trusts, O Christ, in you.  
That truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Ever-gracious God, from generation to generation you call forth faithful  
women and men to be willing servants of truth.  
You fill us with strength and hope,  
**Yet we find it is often not enough.**

We pray both for great faith and for easy lives,  
**But we know these things seldom exist together.**

We pray only to avoid the time of trial  
**When we need also to pray for strength and confidence  
to face the challenges that come with faithfulness.  
Forgive us, God, for our limited vision and our feeble trust.**

Make us strong like Stephen, so that we may rejoice in your unending grace  
even in the times of deepest suffering.

**In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
but share instead in Stephen's vision of the heavens opened  
and Christ standing at the right hand of God.  
This glorious vision of hope is for all of us,  
for we are forgiven of all that separates us from the Holy One.

**Blessed be God, the giver of life, and blessed be God's people,  
who rejoice in Christ, the way, the truth and the life.**

**Ministry Moment**

Lisa Stickley

**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.*

**The Scripture**

John 14: 1-14

NT page 108

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 *How Firm a Foundation*

– D. Forrest  
Senior Choir

## \*Prayer of Dedication

## \*Communion Hymn *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

#331

*Unison*

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: '1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us', '2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a', and '3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can'. The second system continues the melody with the lyrics: 'breath; Such a truth as ends all strife;', 'feast; Such a feast as mends in length;', and 'move; Such a love as none can part;'. The third system concludes the hymn with the lyrics: 'such a life as conquers death.', 'such a strength as makes a guest.', and 'such a heart as joys in love.' The score includes a bass line with chords and a final double bar line.

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such a strength as makes a guest.  
such a heart as joys in love.

## – SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION –

### Communion Prayer

Through all the seasons and changes of our lives  
there is one that stands above all others: this Season of Easter,  
in which we celebrate with unbridled joy  
the presence of the risen and living Christ in our midst.

No matter where we have been, or where we find ourselves today,  
we are bold to gather in joy knowing that our living  
is tied up with that of Christ who lives forever.

With joy we gather at this sacred table to be sacred community:  
to be the people called by God into new and everlasting life.

We celebrate the joyous opportunity to share good news with all the world:  
that Christ's resurrection is for all people, that God's love is for all people,  
that this table and this feast are for all people.

We remember Jesus gathering with his closest friends  
yet knowing they would scatter, leaving him alone.  
Still, he gathered with them and shared this simple meal,  
taking bread and wine and infusing them with new life;  
taking ordinary things and making them extraordinary in their new use.

And so we take the ordinary – bread and juice –  
and make it extraordinary by offering it to you.

We take this simple bread, and as it is broken we think of Jesus' words:  
"Take and eat; this is my body broken for you."

**It is broken that we may live in fullness and wholeness.**

We take this simple cup, and as it is lifted up we think of Jesus' words:  
"Take and drink; this is my blood, poured out for you and many for the  
forgiveness of sin."

**It is poured out that we may know ourselves forgiven.**

We know that in this meal we are gathered by a great community  
that has gone before us.

## **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

Bless us now in the sharing of this meal,  
that we may be enlivened to share your gifts  
with those who hunger and thirst  
for acceptance, for new life, for wholeness.

*All who desire the Sacrament, including children, are invited to come forward at the direction of the deacons. You may kneel or stand to receive the elements. Consume the bread and drink from the cup as it is given to you, and hand your empty cup to one of the ushers.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Loving God, you have gathered us  
out of love for you,  
and reminded us at this table  
that we are one people.  
Send us out, now, into a hurting world  
to share the good news  
that Christ is alive for all people. Amen.**

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

#76  
see next page

## **\*Benediction**

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are a people bound together in God's mercy  
and united in Christ's service.  
Depart from this place in peace and confidence,  
to love and serve in the name of Jesus the Christ,  
the living representation of God  
— our way, our truth, our life. **Amen.**

**\*Sevenfold Amen**

#814

**Postlude** *(please be seated)*

**Now and Always: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Easter** was written by the Rev. Elizabeth Dilley, Minister and Team Leader for MESA (Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization), UCC.



## Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

*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  
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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

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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 dedicated to the praise and glory of God.

**The yellow rose bud** is presented in honor of veterans by Bob and Sue Pinner.

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**Attendance Last Sunday:** 18 at 8:30 am, 118 at 10:30 am, and 71 online.

