

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 located in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table.

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

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.

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# **EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH United Church of Christ**

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

March 6, 2022 First Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand

#### Filled to the Brim: Even in the Desert

**Chimes Concert** at 10:00 am from Trinity Chapel's steeple

#### **Greetings and Announcements**

**Prelude** Gabriel's Oboe

--E. Morricone Mary Huegel, oboe

You've been here before. I squeeze that truth like an orange in my hands, willing some form of comfort to run out, roll down my wrists, calm these aching nerves. You've been here before in the wilderness, in the desert, in the place where nothing is what it seems and everything is sharp. You've been here before so surely you know how hard it is to hold tight to what is real in the middle of a storm. But because you've been here before, I will stand tall. I will sing songs of the river, from here in the sand. I will sing songs of the river, into the wind.

# **Threshold Moment**

from Here in the Sand

#### A Time of Silence

# \*Call to Worship

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray. Jesus went into the city to heal. Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love. Jesus went to the water's edge to teach. Jesus went to places of peace and connection, but Jesus also went to the wilderness. There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us. We are in God's house. Let us worship Holy God.

# **\*Opening Prayer**

God of the wilderness places in our lives, it can be hard to hear you in the desert. It can be hard to hear you in the city, in the midst of our calendar reminders, rush-hour traffic, and notification alerts. It can be hard to hear you, so we ask: make everything quiet. Pause the chaos. Still the rushing. Ease our racing thoughts. Give us ears to hear your Word for us today which promises that even in the desert you are full to the brim. We are listening. We ache for your good news. Gratefully we pray, amen.

\*Opening Hymn Hope of the World

tune- PERFECT LOVE

Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion, speak to our fearful hearts by conflict torn. Save us your people from consuming passion, from false pursuits through which our lives are worn. Hope of the world, God's gift our redemption, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life, Still let your Spirit unto us be given to heal earth's wounds and end its bitter strife.

Hope of the world, who by the cross did save us from death and sad despair, from sin and guilt, We render back the love your mercy gave us; take back our lives and use them as you will.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious, who by this sign did conquer grief and pain, We would be faithful to your gospel glorious; Our Sovereign who forever more shall reign!

#### \*Call to Confession

Friends, we worship a God who doesn't keep score and doesn't hold grudges. We worship a God who invites us into a richer faith, a deeper love, a more compassionate existence with a million chances to try again. So let us speak truth into our lives, asking for God's help where we need it. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

#### \*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power –

#### Teach us a new way.

Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth -

#### Teach us a new way.

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control –

#### Teach us a new way.

Teach us to live as you live.

#### Teach us to love as you love.

Forgive us when we don't.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

# \*Assurance of Pardon

Siblings in Christ, no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how far we wander, no matter how lost we feel, God's grace is full to the brim. It overflows in desert places. It finds us where we are and it covers us in mercy. Hear and believe this good news – God's love is overflowing. We are drenched in mercy. Thanks be to God, amen.

**Sacrament of Baptism** 

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# **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.

# **The Scripture**

Deuteronomy 2	6: 1-11 OT page 180
Luke 4: 1-13	NT page 61
Reader:	The Word of God for the people of God.
All:	Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**Morning Prayers** 

# Offering of Tithes, Gifts and Lives to Christ's Service

**Offertory** O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

--*M*. *Larkin* Senior Choir

# **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Stream of Gifts, we share our gratitude for all of our fruits – from our possessions to knowledge and from our time to abilities. May our "best" be something that we do not hoard but that we freely give away. As we embrace this season of fasting and reflection, may we recognize the best of our talents, treasures, and time and share with God and neighbor.

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### Invitation

Jesus has always been one to invite.

He said, "Drop your nets and follow me."

He said, "Let the little children come."

He said, "Stand up from your mat, you are healed."

Jesus has always been one to invite, and that has not changed.

So friends, you are invited to this Table. Each and every one of us – with our doubts, our fears, our scars, our joy, our dreams, our hopes, our questions – we are invited to God's table.

