



Spirit
for All

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

For Children: We have trained nursery staff (a 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 to 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, or donate online at www.erucc.org/give or by scanning this code:



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.

Restrooms (equipped with changing stations) are located on the second floor of the church building and outside the Community Room and the Nursery.

There is more information about the church in this bulletin and our website: www.erucc.org.

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



May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

10:30 AM

The numbered hymns are from
The New Century Hymnal

*All who are able may stand

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tyler L. York

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Spirit descends like a dove,
bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.
The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.
The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.
**Spirit of the living God,
come to us and transform our lives by your power.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Jesus, our sibling and friend,
We thank you for your example, which guides us as we share the good
news of God's love with a hurting world. Thank you for protecting us,
teaching us, and equipping us to partner with you to work for love and
justice. Help us share the joy we've found in our relationship with you.
Empower us with the Holy Spirit, that we might testify to God's
goodness. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us
**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision,
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,**

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**Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that god's love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of former years;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O God, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way,
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our struggling voices praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Good Creator, Savior, Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, but we fear the Spirit's power. Let us confess our slowness to embrace the new life of the Spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O God. When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God. When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future, forgive us, O God. God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, take comfort. None of Jesus' disciples found this work to be easy, and sometimes they faltered. We aren't expected to be perfect either. We are sanctified in God's truth. Christ prays for us and guides our words and actions. We always have opportunities to grow in our discipleship, as long as we trust in Christ to lead us.

By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

– SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM –

INVITATION

WELCOME

Pastor: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

People: **“Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it.”**

Pastor: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

ADDRESS

Pastor: Jesus said: Unless we are born anew, we cannot see the reign of God; unless we are born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter God's new order.

Paul the apostle said: All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death. We are buried therefore with Christ by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, to the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

People: **This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parent(s): We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage this child to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Parent(s): We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you teach this child that he may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Parent(s): We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Parent(s): We do, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with this child in the Christian faith, to help this child to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that he may affirm his baptism?

Parent(s): We do, with the help of God.

A BLESSING

Pastor: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By your Holy Spirit save those who confess the name of Jesus Christ, that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in the one baptized this day that he may rise in Christ. Glory to you eternal God, who was, who is, and who shall always be, world without end. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT**

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism.

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

The congregation may be seated.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

Pastor: Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning.

In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb.

Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all the nations by water and the Holy Spirit.

Now, by your Holy Spirit, dear God, bless this sacred act of baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ACT OF BAPTISM

Pastor: By what name will your child be called?

Parent: Nikao Jackson King Washington.

Pastor: Nikao Jackson King Washington, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTIZED

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

Pastor: Let us pray for the one baptized today.

Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy by giving us the gift of Jesus. Bless this newly baptized child. May he be filled with joy; may he never be ashamed to confess a personal faith in you.

Bless the parents and sponsors of this child. May they always show their gratitude for the life you have given by loving and caring for Nikao.

Bless these your faithful people. Unite them in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Children ages 5 through 5th grade may be dismissed for Junior Church,
located in the Thomas Room, during the reading of the scripture.*

THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:1-21 NT page 119
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 NT page 110

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan

MORNING PRAYERS

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

At the birth of the Church, all who believed were together and had all things in common: they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. The work of the Holy Spirit, flows like living water from the hearts of believers. Shall our confidence in the mission of our congregation and the wider church also overflow freely with the generosity of the faithful? May each of our families give without measure to this local faith community and to the larger family of faith through the Strengthen the Church offering. May our gifts be a vessel of Good News to the world!

If you wish to give, you can give online at www.erucc.org, by placing your gift in the offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary before or after the service, or by scanning the QR code to give from your phone.



