

Living
MESSAGES

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 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, 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. Plates for offering are 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.

Donate online by scanning this code:
or download the **GivePlus Church** application and
make your donation via the app. Thank you.



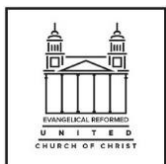
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EVANGELICAL REFORMED
United Church of Christ
– An Open and Affirming Congregation –



October 22, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal

*All who are able may stand

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATION CENTERING PRAYER

Peyton Bowen

As we journey through this time of transition, remembering our past and welcoming our future, 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;**
- **Caring for one another as God cares for us; and**
- **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 missions, remembering the work of our ancestors, actively participating in our congregation's life, and laying a foundation for our generations to follow. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CENTERING CANDLE

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the Holy Spirit's presence, even God's spirit within.

Our eyes shall be opened. The present will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope.

Rejoice, people of God! Not only is our God present and within, but our God is speaking, communicating with us and call us to serve.

Speak to us, O God, your word of grace we long will be bright with hope.

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious One, we gather this morning with thanksgiving and gratitude, in thanksgiving for the ways in which You lead us as a family of faith, and in gratitude for your promise that when two or three of us gather, you will be there. May your Spirit fill us, so that we may lay down the worries and anxieties of the week, we remember who You are and what matters in this world. We pray in the name of the one who showed us your peace perfectly, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *Lead on Eternal Sovereign*

#573

1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;

Through prayer - ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,

to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

It is said that confession is good for the soul, but there are times, O Lord, when we just don't want to confess, we don't want to own up to the many ways in which we have failed to be your faithful disciples. We have turned our backs on those in need .We have sought after power and riches, believing that these things bring true happiness.

But your know us far too well. You know what is withing our hearts and our spirits. You seek the very best for us that we might grow to be fruitfaul plants in your garden.

Be with us. Forgive us when we have failed to love and treat others with respect and compassion. Turn our hearts back toward you, who always reaches out to us offering healing and love. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Great news has come to us. God, who is faithful and just, seeks restoration and healing for those broken places in our lives, forgives and loves us unconditionally. Receive that good news! Amen.

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.*

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

THE SCRIPTURE

I Thessalonians 1:1-10 NT page 203

Matthew 22:15-22 NT page 24

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MORNING PRAYERS

OFFERING OF TITHES, GIFTS AND LIVES TO CHRIST'S SERVICE

OFFERTORY *Christians We Have Met to Worship*

– L. Larson
Senior Choir

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Grace,

We give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves. May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command*

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*BENEDICTION

*SEVENFOLD AMEN

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POSTLUDE (*please be seated*)





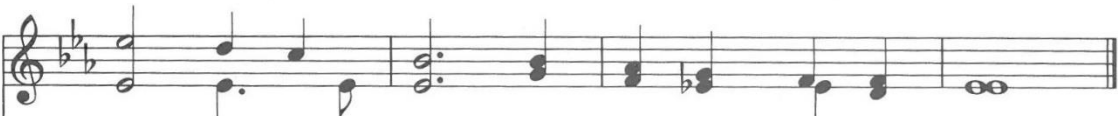
1 God of the a - ges, who with sure com-mand
2 Your pur - pose, just, en - vi - sions mor-tals free;
3 From war's a - larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence,
4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on life's toil-some way;



brought forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
God, set our path toward hu - man lib - er - ty.
with stead - fast care be ev - er our de - fense;
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,
Still be our rul - er, guard-ian, guide, and stay—
Your love and faith with - in our hearts in - crease;
With truth and love guide us through er - ror's maze,



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
with boun-teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
and we shall give you glo - ry, laud, and praise.



The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Jo Ann (Nolder) Leslie, placed by her family on the anniversary of her death.

The yellow rose bud is presented in remembrance of Corporal Ray A. York, U.S. Army, Missing in Action in North Korea on October 20, 1950.

Attendance Last Sunday: 17 at 8:30 AM, 115 at 10:30 AM, and 55 online.