And here we will be met. Here we will be fed. Here we are given a taste of an expansive life that is full to the brim with love, overflowing with joy. So come.

Not because you must, but because you can.

Come. You are invited. This Table is for you.

# **Communion Prayer**

God who knows us, we are amazed by you.

Your love never runs out, your hope never runs dry, your joy never gives up.

We wish that we could be more like you in that way.

In a world that loves scarcity, your abundance is shocking.

In a world that knows fear, your joy is compelling.

In a world that knows anxiety, your peace is captivating.

We long for these things.

So today we ask you—be with us on the hamster wheel.

Be with us when compassion fatigue rears her head.

Be with us when stress makes it hard to breathe.

Be with us when self-doubt pushes in close.

Be with us when exhaustion becomes constant or when loneliness becomes our primary language.

Be with us, and show us the way to the life you long for us.

Show us a life of expansive faith.

Show us a life of overflowing joy.

Show us a life of absorbing beauty.

Show us a life of engrossing purpose.

Show us a life that is as honest, and rich, and meaningful as the one Jesus led. And until that expansive and holy day, we will continue to gather at this Table. Until that day we will continue to look for you in our midst.

So pour out a double portion of yourself onto this bread and cup so that we might catch a glimpse of your goodness.

God, we are amazed by you.

Your love never runs out, so bring that never-ending love here.

# Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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

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\*Closing Hymn Go, My children, with My Blessing

#### \*Blessing

As you leave this place, may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world. May you laugh, and may it be contagious. May you overflow with love for those around you. May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy. And in all of your living, and breathing, and being, may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit, and may it change your life. In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself – go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.

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

Today's liturgy was written by: Rev. Sarah Speed | sanctifiedart.org | The prayer of dedication is from UC Worship Ways for March 6, 2022 written by the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian.

The flowers on the altar are placed by Cliff and Ave Barr in memory of their parents Paul and Ival Barr and Bill and Betty Lou Cassell.

**The yellow rose bud** is presented by Jim and Angela Britain in honor of their second cousin, 1st Lt. Matthew James Reed, 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, NC.

**The red rose bud** is in celebration of the birth of Aoifé James Menchey Lynch, daughter of Sando Menchey Bernstein Lynch and Oliver Lynch on Sunday, February 27.

Attendance Last Sunday: 11 at 8:30 am, 127 at 10:30 am, and 87 online.



Watch worship live every Sunday at 10:30 https://sundaystreams.com/go/ERUCC



March 13, 2022

You Tube

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#### **Today: March 6, 2022**

Liturgist:	Rev. Esther Ziegler	Austin Byrd
Poetry Reader:	Ron Terbush	Nancy Jones
Deacons:	Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick	Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy
Elder:	Laura Rhoderick	Peter Brehm
Greeters:	Sandy Gray, Danielle Carbone	Jo Ann Fritz, Cathie Duncan
	Anne Hoffman	Sue Pinner
Welcome:	Ave Barr	Jeanellen Kallevang
Sound:	Jeff Schaeberle, Larry Martin	Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Baker
	Jack Day	Tadd Clarkson
Chimers: Saturday: Nancy Doll		Dick Williams
Sunday: Robin and David Cooney		Kelly Esslinger
Communion	Gail Ellam, Jo Ann Fritz,	
Stewards:	RaeAnn Butler, Stacey Collins,	
	Ave Barr, Susan Kulp	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Worship Next Week: Second Sunday in Lent: Under God's Wing

God is our refuge. There is nothing that can separate you from God, or could keep God from gathering you in, protecting you fiercely. (Psalm 27). Jesus' lament for Jerusalem is seemingly counter to how he is treated by Jerusalem. And yet, we receive grace upon grace, even if not deserved. Jesus as a mother hen is an image of fierce love and protection. You are a precious child of God. God longs for you. God will gather you in. No matter how much we try to separate ourselves from God, God will run to protect us. God's love for us is fuller than we can imagine. (Luke 13: 31-35)

Scout Sunday. All Scouts are invited to come in uniform. The Senior Choir will be singing.