OFFERTORY

Like a Mighty Wind

Senior Choir
– K. Marroli

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we have been uniquely fashioned to serve your will. Bless these offerings and the ministries they support in your name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

On Pentecost They Gathered

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**On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.**

**The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as God in Christ they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.**

**God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.**

**O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us hearts to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.**

***BENEDICTION**

In each gust of wind, may we reach out to the God of inspiration.
In each flicker of flame, may we follow the Christ of light.
For the Spirit of God surrounds us, filling our hearts with dreams, our minds
with visions, and our souls with the energy to create the realm of God on
earth. **Amen.**

***SEVENFOLD AMEN**

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POSTLUDE

Please be seated.



Today we welcome Nikao Jackson King Washington through the Sacrament of Baptism. Nikao is the child of Karly Johnson and Chase Washington, the grandchild of Dwayne and Kathy Johnson, and the great-grandson of Patti Patterson.

Worship Notes: UCC Worship Ways.

Fellowship: Please join us after worship in our Community Room (1st Floor) for a time of fellowship. You are encouraged to join the Sankofa Dialogue session in the Community Room during Fellowship today. In the Sankofa Dialogue, we will review and discuss the results of the Sankofa Survey that the congregation completed in March. Sankofa Dialogues will be about one hour in length.

The flowers on the altar are placed in loving memory of my mother, Barbara D. Kreh, by Susan E. Kreh.

The yellow rose is presented in honor of the service and sacrifice of all veterans and active duty military.

Attendance Last Sunday: 12 at 8:30 AM, 157 at 10:30 AM, and 37 online.



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

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

Serving Today: May 19

Scripture Reader: Tyler L. York
Deacons: Matt Davis, Harrison Fisher
Elder: Tyler L. York
Greeters: Tom and Rachel Ford,
Felecia Bishop
Welcome: Holly Davis, Molly Black
Audio/Visual: Rodney Martin, Jeff Baker
Jeff Schaeberle
Nursery: Emily Spear, Abby, Ben
Fellowship: Starr Schaeberle, Mark Ulrich
Darryl Glick, Julie Chappell
Betsy Selby, Angela Brittain

Serving Next Week: May 26

Jim Weitz
Betsy Selby, Jim Britain
Peter Brehm
Niel and Kathleen Jefferson
Rob Smith
Jeanellen Kallevang
Jeff Schaeberle, Larry Martin
Jeff Baker
Kate Fromknecht
Linda Coyle, Tommie Bradshaw
Shelley and Eric Weakly
Colleen and Chuck Baldree

Next Sunday: May 26 – Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8 | Romans 8:12-17 | John 3:1-17

On this Sunday, when the church invites us to celebrate our most foundational and confounding doctrine, the scriptures demonstrate the three persons of the Trinity (Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer) working together to call, equip, and send out God's people. To be effective in leading where we are called, we must lean into both the mystery and power of God. Our world likes easy answers and superficial sound bites. However, the call to follow Jesus is one that brings us into something deeper and more difficult. This challenge is one that is not to be taken lightly. However, it offers us a greater adventure and a more meaningful life. It is up to us, though, to accept the healing coal that God offers us or seek to stay cowering in our unworthiness.

The Rev. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads will be preaching. The Senior Choir will sing. We will honor and celebrate graduates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ERUCC members who are in nursing homes and those who currently reside in their homes but are unable to come to regular Sunday morning services will continue to receive visits (and communion) from Rev. Bob Manthey.

If emergency pastoral care is needed in the case of crisis, death, or severe illness, please contact the church office at (301) 662-2762 or erucc@erucc.org.

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:

Bill Gourlie
Pat Hanberry
Charlie Woodward
Milt Crutchley
Sherry Murray
Jack Mens
Charlotte Blue and Family
(friends of Jean Fish & Barb Biser)
Mark Ulrich
Emogene Wyand
Richard Leslie
Bob Pinner
Betsy Fisher
Delmar Speak
Donna Hill (mother of Collen
Baldree)
Philip Hill (father of Colleen
Baldree)

