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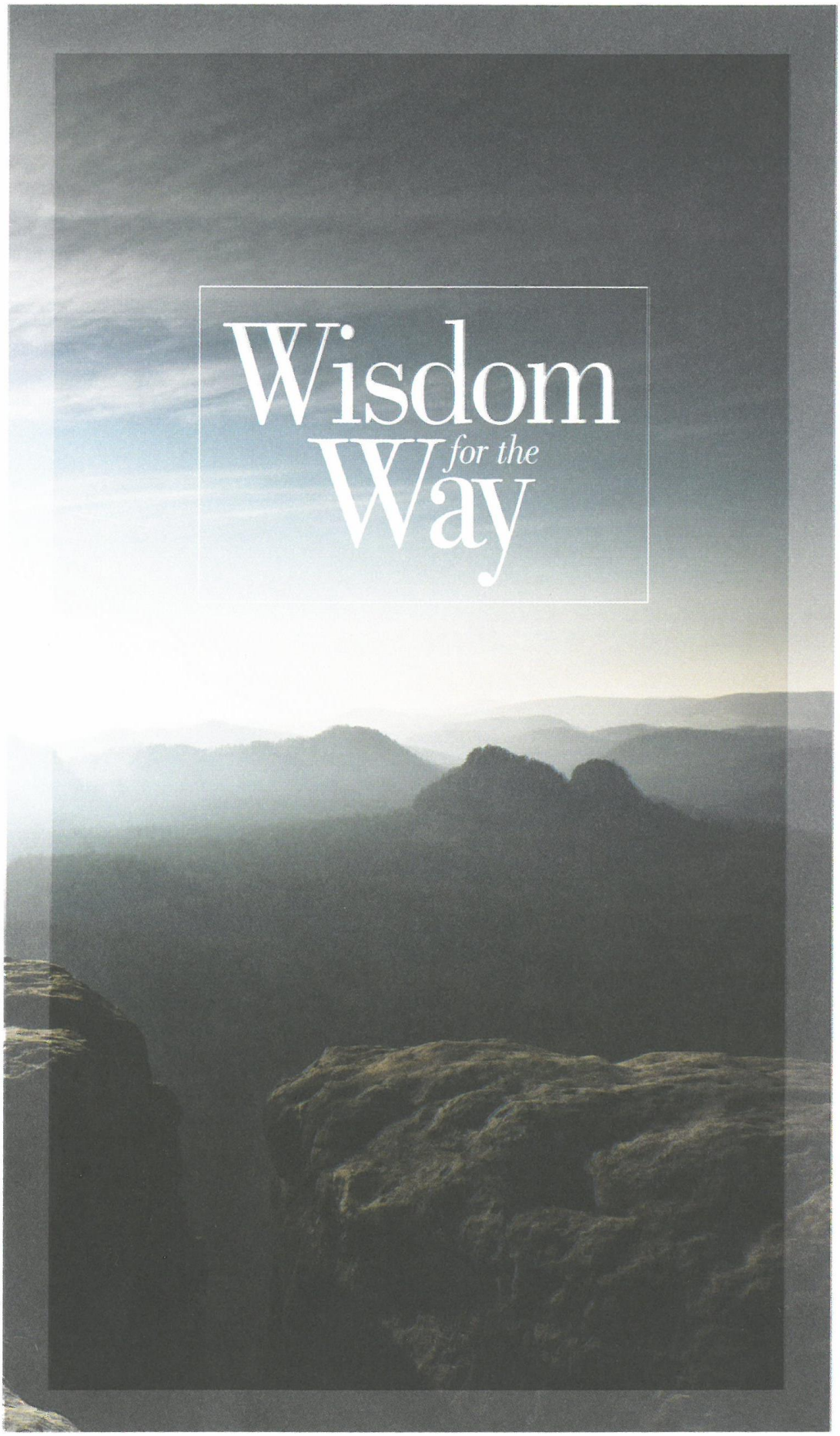

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.

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 worshiping 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.