**Hospital and Prayer List** – Your pastor wants to be available when members of ERUCC are in the hospital. Please let us know so that we can visit with you and your family and provide support. We always ask permission before adding a name to be included in the prayer list or in the verbal announcements on a Sunday morning. There are many for whom we pray and visit whose names are not listed in the bulletin by their request.

**Prayer List** - Please remember the following people in your prayers: Jerry Cassell (brother of Ave Barr), Katharine Alley, Family of Trish Carey, Barbara Lee Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley), Marcy Channell (daughter of JoAnn Fritz), Mack Johnson, David Howard, Paige Coffey, Al Peden, Jane Doll, Michael Rhoads (son of Barbara Rhoads), Westin (great nephew of Sandy Gray & Danielle Carbone, Peggy Githerman, Jeannette Johnson, Emogene Wyand, Fran Wenner, Neremiah Castillo (niece of Andrew Beadle) Bonnie Devilbiss, Maria Csiba (mother of Tamara Tamas), Betsy Fisher, James "Jimmy" Sutphin (friend of Dan Smith), The McCarty family, Nikki Keller, 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), Ann and Cal Theiss (parents of Katharine Alley), Debra Reedy (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser).

#### FELLOWSHIP

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Community Room following the service.

#### **STAY INFORMED**

Read our Trinity Chimes monthly newsletter for more information about ERUCC activities, opportunities, and updates. You can find the Trinity Chimes in the back of the sanctuary and online at **bit.ly/MarchChimes**.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, Thursday Thoughts, or Trinity Chimes, please send to erucc@erucc.org.

# **Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults**

#### **BIBLE STUDY CLASS**

"The Book that Breathes New Life" with Reverends John & Rebecca Shillingburg.

To join via Zoom: **bit.ly/3GEIvhJ** Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888 Passcode: 327128

Today, the Online Bible Study began a six-week study of the Prologue in Genesis (chapters 1-11). In these texts, a small, unimportant wandering people of the Ancient Near East made an astounding claim: their God, who had no visible image to be worshipped, created the entire world ... simply by speaking. Join us for a look at how that claim has shaped us today.

Online

**LET'S TALK** 

Returns next Sunday, March 13, for Creation Justice Month! Let's talk about ways we can care for the earth through personal choices in how we eat, shop, dispose of waste, and care for our landscapes. Join us in exploring ways to live more sustainably.

March 13 Topic: Reuse Sunday. Reduce waste, save money and create a more sustainable lifestyle by sharing. Bring your books, puzzles, clothes and other good stuff to swap. Share your ideas for transforming old things into new. Get information on recycling all kinds of -Terry Logee, Nancy Jones and Linda Coyle things.

# This Week at ERUCC

#### **CHIMES GROUP**

All are welcome to come to the Community Room to hear our speaker, Sandra Dalton, Clerk of the District Court.

Thursday, March 10

**TUESDAY'S WITH TED Tuesday, March 8** 6:00 – 7:00 pm Join a group on Zoom hosted by Pastor Daniel to listen to and discuss the TED Talk by Gregory Williams: Becoming the best version of yourself.

This talk examines how individuals can, through the technique of choosing role models, utilize these models in their personal lives and for their professional work. The talk will cover how one can choose role models and begin to follow those models as appropriate. Additionally, we will briefly examine how the company, Apple, can be studied and followed as role models for any of us in the categories of Health, Education, Social Impact, and Professional Impact.

To join via Zoom: https://bit.ly/3erWnj1 Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 Passcode: 313735

9:30 – 10:15 am

9:00 – 10:20 am

11:00 am

# **Upcoming at ERUCC**

#### **GREEN TEAM – SHARING SUNDAY**

Do you have books, puzzles, games and clothes that you no longer use but are still in good condition? Bring them in to swap, trade or give away during Fellowship in the Community Room after the service! You can drop items off during Let's Talk at 9:30 am, when we will share ways to reuse and recycle.