Tanya Pearre (sister of Colleen
Baldree)
Jim Baldree (father of Chuck
Baldree)
Anne Gallagher (friend of Milt
and Bettie Joe Crutchley)
Lee Thomas
Joan Thomas (mother of Dan
Smith's friend)
Autumn Crutchley
Jason Rhoads
Nathan Cable
Greg Rhoads
Marcia Eisenstein
Derek C. Hupp (grandson of
Beanie & Gaylon Cornell)
Wayne Kolb (friend of Stefan
and Judi Mach and Tony and
Linda LaFianza)

Jeannette Johnson
Jackie Keyser (sister-in-law of
Betsy and Phil Selby)
Barbara Lee Crutchley (sister
of Milt Crutchley)
Marcy Channell (daughter of
JoAnn Fritz)
Paige Coffey
Fran Wenner
Bonnie Devilbiss
Tina Prescott (daughter-in-law
of Barbara & Bill Prescott)
Mary Remsberg
Heleen (sister of Karin Mens)
Kathy Blue Shores (friend of
Jean Fish & Barb Biser)
Gretchen Manuel (niece of
Audrey Rayfield)

Please notify the church office when you want your request removed from the prayer list.

Today at ERUCC

LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE with 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. No prior experience needed; just bring your Bible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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.

SANKOFA DIALOGUE SESSION

Sunday, May 19

Community Room

12:00 PM, during Fellowship

Our Interim Journey continues with our Sankofa Dialogue sessions! In each Sankofa Dialogue, we will review and discuss the results of the Sankofa Survey that the congregation completed in March. Sankofa Dialogues will be about one hour in length.

Sankofa Survey results (anonymized): bit.ly/3V1VrrG

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before and after worship*

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

Sunday, May 19

How can we start new congregations? Through the Strengthen the Church Offering, people around our country can help support new congregations. These emerging churches receive "CASA Grants" or Congregational Assessment, Support, and Advancement Grants.

Pastor Ali Lopez Valcarcel received a CASA Grant and coaching for her effort to start the United Church of Christ Rio Grande Valley, also known as Proyecto RGV. Funds helped provide tools for the ministry, such as a place to gather, support for a pastor, and sound equipment. It also supports outreach to migrants on both sides of the Rio Grande.

"The UCC RGV has been able to establish a visual presence of Christ and become a voice for compassion and justice in the Rio Grande Valley."

"The CASA Grant gave us our start," explains Pastor Ali Lopez Valcarcel. The grant represents support coming into the Rio Grande Valley from congregations and people across the United Church of Christ. "It means so much that the wider United Church of Christ believes in us. It encourages me as a pastor and person committed to this work. People believe in us! And it creates a level of accountability. People count on us!"

In September 2023, UCC Rio Grande Valley held its inaugural service. The service brought together Latino cultural and spiritual traditions in a unique way that allowed people to use all their senses to engage in worship. This past October, UCC Rio Grande Valley lead an ecumenical vigil for Kimberly Avila. Kimberly, a transgender sibling, went missing five years ago from Brownsville, TX. The Avila family thanked UCC Rio Grande Valley for leading the effort to bring light to Kimberly's disappearance, as the local authorities have done little to help bring Kimberly home.

An Open and Affirming, Immigrant-Welcoming Congregation is forming in Texas because generous people support the Strengthen the Church Offering.

Through the **Strengthen the Church Offering**,
we help support the work of conferences and the
national setting as we become a multi-racial/
multi-cultural church.



Scan to donate to the
Strengthen the Church Offering

FAITH AND DEMOCRACY 2024 – VOTER EDUCATION FORUM

White Christian Nationalism and the 2024 Elections

Wednesday, May 22

Community Room

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Join others at ERUCC for a communal viewing of a voter education forum hosted by the Central Atlantic Conference UCC's Justice and Witness Action Network.

