



Friends *Together*

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 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

The numbered hymns are from
The New Century Hymnal

*All who are able may stand

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

COMMISSIONING TRANSITION TEAM

Leader: The ERUCC congregation has selected the following persons to serve on it's Transition Team, 2024-25. As I call your names, we invite you to please come forward and face the congregation:

Felecia Bishop, Tommie Bradshaw, Karen Justice, Terry Logee,
Allen Maples, Thomasa Pomeroy, Bud Rossig, Eliza Stitely,
Isaac Pomeroy, Lucas Nguyen-Powell

Pastor: We are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for various ministries for the common good. Our purpose today is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they have been called.

As members of ERUCC's Transition Team, you have been chosen to facilitate a process which will engage the congregation in reflecting upon its **heritage, mission, leadership, connections, and future**. Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry team to the honor of God and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Transition Team: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: Members of Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ, will you support this Transition Team with your prayers and active participation in the work they will lead and coordinate during this time of transition?

The Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: Let us pray in unison:

All: Hear our supplications, O gracious God, and confirm with your heavenly benediction, your servants commissioned to serve as Transition Team members, here at Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ. Grant that, with sincere devotion of mind, body, and spirit they may offer service that is acceptable to you. In your many names we pray, Amen.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ gives us a new commandment:

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

When we love one another as Christ has loved us,
we will live lives full of joy.

We will live with God’s love deep in our hearts.

Let us worship the one who shows us how to love.

Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!

***OPENING PRAYER**

**God of many blessings,
we give thanks for this day.**

We give thanks for all that life holds.

**We give you thanks for your steadfast love,
for your faithfulness, for your justice.**

We gather to worship you, share our joy, and receive your love.

Be with us now and always. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty

#50

**I sing the praise of Love almighty,
which shines revealed in Jesus' face.
I offer up all that delights me,
all mean desires, each fond embrace,
Turn from myself in pure devotion,
and eager plunge in love’s vast ocean.**

**How loving-kind you are, how gentle,
how your heart reaches after mine!
My heart responds in elemental sympathy,
beating perfect time.
This mutual love, this strong attraction,
I know no other satisfaction.**

**Secure my heart and all my being,
in you, my Savior, crucified.
You gave your life to work my healing,
bleeding for me, you groaned and died.
Beloved Jesus, my salvation, you have,
through love, restored creation.**

**May my heart bear the deep impression
of love that Jesus shares with me,
My life become a pure expression
of all that Christian love can be:
Each word, each act, a bright reflection
of joy in Love's own resurrection.**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus, our sibling and friend, we confess that we do not always love one another. Our divisions and disagreements so often prevent us from knowing the joy of meaningful relationships. Even as we seek to follow your example, we forget that we are chosen and appointed by you to bring hope to a weary world. Help us renew our focus and live by your will...that we may follow you with joy in our hearts. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus no longer calls us servants, but friends. Each relationship is a new opportunity to abide in Christ's love and a reminder that we can start again. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Peace Like a River

Children's Music and Movement
– Traditional

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 of all ages are invited to participate in the service today. A book nook with children's programs, books, crayons, and activities is in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table and a wiggle space is available in the front of the sanctuary near the baptismal font.

Junior Church for children ages 5 through 5th grade will resume next Sunday.

THE SCRIPTURES

Glenn Wallace Weitz

Acts 10:44-48 NT page 130

John 15:9-17 NT page 109

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan

MORNING PRAYERS

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING LEADERSHIP

Peter Brehm
Consistory President

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

Jesus has appointed us to bear fruit that will last. Fruit that will bring love and justice. Joy and hope. Bring what you can; together, the gifts we offer can transform lives.

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

If You Love Me (Keep My Commandments)

Senior Choir
– L. Larson

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

– SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION –

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, we gather at this table representing all people in all places in our world. We bless and pass the bread and cup as Christ passed it to his friends. Please allow these elements to remind us of the good that you have done and inspire us to do the good that Christ calls us to do. May we leave this table revived and refreshed, having sipped from the cup of bold courage so that we may challenge all forms of injustice and pain. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night he was betrayed, the Light of the World took bread and blessed it. Then he thanked God for it and broke it, saying:

“This is my body which is broken for you. Whenever you eat it, remember me.”

And likewise at the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup, blessed it and thanked God for it. Pouring out the red wine, he said:

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you. When you drink this cup ever after this night, remember me.”

Now, let us come to receive the bread and the cup.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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

After all have received the bread and the cup:

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

A BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

May the presence of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, keep and preserve you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We have been fed, dear God, by your presence and led by your light.
May we bask in this glow now and forevermore. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

#495

Called as partners in Christ's service,

called to ministries of grace,

We respond with deep commitment

fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing,

side by side and friend with friend,

Equal partners in our caring

to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,

Christ's clear call to work and worth,

Let us follow, never faltering,

reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer,

all God's people, young and old,

Blending human skills together

gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,

in a small or global sense,

Help us bear each other's burdens,

breaking down each wall or fence.