Sunday, March 13

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#### **SPIRITUAL WALK 2250 Bear Den Rd** (condo parking lot)

Join us for a walk in Wormans Mill. Marj Berkheimer helped us plan a beautiful route along Tuscarora Creek and through wetlands and woods. Many birds and other wild creatures create a joyful spiritual atmosphere here. In addition, we will walk past the ruins of the Mill Pond House. Jennie Russell, our ERUCC historian will come along to fill us in on the story behind the ruins. The trail is paved and accessible.

#### SOLAR ENERGY AT ERUCC

As we discern our plans for replacing the roof of the main sanctuary in 2023, we are consider this option of adding solar panels as well. Solar panels would be a significant action we could take as a Creation Justice church to demonstrate our covenant to be good stewards of God's creation and our resources. There is much to consider and your input is invaluable. Please join the Property Committee for more information and a conversation about the possibilities of harnessing energy from the sun.

To join via Zoom: bit.ly/eruccproperty Meeting ID: 842 2471 9533 Passcode: 306203

#### MARCH ERUCC BOOK GROUP

How the Word is Passed by Clint Smith

Read book synopses in the March edition of the Trinity Chimes at bit.ly/MarchChimes.

# CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE AN ICONIC STEEPLE

We are initiating the Campaign to Restore an Iconic Steeple. Read more about the campaign in the March edition of the Trinity Chimes at **bit.ly/MarchChimes**. We will have a special luncheon presentation on Sunday, March 27, after church, that will include a speaker on the project. The presentation will take place in a hybrid manner for those who cannot attend in person. A booklet describing the effort will be available during that event as well.

Please plan to join us at this March 27 event. So that we can plan for the meal, please let us know about your plans to attend by emailing an **RSVP to erucc@erucc.org.** 

7:00 pm

March 22

Contact Pam Shepp for more information

Sunday, March 13

2:00 – 3:30 pm

#### **COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINICS**

Wednesdays – March 9, 16, 23, 30Community Room2:00 – 4:00 pmERUCC is collaborating with The Community Vaccine Coalition to help get more people<br/>vaccinated against COVID-19. It's free, safe, and no ID or insurance is required. Please help<br/>share the word of these clinics!2:00 – 4:00 pm

#### ERUCC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



ERUCC is fortunate to have several scholarship programs available to our members as they seek educational opportunities to develop knowledge and skill in realization of their full potential. The McCardell Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. Robert McCardell in honor and memory of members of the McCardell family.

The Kieffer Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Henri L.G. Kieffer, pastor of this church from 1910-1946. The Liz Coffey Scholarship Fund was established in memory and honor of our beloved youth Liz Coffey. Also included are funds given in memory of Tina Baker, a long time educator and member of the ERUCC Scholarship Committee. Contributions to these Scholarship Funds by members and friends of the church are always welcome.

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

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

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

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

#### SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY TODAY

On the first Sunday of each month, we have a special opportunity for giving towards Mortgage Assistance. Donations fund ERUCC's mortgages with the Fisher Fund and FCB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank, payments on which are about \$153,000 per year.

# **Children and Youth**

God's Kids Club – Making PretzelsFriday, March 11ZoomRecipe and yeast provided other baking supplies you will need to supply. For questions: KimSexton at ksexton@erucc.org. God's Kids Club is for children in Kindergarten – 5th grade.

To join via Zoom: **<u>bit.ly/3pyFCZJ</u>** Meeting ID: 810 3312 7723 Passcode: 668761

# Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults

# TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor DanielZoom / Liz Coffey Room11:00 - NoonMarch 8 - April 12Lent in Plain Sight

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice.

In this devotion for the season of Lent, Jill J. Duffield draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Lent in Plain Sight reminds Christians to open ourselves to the kingdom of God.