The forum is led by Robert Jones, president and founder of Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) and author of *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy: and the Path to a Shared American Future*, *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*, and *The End of White Christian America*. The forum is sponsored by Center for Common Ground, Christ Congregational Church UCC, Cleveland Park Congregational UCC, First Congregational UCC, Rock Spring Congregational UCC, Westmoreland Congregational UCC

We will RSVP as a church to view the livestream and will have light refreshments available. Feel free to bring your own dinner. When the forum concludes at 8:00 PM, you are invited to stay to talk about what we heard and learned; Rebecca Shillingburg will facilitate the discussion.

Alternatively, you can attend the forum from anywhere or in person at First Congregational UCC in Washington DC by RSVPing to attend at bit.ly/WhiteChristianNationalism.



Justice & Witness Action Network -- a justice movement of local churches, clergy & justice leaders of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ building & organizing power to secure a just and compassionate world for all.

Other Announcements

CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS AND GRADUATES

We will soon be celebrating the high school graduations of Liam Cumber (Governor Thomas Johnson High School) and Jared Huetting (Poolesville High School), the college graduation of Ben Mercier (Indiana University Bloomington), the law school graduation of Maria Lagrotteria (American University Washington College of Law), and the doctorate graduation of Maddie Martin (Penn State College of Medicine)!

Join us in worship on Sunday, May 26, to honor and pray for them.

We invite you to help celebrate our graduates by writing a card or note to say congratulations and share any special thoughts or memories that you have of these students. Drop the cards or notes in the labeled bags in the sanctuary lobby.

Please contact the church office if you or your child is graduating and not listed above.

This Week at ERUCC

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg

Tuesdays

North Room / Zoom

11:00 AM

Zoom: bit.ly/3TdUnOy

Meeting ID: 875 1423 3398

Passcode: 973365

Revs. David Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy, along with an all-star cast of Bible scholars and top church teachers, provide a primer to a church movement that encourages every Christian to "live the questions" instead of "forcing the answers." We will supplement our reading with the DVD course of the same name, *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity*, which includes commentary from such bestselling authors as Diana Butler Bass, John Shelby Spong, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Brian McLaren, and others. Books are available through the church office for \$10.

GENTLE YOGA

Tuesdays

Trinity Chapel

7:00 PM

Experience tranquility and wellness in this Gentle Yoga Class. Led by experienced Yogamour instructors, this nurturing practice focuses on gentle postures, mindful breathing, and deep relaxation techniques. Join us in this spiritual journey to strengthen the body, soothe the mind, and connect with your inner self. Participants of all levels are welcome.

Each class is \$10. Questions? Contact Renae, rdkline15@gmail.com.

To access the yoga classroom in Trinity Chapel, walk through the gate to the left of the building, down the walkway to the side door, and into the hallway leading to the classroom.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE with Rev. John Shillingburg

Wednesdays

North Room / Zoom

7:00 PM

Zoom: bit.ly/ERwedstudy

Meeting ID: 892 1764 4500

Passcode: 848933

Like the Sunday morning class, this 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.



PASTORAL TRANSITION

Heritage - Mission - Leadership - Connections - Future

Learn more about our interim journey at www.erucc.org/transition

Upcoming at ERUCC

ERUCC BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 28

North Room / Zoom

7:00 PM

Zoom: bit.ly/ERUCCbooks

Meeting ID: 848 7056 7574

Passcode: 226669



The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks provides new context for some of the best-known episodes of David's life while also focusing on others, even more remarkable and emotionally intense, that have been neglected. We see David through the eyes of those who love him or fear him—from the prophet Natan, voice of his conscience, to his wives Mikhal, Avigail, and Batsheva, and finally to Solomon, the late-born son who redeems his Lear-like old age. Brooks beautifully written, unvarnished saga of faith, desire, family, ambition, betrayal, and power will enthrall her many fans.

"THE STORY OF PLASTIC" FILMMAKER DISCUSSION

Thursday, June 6

Virtual Webinar

7:00 – 8:00 PM



Join Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake for an exclusive screening of "The Story of Plastic"! Experience the film before engaging in an in-depth and thought-provoking talkback session with the filmmaker. Registrants will receive exclusive access to a

link for viewing the 95-minute film one week before the discussion. To watch the film, please register and join IPC for the live webinar discussion. ERUCC's Green Team Leader Linda Coyle will also share about our congregation's efforts to make a difference!