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EVANGELICAL REFORMED
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October 8, 2023	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 AM

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal
*All who are able may stand

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATION CENTERING PRAYER Jeanellen Kallevang

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *You Are Welcome Here* – G. DeMan

Refrain:
You are welcome here, no matter who you are,
no matter where you are on life's journey.
You are welcome here, no matter who you are,
come and join with us, we're united in the church of Christ.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

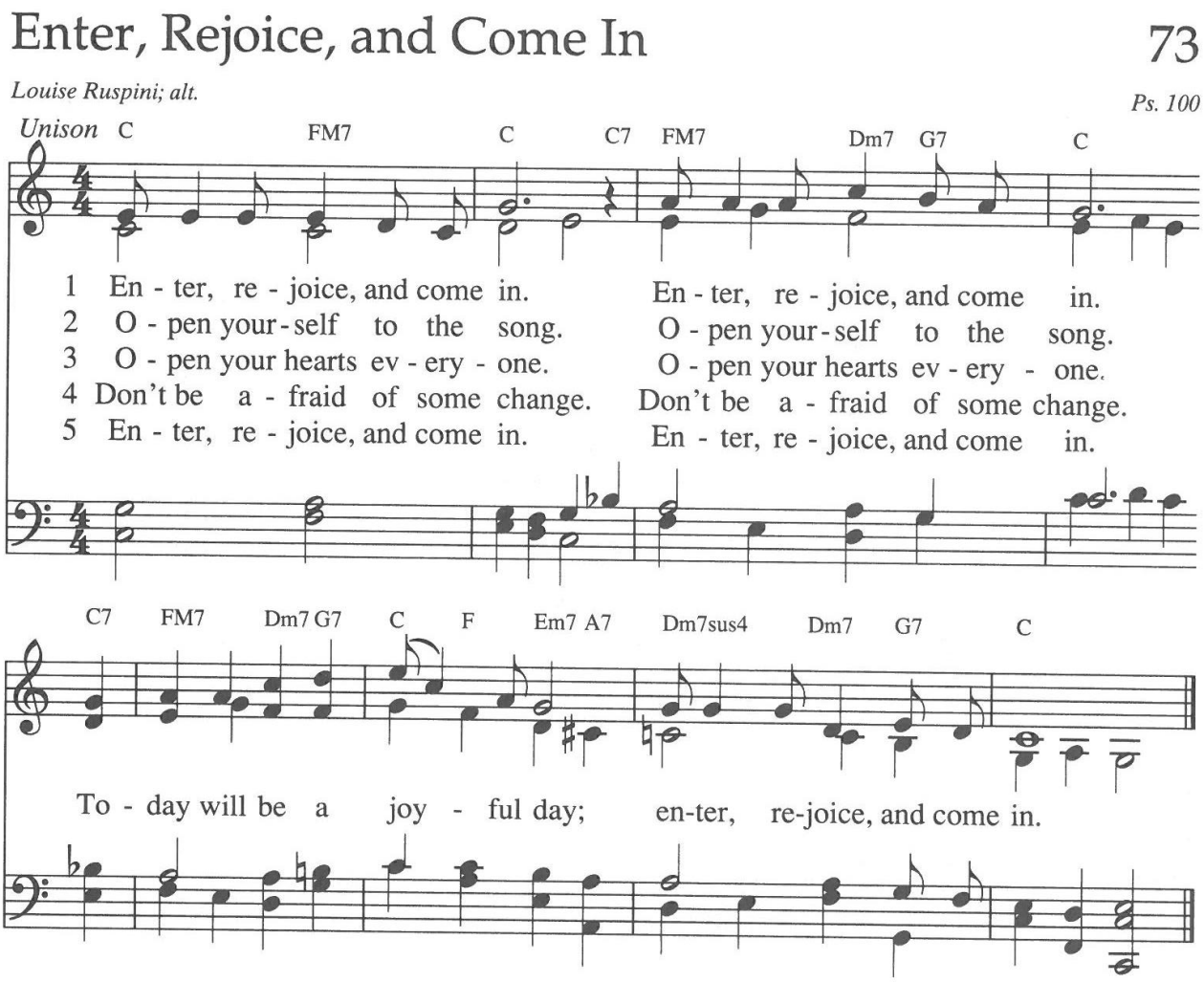
All that we are is a gift from God.
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