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### **Today: May 7, 2023**

Scripture Reader: Betsy Selby  
Deacons: Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick  
Elder: Eric Weakly  
Greeters: Danielle Carbone, Anne Hoffmann  
Jeanellen Kallevang  
Welcome: Marj Berkheimer  
Audio/Visual: Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Schaeberle  
Matthew Mercier  
Junior Church: *No Junior Church held on  
Communion Sundays*  
Nursery: Thomasa Pomeroy  
Fellowship: *Annual Meeting Luncheon*  
Saturday Chimer: Tricia Coffey  
Sunday Chimer: Tricia Coffey

### **Next Week: May 14, 2023**

Laurel Nguyen-Powell  
Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy  
Tyler L. York  
Cathie Duncan, Eliza Stitely  
Kathleen Jefferson  
Julie Clark, Thi Nguyen  
Rodney Martin, Larry Martin  
Kendra Sampson  
Thomasa Pomeroy  
  
Stephanie Fisher  
Tyler L. York

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## **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 1<sup>st</sup> floor, is accessible by stairs or elevator.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Worship Next Week: Sixth 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:*

Richard Alley (brother of David Alley), Sue Pinner, 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).

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## **Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults**

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

**Sundays**

**North Room / Zoom**

**9:00 – 10:15 am**

Zoom: [bit.ly/ERSunstudy](https://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 as we survey of the big stories of the Old Testament in the order they occurred. No prior experience needed.

## **Sunday Fellowship Opportunities for Adults**

**FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP**

**Community Room**

**9:30 – 10:15 am**

Come to the Community Room for some coffee or tea and to chat and relax.

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**THE PARENT'S PLACE**

**West Classroom, Trinity Chapel**

**9:30 – 10:25 am**

Take a moment to unwind in a new space for parents to gather in Trinity Chapel after your kids are in Sunday School. 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. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel**

***Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life***

**Tuesdays, April 11–May 23**

**North Room / Zoom**

**11:00 am – Noon**

Zoom: [bit.ly/3TdUnOy](https://bit.ly/3TdUnOy)

Meeting ID: 875 1423 3398

Passcode: 973365

First released in 1995, this spiritual classic continues to be a bestseller, as thousands each year accept Marjorie Thompson's invitation to the Christian spiritual life. Offering a framework for understanding the spiritual disciplines and instruction for developing and nurturing those practices, *Soul Feast* continues to be a favorite for individual reflection and group study.

May 9 - Of Conscience and Consciousness: Self-Examination, Confession, and Awareness

May 16 - Companions on the Journey: The Gift of Spiritual Direction

May 23 - Entertaining Angels Unawares: The Spirit of Hospitality

*Please plan to stay for lunch as we celebrate our years together*



## **This Week 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](https://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

Elder, replacing Richard Leslie for term ending in 2025

Elder for second 3-year term

Deacon for first 2-year term

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Deacon for second 2-year term

Member-at-Large for first 2-year term

Stewardship/Generosity Chair for first 2-year term

Christian Education Chair for second 1-year term

Finance Chair for additional 1-year term

Property Chair for additional 1-year term

Worship Chair for first 2-year term

Matt Hueting

Ave Barr

Peter Brehm

Robin A. Brady-Slifer

Robin L. Brady-Slifer

Jim Brittain

Matt Davis

Larry Martin

Julie Clark

Linda Coyle

Will Duncan

Owen York

Rebecca Shillingburg

#### **To be elected by the Consistory**

Secretary for 2023-2024

Treasurer for 2023-2024

David Kehne

Rodney Martin

## **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.

## **Upcoming at ERUCC**

### **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.

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## **PERIOD PACKS (MENSTRUAL HYGIENE KITS) SERVICE PROJECT**

**May 14 – June 18**

Beginning this Mother's Day, May 14, ERUCC will officially launch a campaign to create period packs to help people in period poverty. These kits promote cleanliness and health during the menstrual cycle. In partnership with Church World Service, the UCC is working provide as many period packs as possible by the end of July as a General Synod service project. Our target date to assemble packs at ERUCC is Father's Day, June 18.



“Period poverty” is defined as a lack of access to menstrual products, hygiene facilities, waste management, and related education. This can result in missed days at school and work, discrimination, and social isolation. Recent research reveals that almost two-thirds of women in the U.S. with a low income could not afford menstrual products in the last year, while nearly half had to choose between food and menstrual products.

Needed donation items include the following:

- Regular and super-absorbency tampons
- Sanitary pads (unscented, long, super, ultra-thin)
- Bath-size soaps (3oz. bar or larger, no Ivory or Jergen's soap. Do not remove packaging)
- Packs of flushable wipes (unscented 42-count)

Drop-off bins are located outside the sanctuary and Trinity Chapel. Financial donations directed to ERUCC should note that they are for the “Period Packs Project.”