Watch
Worship
Live



Watch worship live every Sunday at 10:30 AM or on-demand:

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

Today: October 22, 2023

Scripture Reader: Pam Shepp
Deacons: Betsy Selby, Jim Brittain

Elder: Marc Kline
Greeters: Susan Kulp, David Howard
Felecia Bishop
Welcome: Thi Nguyen, Sue Pinner
Audio/Visual: Jeff Schaeberle

Nursery: *help needed*
Fellowship: Darryl Glick Mark Ulrich

Next Week: October 29, 2023

Robin A. Brady-Slifer
Robin L. Brady-Slifer
Peter Brehm
Kathy and Niel Jefferson
Barb Barry
Julie Clark
Rodney Martin, Larry Martin
Jeff Baker
Kate Fromknecht, *help needed*
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FELLOWSHIP

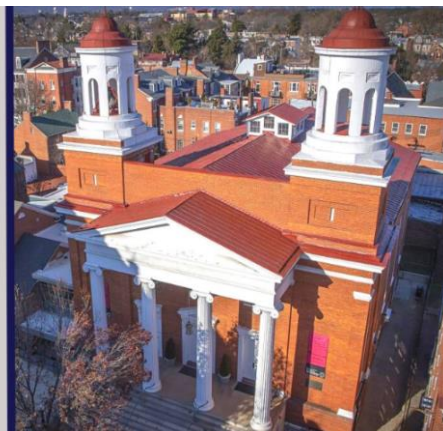
Please join us for fellowship in the Community Room after worship to chat with friends, welcome our visitors, and enjoy a time of light refreshment. The Community Room, located on the 1st floor, is accessible by stairs or elevator.

MISSION STATEMENT

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EVANGELICAL REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: Reformation Sunday

Deuteronomy 34: 5-8, 10-12 | Matthew 22: 34-46

The Rev. David Cooney will be preaching and leading worship. The Senior Choir will be singing. Market Street Brass will be featured.

HOSPITAL AND PRAYER LIST

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:

Lois Maples Gaul, Milt Crutchley, Sandra Trout, Audrey Rayfield, Raleigh Jenkins (brother of Donna Logee), Diane Lieder (sister of Donna Logee), Autumn Crutchley, Leandra Caughy, Christiane Armitage (sister-in-law of Linda Coyle), June Brehm, Jason Rhoads, Nathan Cable, Meg Gessert (stepdaughter of Susan Kulp), Hillal Eastburn, Barbara Rhoads, Pat Condo, Cathy Crome (sister of Nancy Jones), Greg Rhoads, Luke Chappell, Holly Davis, Mike Roberston (friend of Kathleen and Niel Jefferson), Marcia Eisenstein, 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), 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, Fran Wenner, 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).

PASTORAL CARE

Evangelical Reformed UCC wants to be there for you when you're experiencing an illness, hospitalization, or other life-event for which you, or someone you love, may need a visit.

If emergency pastoral care is needed in the case of crisis, death, or severe illness, please first contact the church office at (301) 662-2762 or erucc@erucc.org. Outside of office hours, you may contact Nancy Manthey, pastoral care coordinator, at (240) 629-8030.



**LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR
CHILDREN PRAYING**

Coffee Hour

FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP **Kieffer Lobby**

9:00 – 10:15 AM

Come to the Kieffer Lobby (Church Street level) to enjoy some coffee or tea and to chat and relax with new and old friends!

Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults

LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE with The Revs. John and Rebecca Shillingburg

Sundays

North Room / Zoom

9:00 – 10:15 AM

Zoom: bit.ly/ERSunstudy

Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888

Passcode: 327128

We are studying the foundational stories of the Old Testament, the big stories in the order they occurred. 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've ever had questions like these, join us! No prior experience needed; just bring your Bible.

We are currently in the story of how the loose confederation of tribes that entered the Promised Land became a kingdom that reached its zenith under Solomon.