All that we have is a gift from God.
The world, and those who live in it;
There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.
For God has founded it on the seas.
Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, your gifts surround us in all stages of our lives and in all circumstances of our lives. Help us to trust you for what we need. Help us to call on you for the strength we need for the tasks you call us to, so that we are faithful to the end. Help us to give with joy. We gather now to offer our worship to you. We bring our prayers and praises, our open ears and our willing hearts. **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In* #73



***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We are told in 1 Corinthians 4:2 that a steward must be found trustworthy. Acknowledging that we have neglected and rejected our call to be faithful stewards, let us confess together where we have fallen short.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we can hardly imagine not longing to be wealthy or wealthier. We fear we won't have enough or that we aren't enough. We don't trust you to provide what we need. God, you have been faithful. Strengthen our trust in your good gifts to us. You know our needs. You know what it takes for the tasks you have called us to. Help us be satisfied when our needs are met and be joyful when we can share with others. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The God who loves us, whose faithfulness to us is great, who asks us to feed the sheep, forgives us of our shortcomings.

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.

MORNING PRAYERS

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

OFFERTORY *Blessed* – R. Morgan

Spirit

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, you have given us life and freedom. Everything we have and everything that we are is a gift from you. You call us to be stewards of this gift. As caretakers of all that you have provided, we give back now. We dedicate these gifts to you. Bless these offerings. Help us to always use your gifts wisely. Lead us as we share them generously with others. Help our faithful stewardship to show Christ to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***HYMN** *Great Is Your Faithfulness* #423

see next page

THE SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3: 22-23 OT page 766
John 21: 15-17 NT page 116

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Feed My Sheep* Rev. Suzanne Adele Schmidt, Ph.D.