To join via Zoom: bit.ly/3K21Hav Meeting ID: 897 6651 9688 Passcode: 357385

# WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY with Esther ZieglerTrinity Chapel7:00 pm7:00 pm

*Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. The subtitle of the book is "Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence" and Dr. Butler Bass presents a chapter on each of those titles and descriptors used for Jesus. Participants will be expected to read about 30 to 50 pages of the book each week but the print is fairly large and generously spaced.

#### The planned schedule is:

March 9	Chapter 4: Lord
March 16	Chapter 5: Way
March 23	Chapter 6: Presence

# Lent 2022 at ERUCC

#### Full to the Brim



Full to the Brim is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God's lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes

and flows, touching everything in its path.

And so, this Lent, let us trust - fully - that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us. Lenten devotionals are available at the back of the sanctuary.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES Wednesdays March 9 – April 13 Service of Prayer in Trinity Chapel

# Noon – 12:15 pm

12:15 – 1:00 pm

#### Lunch and Bible Study Reflection

Theme: For the Beauty of the Earth

Each week during the season of Lent, a group gathers for prayer, followed by a simple soup and bread lunch, and some reflection.

Drawing on the beloved hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth," each week of this 40-day Lenten devotional focuses on a different aspect of the splendor of nature, how God nurtures our spirit through creation, and how we must protect our precious home. As we walk with Jesus along shorelines, through gardens, and among trees, we learn from "the birds of the air" and "the lilies of the field." When our Lenten journey takes us into the heart of Earth itself at Jesus' tomb, we anticipate the resurrection with eager longing and active hope. Each five-minute devotional includes a scripture, reflection, and prayer. Every Wednesday, we will reflect on the previous week's devotions. Please contact Pastor Daniel for a copy of the devotional book.

March 9	"For the Beauty of the Earth"
	(Soil and Land)
March 16	"For the glory of the skies"
	(Skies and Air)
March 23	"For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies"
	(Water, Streams, Rivers, Oceans)
March 30	"Hill and vale and tree and flower"
	(Trees and plants)
April 6	"Friends on earth and friends above"
	(Animals and Birds)
April 13	"Christ, our Lord, to you we raise"
	(Humans Caring for the Earth)

#### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 2022

#### Luke 4:1-13

#### Wilderness Companions UCC Women's Week – March 6-12

Women's week is an opportunity to celebrate the lives of women who have had an impact on the church. Here, some UCC clergywomen reflect on the women who were formative in their faith stories from childhood on. What a great cloud of women witnesses surrounds us!

My preschool teacher, Kay Mitchell...took me with her to church when she realized my parents were never going to. (Jane Sorenson)

Katie Weisenheimer met me after school in our church's fellowship hall. She played the piano, and I sang from the hymnal. She was an always-single woman. I might have been the daughter she would never have. Or she might have sensed the unhealthy environment of my home. Whichever, she enabled me to live God and the church. (Diane Snowa)

My mom, Yolanda Rosas waited 25 years until her church recognized women's call to ministry and ordained her. I asked her why she waited so long? I would have left right away! She said, "someone had to make a way for you and your sister." God and she made a way for me and for so many! (Nancy Rosas)

Amelia Altenbaumer was our neighbor and distant relative...I loved being around her, swinging on her porch swing with her and sitting on the piano bench while she sang and played the piano. One time she asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I was about five years old at the time. I said a minister. Without hesitation her response was, "That's such a noble profession." She watered the seed God had planted... (Paula Compton)

Peggy Cleveland, a lay Presbyterian woman, who served as a missionary in Zaire and came back fully understanding the intersections of race and gender and colonialism which she infused into her work as Director of the Women's Center at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, when I was a student at Pacific School of Religion in the 70's. (Loey Powell)

Ann Landers, who, when I thought I was too old to enter seminary, advised someone that time would pass whether or not they pursued the degree they wanted. They could be four years older with the degree or without it. I started filling out applications immediately. It was a message from God to me. (Ellen Witko)



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