Register: bit.ly/3y1OClK

FAMILY CAMPING

Gifford Pinchot State Park, PA

June 7 - 9

We're camping June 7-9 in Gifford Pinchot State Park in Pennsylvania, about an hour's drive from ERUCC. The park includes multiple small sites next to one another for pitching a tent or bringing an RV, a central area with gravel ground that includes multiple picnic tables, and several fire circles. Our site is within walking distance of a shower house and a small sandy beachfront with a small playground area. We can also drive to other waterfront locations to visit the nature center, rent boats, or fish and to other green spaces to play other sports.

We plan to have cold breakfast items and supplies to pack or make sandwiches at lunchtime. We'd like to invite a couple of families to pair up to cook dinners on Friday and Saturday.

Sign up to camp in the Sanctuary Lobby! Cost per family is estimated to be \$30-40. Connect with Pastor Kirstin to help with programming and Owen York to help with meals.

GERMAN FRIENDS - SAVE THE DATES

Our German friends will be here before we know it! Our friends will arrive June 23 and depart July 6. We have several activities planned with our youth and there will be activities for the whole church to be involved in as well.

We can still have people join us for the trip to Bethany Beach from Tuesday, June 25 through Saturday, June 29. Email Pastor Kirstin ASAP to be a part of this trip. This activity is for youth completing 6th grade, adults who have gotten a background check and reviewed and agreed to our safe church policies since December 2022, and children of chaperones.

We also need help preparing some of our meals at church while they are here. Some of these days include the first day they arrive (June 23), the 4th of July cookout with ice cream, and a goodbye meal the day they leave for the airport (July 6). Please reach out to Starr Schaeberle, who has agreed to coordinate!

And mark your calendars now for an **ALL-CHURCH PICNIC** at Catoctin Creek Park after church on Sunday, June 30!

Sign up to contribute to our picnic meal: bit.ly/ERpicnic24

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.

The final Sunday for Junior Church until the fall is Sunday, May 26. We will share more soon about plans for the summer!

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, May 19

Tree Trekkers, 9560 Old National Pike 2:00 PM

Youth group will meet at Tree Trekkers in Frederick for a challenging journey through the treetops!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – SAVE THE DATE

August 5 - 9

ERUCC's Vacation Bible School will be August 5-9! Details and registration information will be shared in early summer. Questions? Contact Pastor Kirstin, ksrhoads@erucc.org.

A brief **Vacation Bible School Meeting** will be held on Sunday, June 2, during Fellowship after the 10:30 AM service for anyone interested in helping this year.

Sunday Morning Schedule

subject to change

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	Let's Study the Bible , North Room, 2 nd Floor
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

TRINITY CHIMES

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WEEKLY THURSDAY THOUGHTS EMAIL

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Mission Statement of Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ

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.

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.

PENTECOST

May 19, 2024

Acts 2:1-21

"Spirit for All"

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Today many churches will receive the Strengthen the Church offering.

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.*

It's especially poignant to receive the Strengthen the Church offering on Pentecost, the day in which God's presence as wind and fire was heard, felt and seen by all those gathered. As winds of the Spirit swept over the waters in Genesis beginning Creation, the winds of Spirit sweep over people creating community anew.

On this day, we remember that we are co-creators with God of the reign which is to come. Pentecost reminds us that we are never alone in this co-creation. Both those within our church walls and those without can be vessels of the Holy Spirit, and when we speak, we will be heard and understood. And the promise of Pentecost is that the Holy Spirit does not just fill us with words, but also incites us into action on behalf of the divine.

Look around! What work is the Holy Spirit ready to do through your community? How might the Strengthen the Church offering be a part of that work?

*<https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/strengthen-the-church/>



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