For more information, contact your M&SA committee members: Michelle Beadle, Kelly Esslinger, Colleen Baldree, Angela Brittain, Kathleen Jefferson, Shelley Weakly.

## 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.

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## 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](mailto:ksrhoads@erucc.org).

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## ERUCC BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 23

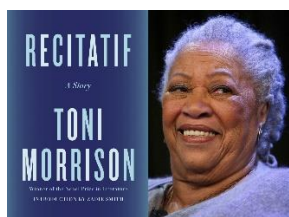
Pastor Daniel's Home / Zoom

6:00 pm

Zoom: [bit.ly/ERUCCbooks](https://bit.ly/ERUCCbooks)

Meeting ID: 848 7056 7574

Passcode: 226669



*Recitatif* by Toni Morrison. In this 1983 short story—the only short story Morrison ever wrote—childhood friends Twyla and Roberta lose touch as they grow older, only to find each other again later in life. Seemingly at opposite ends of every problem, the two women still cannot deny the deep bond between them. Morrison herself described *Recitatif* as “an experiment in the removal of all racial codes from a narrative about two characters of different races for whom racial identity is crucial.”

This evening, we will begin with a dinner of gratitude prepared by Pastor Daniel at her home before discussing the book. Our 2023 Book Group Coordinators are Susan Kulp and Rebecca Shillingburg.



## CELEBRATION OF REV. DR. BARBARA KERSHNER DANIEL



With gratitude and appreciation, we will celebrate Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel and her 40 years of ministry upon her retirement in June.

### **Saturday, June 3, 2023**

**5:00 – 8:00 pm**

- Reception in our Community Room
- Program will be live-streamed at 5:30 pm
- Beer, wine, soda, and appetizers provided

### **Sunday, June 4, 2023**

**10:30 am** – Pastor Daniel's Final Sunday and Service of Farewell

**11:30 am** – Short program in the sanctuary followed by a brunch at ERUCC

Congregation members are welcome to attend one or both events but must let us know which event(s) you will be attending. Both programs will be live streamed in case you are unable to attend in-person.

If you have questions, please contact either Cathie Duncan at [cathieduncan@comcast.net](mailto:cathieduncan@comcast.net) or (301)788-5348 or Betsy Fisher at [bcfishe@hotmail.com](mailto:bcfishe@hotmail.com) or (240) 285-5247.

**It is critical that we receive RSVPs by May 18. Thank you!**

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## 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](mailto:Jclarkad@yahoo.com) or (301) 305-8181 with questions.

**Sign up to help with outreach:** [bit.ly/41xOCP9](https://bit.ly/41xOCP9)

## **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.

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### **FAMILY CAMPING**

**June 9 – 11**

**Cowan's Gap State Park, PA**

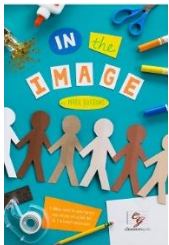
We will take off for a camping trip at Cowan's Gap State Park in Pennsylvania. We have reserved a group spot for 40 people. If you want to rent a cabin or spot for an RV and share meals, fellowship, and worship with us, you can make your reservation by searching for Cowans Gap State Park: [www.dcnr.pa.gov](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov).

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.

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### **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](mailto:trishcoffey1195@gmail.com) or (240) 815-9118.



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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 volunteers, Pastor Kirstin invites you to look at the lessons and share your vision!

### Safe Church Training

If you are planning to help at VBS and did not complete training after December 2022, then you will need to attend Safe Church training on either Thursday, May 11 or Sunday, June 25 (times TBA) or make arrangements with Pastor Kirstin for an alternative training time.

# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

No matter their mental health challenge.

No matter their immigration status.

No matter their sexual orientation.

No matter their economic status.

No matter their gender identity.

No matter their disability.

No matter their religion.

No matter their race.

## Love your neighbor. No exceptions.



## Special Gatherings in Celebration



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 22                      Community Room                      7:00 – 9:00 pm**

Light supper for anyone who has served on the Consistory since 2006 including elders, deacons, and committee chairs

**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**

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](http://bit.ly/ERUCC_fellowship) or talk with Starr Schaeberle or Laura Rhoderick for more details.

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### **HELP NEEDED WITH MASTER GARDENER PROJECT**

Friends, I'm in need of serious garden help. I'm in the Master Gardener program, and my community project is the installation of a 1500 square foot native plant pollinator garden at Edenton Retirement Center.

When we chose the site for the garden, everything was dormant, and we didn't realize that Bermuda/wiregrass covered four fifths of the area to be converted to gardens. This is very invasive and difficult to kill. The non-toxic approach isn't working.