Sunday Education Opportunities for Children and Youth

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 – 10:10 AM

We have two classrooms for **Children's Sunday School**. Our Pre-K – 2nd Grade class meets in the Liz Coffey Room and our 3rd – 5th Grade class meets in the Thomas Room.

Our **Youth Sunday School** class for 6th – 12th Grade meets in the Clapp Conference Room in the Parish House Church Offices from 9:30 – 10:20 AM. Students should enter through the door leading to the North and Flora Rooms in the Kieffer Lobby then follow the signs up the stairs to the church offices.

Those interested in securing their final resting place here at ERUCC should contact the committee by email at columbarium@erucc.org or calling the office at 301-662-2762.

\$10,000 Top-tier Leadership niche (12"x12")

\$5,000 Standard niche (8"x8")

Each niche accommodates two urns.



Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with The Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg

Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence

Tuesdays through October 24

North Room / Zoom

11:00 AM

Zoom: bit.ly/3TdUnOy

Meeting ID: 875 1423 3398

Passcode: 973365

In *Freeing Jesus*, Diana Butler Bass offers a refreshing take on the comprehensive, multi-faceted nature of Jesus, keeping his teachings relevant and alive in our daily lives. She challenges the idea that Jesus can only be understood in static, one-dimensional ways and asks us to instead consider a life where Jesus grows with us and helps us through life's challenges in several capacities: as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence.

Reading Schedule: October 24: Chapter 6 - Presence

Reading the Bible Again for the First Time

Tuesdays, October 31 – December 19

North Room / Zoom

11:00 AM

One of the vital challenges facing Christians today is how to read the Bible faithfully without abandoning our sense of truth and history. *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* provides a much-needed solution to the problem of how to have a fully authentic yet contemporary understanding of the scriptures.

Many mistakenly believe there are no choices other than fundamentalism or simply rejecting the Bible as something that can bring meaning to our lives. Answering this modern dilemma, Marcus Borg reveals how it is possible to reconcile the Bible with both a scientific and critical way of thinking and our deepest spiritual needs, leading to a contemporary yet grounded experience of the sacred texts.

Books available soon for \$5.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE

with The Rev. John Shillingburg

Wednesdays, September 13 – October 25

North Room / Zoom

7:00 – 8:15 PM

Zoom: bit.ly/ERwedstudy

Meeting ID: 892 1764 4500

Passcode: 848933

Like the Sunday morning class, this new evening class offers an opportunity to read and discuss the scriptures, looking at them in their original context, considering when and by whom they were written, and how they have been interpreted through the centuries. All you need is a Bible; no prior knowledge is necessary.

We are currently in a seven-week basic introduction to the Bible: how it came down to us in the form we have it, how it's organized, the types of literature in it and what they mean for how we understand it. After that, we will focus on the foundational stories of the Bible in order, as the Sunday morning class is doing.

Today at ERUCC

LET'S TALK

Community Room

9:30 – 10:15 AM

Sunday, October 22: ERUCC Columbarium

Presenter: Glenn Wallace-Weitz



Several years ago, a team under the leadership of Glenn Wallace-Weitz began working with Zavos Architects on the design of a columbarium in our back space. The goal was to create a design and from that design, construction plans so that we could determine the cost for this effort and then decide whether to build a structure. In parallel, Glenn has created documents and a process that people can use to reserve a niche in the columbarium. Today we hear an update on what has occurred and what still needs to take place.

ALL ARE INVITED TO A

Love Our Neighbor
Prayer Service
for
Peace, Shalom, Salam

Sunday, October 22

5:00 - 6:00 PM



**Evangelical Reformed
United Church of Christ**
15 W Church St, Frederick MD

This Week at ERUCC

TUESDAY EVENING YOGA **Community Room** **7:00 PM**

Join your ERUCC friends for our drop-in Tuesday night yoga class! You will need to bring yoga mats, blocks if used, and a water bottle. Each class is \$10. For more information, contact Renae Kline, rdkline15@gmail.com.