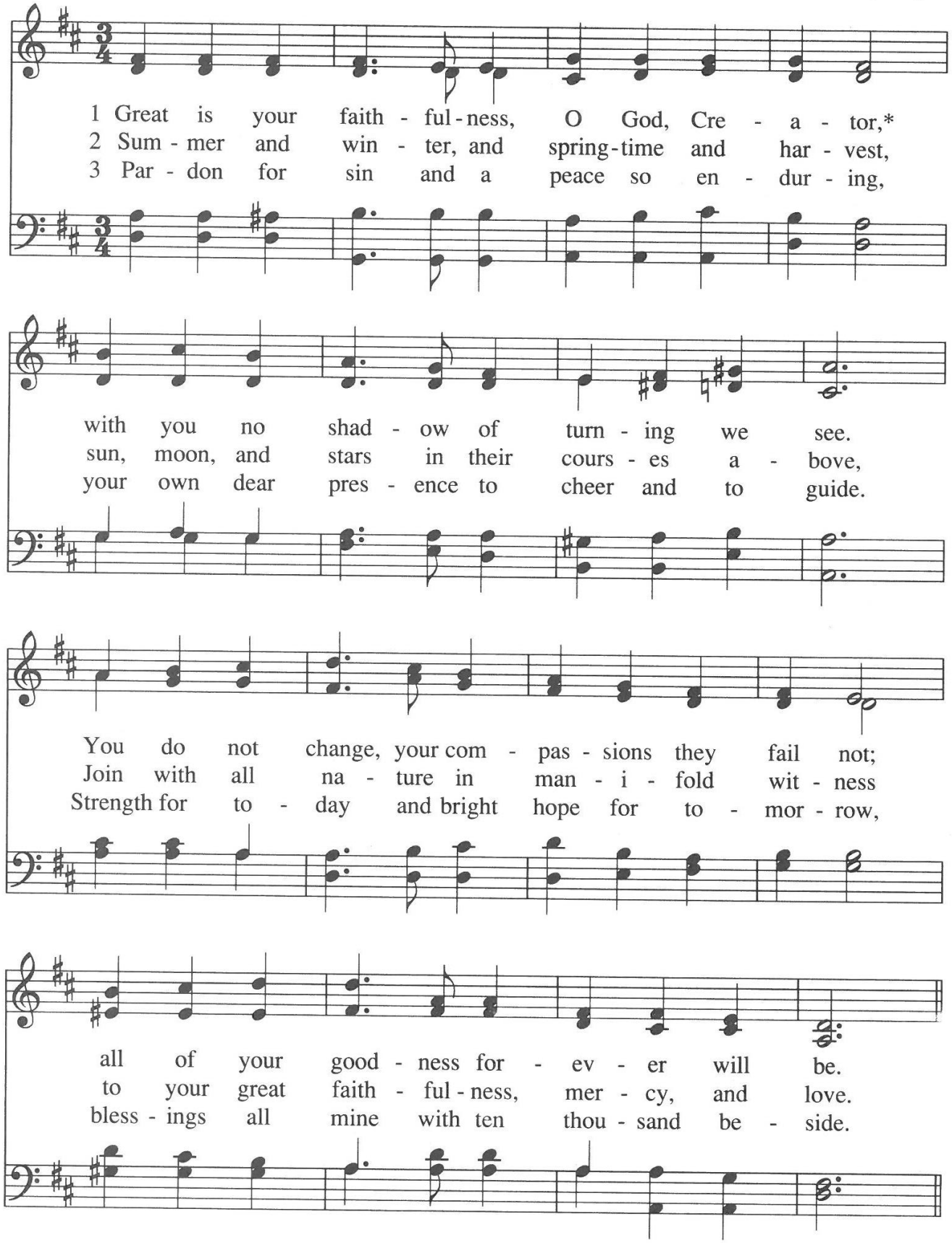
COMMITMENT TIME AND BENEDICTION

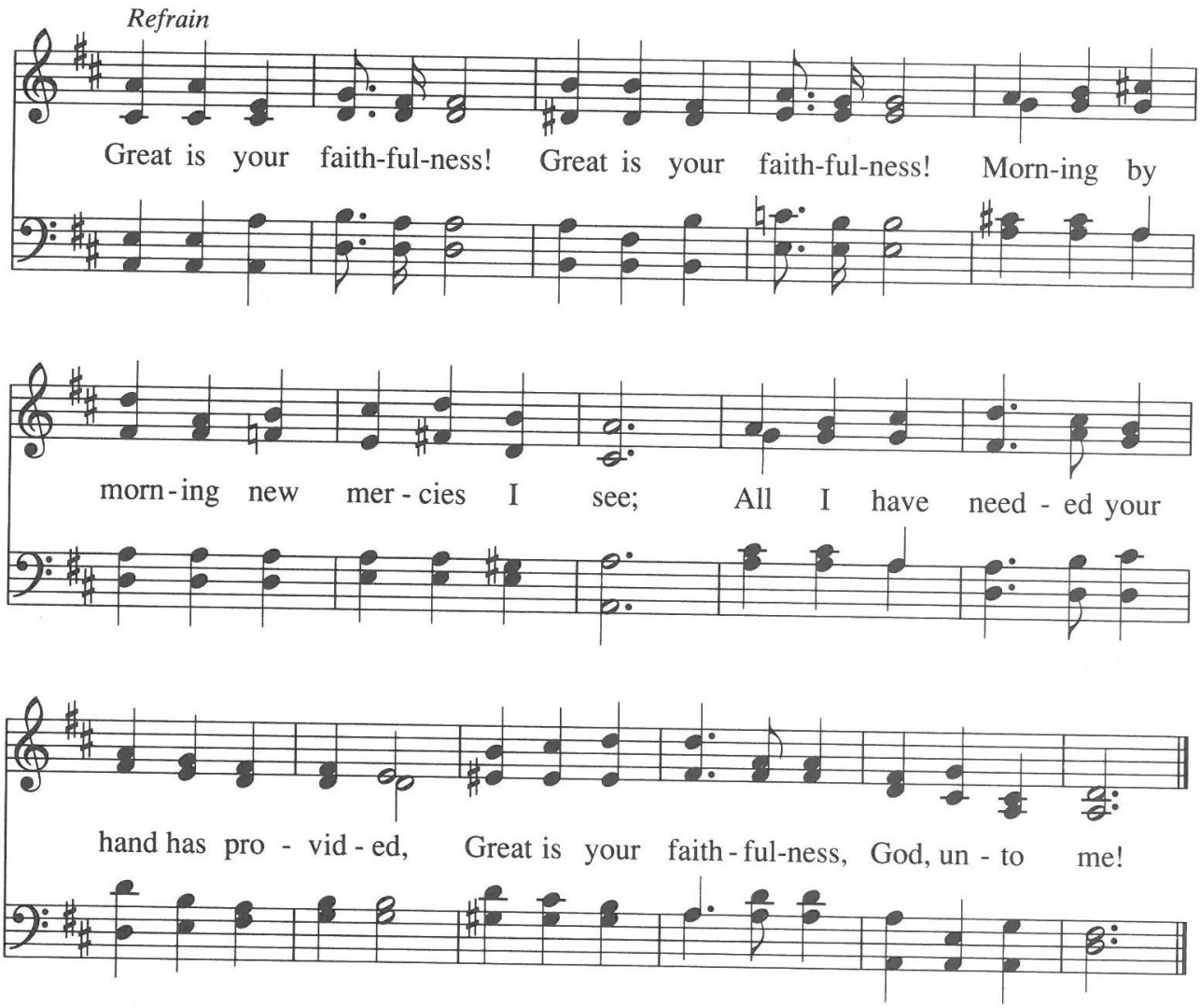
After placing your card on the table as an act of consecration, please leave the sanctuary silently and proceed to the Celebration Luncheon so as not to disturb the meditation of others who are still completing their cards.