In order to move forward, I need to remove 4-5" of hardwood mulch and take up the remains of cardboard underneath. This will require shovels, pronged rakes, and wheelbarrows.

Can you help Sunday afternoon 5/7, or Monday 5/8? If so, please contact me at (301) 788-4510, or email me at <mailto:preachrmom71@gmail.com>.

Blessings,  
Carolyn Roberts

## 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 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](mailto:angela3cats@yahoo.com) or (240) 457-1479, or Nancy Jones, [ncjsquared@msn.com](mailto:ncjsquared@msn.com) or (240) 446-8025.

## Additional Announcements

### UPDATING CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



A new pictorial directory is in the works! If you would like your portrait included in the pictorial section of the directory, **please submit a photo no later than May 10** to [erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org) or by mail (mailed photos will be returned).

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

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## SURVIVING HARDSHIP

**How adopting a trauma informed approach promotes healing and resilience**

**Wednesday, May 17**

**FCC Conference Center**

**6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**



Local experts discuss the importance of using a trauma informed approach when addressing hardships and struggles. The goal to better support healing and resilience throughout the county, in any circumstance or organization. Trauma informed practices are important to the school system, business, government, law enforcement and the justice system.

Free and open to the public. Register at [bit.ly/TRF\\_Surviving](https://bit.ly/TRF_Surviving) or scan the QR code.



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

## Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 – 9:15 am	<b>Worship</b> , Trinity Chapel
9:00 am – 10:20 am	<b>Adult Education</b> , North Room and Online <i>Let's Study the Bible</i>
9:30 – 10:25 am	<b>Parent's Place</b> , West Classroom, Trinity Chapel
9:30 – 10:25 am	<b>Coffee and Conversation</b> , Community Room
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Nursery Care</b> , Main Building
9:30 – 10:10 am	<b>Children's Sunday School</b> , Trinity Chapel <i>Ages 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Confirmation Class</i>
10:10 – 10:25 am	<b>Children's Music &amp; Movement</b> , Trinity Chapel <i>Pre-K through high school</i>
10:30 – 11:30 am	<b>Worship</b> , Main Sanctuary and Online
11:30 am	<b>Fellowship</b> , Community Room
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	<b>Cambridge Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b> , Flora Room <i>Pre-K through high school</i>

## Stay Informed

### MAY 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/may23chimes](http://bit.ly/may23chimes).



### WEEKLY THURSDAY THOUGHTS EMAIL

Subscribe to receive our weekly email newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/gDNCu5> or by scanning the QR code!

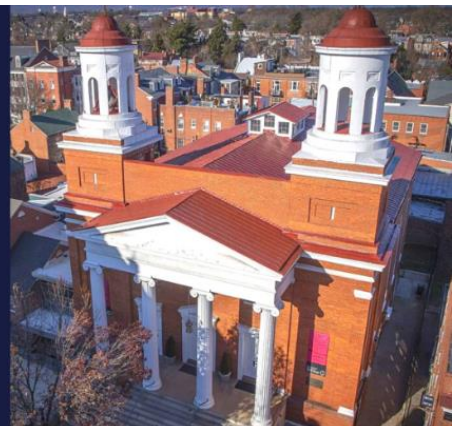


## MISSION STATEMENT

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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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023

John 14:1-14

### Enduring Witness

A communion liturgy based on John 14, NRSV.

**Leader:** Jesus said, "Believe in God, believe also in me."

**People:** And the people said, "How can we know The Way?"

**Leader:** And Jesus said, "I am the Way. And the truth. And the light."

**People:** And the people said, "Show us, and we will be satisfied."

**Leader:** And Jesus said, "If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. And so since you have asked, today I will show you one of the ways that I will always be here with you."

**People:** And so Jesus took the bread, and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "I am the Way and the truth and the life."

**Leader:** If you know me, you will know my Abba God also. And I will show you, so you remember. Take this bread. This bread is just like my body, whenever you eat it and remember all that unites you, I am with you."

**People:** And after supper, Jesus took the cup and poured it out sharing it with them. And again he told them. "I am the Way and the truth and the life."

**Leader:** Then he said "In my Abba's house there are many rooms. And I will show you, so you remember. This is the cup of forgiveness, which is as vast as my Abba's house in heaven. This cup is grace, poured out abundantly on all and for all."

**People:** Then Jesus said, "I go and prepare a place for you, so that where I am, there you will be also."

**Leader:** This is Christ's table and all are welcome here. Come from the East and the West, from the North and the South to gather at this feast for forgiveness and unity.



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