REVERSE TRICK-OR-TREATING FOR SHELTER PROGRAMS

This October, every part of the ERUCC family will team up with our siblings in Christ at Grace UCC to celebrate an entire month of reverse-trick-or-treating in support of the shelter programs of the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs.

We are sponsoring a month's worth of vital supplies needed to ensure their two shelter programs provide clean, safe environments that are comfortable and hospitable for their clients. We are still collecting:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1500 individual travel size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash)• 2400 individual grab-and-go snacks | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2400 individual water bottles• 100 rolls of toilet paper• 20 bottles of laundry detergent |
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Place donations on the table near the announcements board in the lobby outside the sanctuary.

Donations may also be purchased via an Amazon Wishlist for direct delivery to the Religious Coalition: <https://amzn.to/3rv2MEm>. Please ensure you choose "Religious Coalition – Colleen Baldree's Gift Registry Address" as your shipping address.



Monetary donations can be made by noting "October Mission" in memo line.

Upcoming at ERUCC

LET'S TALK **Community Room** **9:30 – 10:15 AM**

Sunday, October 29: Children and Youth Programming

Presenter: Pastor Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads



The movement of classrooms from Trinity Chapel to the main building has been just one of many changes to our Children and Youth Ministry this year. Pastor Kirstin will give an overview of ERUCC's Children and Youth programming throughout the year, so that we understand not only what is taking place but also where we can help support this ministry.

SCRIPTURE READING WORKSHOP

Sunday, October 29

Sanctuary

9:20 – 10:15 AM

Interested in reading scripture in worship? Join a workshop to learn tips to make it come alive!

GREEN TEAM – SPIRITUAL WALK

Sunday, October 29

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

2:00 – 3:30 PM

For a truly spiritual walk, join the Green Team on a Mt. Olivet Cemetery tour. We will be led by Chris Haugh, expert on Frederick history and staff historian for the cemetery. We will visit some of the most popular history sites as well as learn some “unsettling” content. The tour is 1.5 miles mostly on roadways and is recommended for participants that are at least 16 years old due to some of the mature content. A fee of \$10 per participant is requested but everyone is welcome regardless of ability to pay. To register, contact the church office at erucc@erucc.org or (301) 662-2762. Note “Mt. Olivet” on check and online payments.

Directions: Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 515 S. Market St. Frederick. Park by the Key Chapel.

WOMEN’S RETREAT – THE SACRED GARDEN OF SELF

Saturday, November 4

Community Room

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Together we will develop a stronger understanding of self through nature, art, creative expression as well as group sharing. Experience gifts of resilience and transformation as we reflect on our intentions for “weeding, nurturing, and growing” your Sacred Garden of Self. Expect to leave feeling empowered to be more you and with an artistic creation for future meditation.

A cost of \$20 covers our meal and some of our program supplies. Feel free to bring your own fresh flowers if you have some available to you. We are thankful for Kara Young, Lancaster Seminary graduate with a background in the study of Shiloh-Sophia, who will be our guest artist and co-lead our process.

RSVP to the office at erucc@erucc.org or calling (301) 662-2762. Leave your name and any diet/allergy needs for lunch.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 5

We will be remembering those in our congregation, as well as loved ones and friends, who died during the past year. During the prayers at both the 8:30 & 10:30 AM services, the names will be read, followed by the tolling of a bell. You are invited to bring a photo of whomever we will remember in prayer. These photos can be placed on a table in the front of the church. If you wish to include the name of someone who has passed away since last November 1, please contact the church office at erucc@erucc.org or (301) 662-2762.

HELP REFOREST MARYLAND

Saturday, November 11

16683 Creamery Rd, Emmittsburg

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Join the Green Team and other volunteers for a Stream-Link Education tree planting event. This activity is good for all ages. Bring work gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Sign up now and bring a friend or your family!

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA4A72EA7FCCF8-streamlink#/>



ERUCC Youth Group
ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 5, 8 - 10:30 AM
Community Room

\$7/person

\$5/children 8 & Under

Free, 2 & Under

Special toppings bar, sausage,
bacon, and beverages included!