423 Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22–23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.





We welcome Rev. Suzanne Adele Schmidt, Ph.D. as our Consecration Sunday Preacher. Rev. Schmidt holds a special place in her heart for ERUCC where she was as our pastoral intern about 15 years ago. She served as pastor of Trinity UCC, located in Manchester, MD. "a congregation committed to community within and beyond their walls." Suzanne now provides leadership as Project Manager for Soft Landings in Retirement, an intensive three-month program for retired UCC clergy women. Suzanne and her spouse, Daniel Davis moved from Germantown to Homewood at Frederick in February 2022. They are members of UCC of Seneca Valley in Germantown where they serve as co-chairs of the Social Action Board.

The flowers on the altar are given by the Doll children in honor of Jane Doll's 96th birthday.

The yellow rose bud is presented in honor of veterans by Peter Brehm and Jack Day.

The red rose bud is in celebration of the birth of Caiseal "Cash" Penn Bernstein Lynch, son of Sando Menchey Bernstein Lynch and Oliver Lynch on Friday, September 29.

Attendance Last Sunday: 15 at 8:30 AM, 93 at 10:30 AM, and 42 online.

Watch Worship Live

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

Today: October 8, 2023		**Next Week: October 15, 2023**
Scripture Reader:	Julie Clark	Laurel Nguyen-Powell
Deacons:	Robin A. Brady-Slifer Robin L. Brady-Slifer	Matt Davis, Harrison Fisher
Elder:	Tyler L. York	Tyler L. York
Greeters:	Kim Sexton, Sue Pinner Susan Kulp	Rachel and Tom Ford, Rob Smith
Welcome:	Jeanellen Kallevang	Holly Davis
Audio/Visual:	Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Baker Jeff Schaeberle	Rodney Martin, Kelly Esslinger Jeff Schaeberle
Nursery:	Dawn Lagrotteria	
Fellowship:	*Consecration Sunday Luncheon*	Julie Clark, Colin Neely

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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. **All are welcome to the table as we enjoy a catered luncheon in celebration of Consecration Sunday.**