Proceeds will benefit ERUCC Youth Group
Mission Trips and Projects.

Children and Youth Ministry

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church, a space to join in creative spiritual formation activities, meets most Sundays, except the first Sunday of each month when we observe Communion. Children aged 5 – 5th grade may go to Junior Church in the Thomas Room after the Thought for the Day in the worship service. Parents should pick up children from Junior Church following service.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29

ERUCC Parking Lot

5:00 – 6:00 PM



The ERUCC Youth Group is inviting the whole church to a spooktacular Trunk or Treat event! Put on your best cape, crown or costume and come join the fun. Trunks will be decorated to impress, as you make your way from car to car to fill your bag with treats. You can also reverse trick-or-treat by bringing donations for the shelter programs of the Religious Coalition as our final collection opportunity for our month-long mission project. Pick up a small pumpkin after worship on October 22 to decorate and return by the morning of October 29. During Trunk or Treat, each attendee will get to vote for their favorite.

Sign up to decorate your car or contribute treats: <https://bit.ly/3tqnjKC>

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 – 9:15 AM	Early Worship Service , Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Coffee and Conversation , Kieffer Lobby, 2 nd Floor
9:00 – 10:15 AM	Adult Education , North Room, 2 nd Floor <i>Let's Study the Bible</i>
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Nursery Care , 1 st Floor
9:30 – 10:10 AM	Sunday School <i>Pre-K – 2nd Grade</i> , Liz Coffey Room, 2 nd Floor <i>3rd – 5th Grade</i> , Thomas Room, 2 nd Floor <i>Youth (6th – 12th Grade)</i> , Clapp Conference Room, Church Office
10:10 – 10:25 AM	Children's Music and Movement , Liz Coffey Room, 2 nd Floor
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Worship , Sanctuary and Online at www.erucc.org Junior Church , Thomas Room, 2 nd Floor <i>Children are dismissed from the sanctuary after Thought for the Day during Worship</i>
11:30 AM	Fellowship , Community Room, 1 st Floor

Stay Informed

OCTOBER 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/oct23chimes.



WEEKLY THURSDAY THOUGHTS EMAIL

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



Worship services and events at Evangelical Reformed UCC are sometimes photographed and videotaped to document the vibrant life of our church. If you do not wish to be included in these recordings, please notify a deacon or the church office. Always obtain permission prior to sharing images and videos that include minors on your personal social media.

Living Messages

In the 1920's when minister's wife Lesbia Scott's three children were young, she enjoyed writing simple hymns for them about everyday things. "Make us a hymn about a picnic," they would ask. Or "write a hymn about a foggy day." She collected the songs she wrote for her children in a long-out-of-print collection.

The only one that remains in regular circulation was not a favorite of hers, or her children's, but it continues to capture the imagination of singers generations later. *I Sing A Song of the Saints of God* (*#295 in *The New Century Hymnal*) canonizes the gospel writer Luke, queen Margaret of Scotland, Joan of Arc, John Donne and Ignatius of Antioch - not by name but by characteristics. Today will you sing this song in your church? Which image makes you smile? Which image makes you wonder? Which image makes you understand something about God's people you didn't before?

I sing a song of the saints of God,
Faithful their whole lives through
Who bravely labored, lived, and died
for the God they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
And another a shepherd in pastures green:
they were saints of God, if you know what I mean.
God, help me to be one too.

They loved their God and they lived that love,
It was loving that made them strong;
They did what was right for Jesus' sake,
Lived justly their whole lives long.
And one was a prophet, and one was a priest,
and another was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's no earthly reason, none in the least,

They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is filled with the living saints
Who choose to do God's will.
You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea,
in church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea;
for the saints are folk like you and me,
and I mean to be one too.

**The New Century Hymnal*. Cleveland, Ohio. The Pilgrim Press; United Church of Christ. © 1995 The Pilgrim Press. Hymn #295 Words, Lesbia Scott. Music, John H. Hopkins.