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

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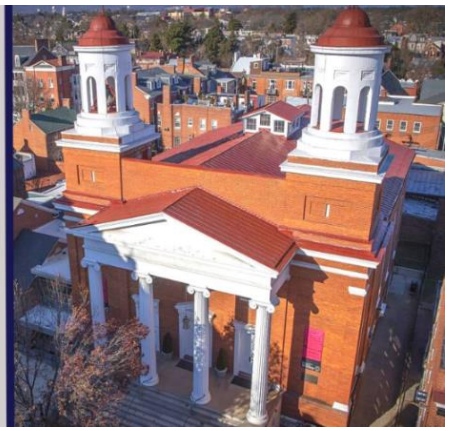

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 32: 1-14 | Philippians 4: 1-9 | Matthew 22: 1-14* **subject to change*

The Rev. Elena Larssen, Generosity Officer for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the United Church of Christ, will be preaching and leading worship. The Senior Choir will be singing.

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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:
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.

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

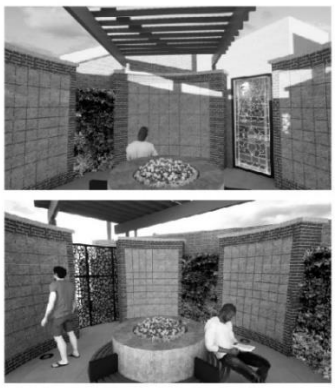
SUNDAY SCHOOL **9:30 – 10:10 AM**

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, September 12 – 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 10: Chapter 4 - Lord
October 17: Chapter 5 - Way
October 24: Chapter 6 - Presence

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.

This Week at ERUCC

CHIMES SERVICE AND LEARNING GROUP

Wednesday, October 11 Community Room 10:00 AM

The next meeting of the Chimes Service and Learning Group is Wednesday, October 11. Our guest speaker will be Chip Jewel to talk about the history of the fire companies of Frederick County. All are welcome to attend!

ERUCC HOSTING CENTRAL ATLANTIC CONFERENCE'S ANNUAL MEETING

Our congregation is hosting the Central Atlantic Conference UCC's Annual Meeting from October 12 – 14. On Friday, October 13, we will provide conference attendees with a lasagna dinner. Please review the food needs on the Signup Genius link and click on the button to sign up. Please label your contribution "Annual Meeting" and bring it to ERUCC by noon, October 12. Place everything in the walk-in refrigerator, including frozen lasagnas since they can gradually thaw for reheating on Friday. Help with set up, serving, and clean-up is also needed on Friday; a separate Signup Genius has been created for this. Thank you!

Food assistance needed: bit.ly/1012lasagnas

Serving assistance needed: bit.ly/1012serving

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 collecting:

- 1500 individual travel size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash)
- 2400 individual grab-and-go snacks
- 2400 individual water bottles
- 40 rolls of paper towels
- 100 rolls of toilet paper
- 10 boxes of trash bags
- 10 gallons of multipurpose cleaner
- 20 bottles of laundry detergent

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 15: Informational Meeting on Trinity Chapel
Presenters: Owen York, David Cooney

Since receiving the engineering report and temporarily closing Trinity Chapel, ERUCC has, through the Property Committee, asked the engineering firm and construction company to collaborate on a risk assessment and a path forward to initiate repairs. This information session will review findings, path forward options, and needed decisions.

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.

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.

AUDIO VISUAL (LIVE STREAM) TEAM OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, October 15 **Sanctuary Balcony** **10:15 AM – 12:00 PM**

Interested in seeing how the AV Team produces the live stream broadcast every week? The AV Team will be hosting an open house on Sunday, October 15. We will start before the service at 10:15 AM and continue for a short time after the service. Everyone is welcome. We encourage anyone with any interest in joining the team to stop by and check out what we do.

GREEN TEAM – CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP IN THE HOME KITCHEN
Wednesday, October 18 **The Common Market, 927 W 7th St** **6:00 PM**

We all eat, right? Did you know that food is a major contributor to greenhouse gases? Yikes! Learn tips for reducing your carbon footprint right in your own kitchen! Sign up for this free seminar hosted by the Multi-Faith Alliance of Climate Stewards and the Food Council at The Common Market: https://tinyurl.com/Oct18MACS

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
Saturday, November 4 Community Room 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Join women of all ages as we explore themes of "self" through discussion and creative work. We will consider questions of being our full and authentic selves, looking at the layers and dimensions in our lives as well as how change impacts us, and considering how we walk with one another to support full expression of our being. $15 for lunch and programming. To register, contact the church office at erucc@erucc.org or (301) 662-2762. Note "Women's Retreat" on check and online payments.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, November 5 Community Room 8:00 – 10:30 AM

Please join us for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast fundraiser hosted by and benefitting the ERUCC Youth Group for mission trips and projects throughout the year. The youth will be serving pancakes with toppings, bacon, sausage, and beverages for $7 for adults/youth and $5 for children 8 and under. Children 2 and under are free. The ERUCC Youth thank you for your continued support!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Sunday, November 6

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.

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

Our **Chancel Handbell Choir**, open to elementary and middle school students, rehearses Sunday mornings from 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM in the Flora Room. This choir provides music once a month during the 10:30 AM worship service. The first rehearsal will be October 15.

Contact Trish Coffey, 301-455-8720 or trishcoffey1195@gmail.com with questions.

TINY TOTS – ALPACA FARM DAY

Saturday, October 21 Whispering Meadows 10:00 AM

Let's have a fun day at the farm! Meet at Whispering Meadows Alpaca Farm at 10:00 AM and be ready for animal presentations and more! 13959 Unionville Rd, Mt. Airy, at 2:00 PM.

GOD'S KIDS CLUB – FALL FAVORITES

Friday, October 20 Community Room 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Make your own candy apple, scarecrow, and more as we celebrate the season of fall in many ways! RSVP in the Community Room or by emailing Pastor Kirstin, ksrhoads@erucc.org.

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

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, October 11 **Youth Room, Parish House** **8:00 PM**

In-person or Zoom meeting for those presenting October 12 with the Central Atlantic Conference.

Thursday, October 12 **Community Room** **1:30 – 3:00 PM**

Youth and Young Adult Panel at Central Atlantic Conference UCC's Annual Meeting. Talk with Pastor Kirstin if you want to participate and have not yet received an email.

Sunday Morning Schedule

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 8, 2023 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Wisdom for the Way
Access Sunday and Disabilities Awareness Week

On this Access Sunday and Disabilities Awareness Week, we pause for a moment to give thanks for the work of the United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministry (UCCDM). According to their website, "The UCCDM envisions a world in which all people are included in the fullness of life because they are created in the image of God. The mission of UCCDM is to support all settings of the United Church of Christ (UCC) including but not limited to Local Congregations, Associations, Conferences, camps, Historically Underrepresented Groups (HUGs), and national settings, as they seek to recognize and provide access to people with disabilities in all aspects of the church's life and ministry.

This includes, but is not limited to, affirming and claiming as its own the commitments of the UCC to be a multiracial, multicultural, Open and Affirming, Just Peace, and Accessible to All ministry, recognizing that people with disabilities have a multitude of other identities, and that all justice movements are interconnected; encouraging all settings of the wider church to be physically, socially, and virtually accessible to and welcoming of people with disabilities; encouraging and providing guidance to UCC settings as they work to become Accessible to All (hereafter A2A), and supporting them as they sustain their commitment; participating in denominational and ecumenical conversations related to disabilities and working with the UCC national setting and community partners to promote disability justice through an intersectional framework".

For many churches, one of the greatest barriers to full participation is their buildings. Many church buildings, erected before a time of greater understanding, are not built to be fully inclusive. With generations of time, attention, and money given to maintain church buildings, it can be hard to think of changing them, even if it means being more inclusive.

And yet, Exodus 20:4 says it clearly. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. That includes the buildings in which we work and worship.

Look around you now. Has this building become an idol, and object to appease and be worshiped rather than a sanctuary of welcome? How can your community join the UCCDM movement of full inclusivity?

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