Words of comfort, words of vision,

**words of challenge, said with care.
Bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope
and confidence and peace.**

***BENEDICTION**

Friends of God, as you leave this place, remember that God has chosen you to share the love you've found with a world of need. Go bear fruit that will last. Let your joyful hearts be signs of hope in these anxious times. **Amen.**

***SEVENFOLD AMEN**

#814

POSTLUDE

Please be seated.

Worship Notes: Today's liturgy *Chosen and Appointed*: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B was written by Rev. Jacob Nault, Pastor of Union-Congregational Church in Waupun, WI. He also works alongside the UCC's Disabilities Ministries Board to provide music, liturgy, and other resources on issues of disability justice. The Litany for Commissioning the Transition Team was adapted from the Interim Ministry Network's Training Resources- www.interimministry.org 11/05/2017.

Fellowship: Please join us after worship in our Community Room (1st Floor) for a time of fellowship. Today, we will have a luncheon during our Annual Meeting, where we will review 2023 church finances and activities and elect new elders, deacons, and committee chairs.

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the praise and glory of God.

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

Attendance Last Sunday: 12 at 8:30 AM, 117 at 10:30 AM, and 52 online.



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

Serving Today: May 5

Scripture Reader: Glenn Wallace Weitz
Deacons: Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick

Elder: Eric Weakly
Greeters: Anne Hoffmann, Sue Pinner
Danielle Carbone
Welcome: Julie Clark, Pat Condo
Audio/Visual: Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Baker
Jeff Schaeberle
Nursery: Meredith Neely
Fellowship: Julie Clark, Joe Adkins, Quynn
Hollie Mercier, Kyle Miller
Pat Dorsz, Bobby Van Dyk

Serving Next Week: May 12

Laurel Nguyen-Powell
Robin A. Brady Slifer
Robin L. Brady-Slifer
Ave Barr
Cathie Duncan, Barb Barry
Susan Kulp
Thi Nguyen
Jeff Schaeberle, Larry Martin
Kelly Esslinger
Meredith Neely

Next Sunday: May 12 – Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 | John 17:6-19

Jesus prays for the disciples that they be one, unified with God in Christ and with each other. He prays that they will have joy for their unity and that God will protect them as he sends them into an unwelcoming world. Recorded during the late first century, the prayer reinforced the relationship between the disciples, Jesus, and God. God has chosen them; they are worthy and not abandoned.

Today, we will ordain and install the newly elected elders, deacons, and committee chairs. Spirit will be sharing in music leadership this morning.

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.

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Sunday, March 5

Mortgage Assistance: 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/year.

Ways to Give to Evangelical Reformed UCC

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Frederick MD 21701*



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before and after worship*



ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 5 | 12 PM

COMMUNITY ROOM / ZOOM: bit.ly/er2024mtg

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 5

Community Room / Zoom

12:00 PM

Zoom: bit.ly/er2024mtg

Meeting ID: 846 0947 7035

Passcode: 064491

Our annual meeting will be on Sunday, May 5, in the Community Room, with lunch being served immediately following worship. We will be electing new elders, deacons, and committee chairs. Members and friends of the congregation may also participate via Zoom.

Nominating Committee Report

To be elected by the Congregation:

Elder for first 3-year term

Elder for second 3-year term

Deacon for first 2-year term

Deacon for first 2-year term

Deacon for first 2-year term

Deacon for second 2-year term

Head Deacon

Finance Chair for second 1-year term

Property Chair for first 2-year term

Christian Education Chair for first 2-year term

Mission and Social Action Chair for first 2-year term

Jeanellen Kallevang

Eric Weakly

Quynn Adkins

Kyle Miller

Angela Brittain

Harrison Fisher

Matt Davis

Will Duncan

Dan Ebersole

vacant

Shelley Weakly

To be elected by the Consistory

Secretary for 2023-2024

Treasurer for 2023-2024

David Kehne

Robert Morris



PASTORAL TRANSITION

Heritage - Mission - Leadership - Connections - Future

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

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. As you gracefully move through each asana, tension melts away, promoting flexibility and a sense of inner calm.

Whether you're a beginner seeking peace or an experienced yogi nurturing self-care, our class provides a safe, supportive space. 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.

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.

Junior Church will resume on Sunday, May 12.

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, May 5

Community Room

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Youth Group will gather with other local church youth groups for dinner and fun in the Community Room. Each group has been invited to bring a group game/icebreaker and a snack to share. We also look forward to hearing from each group some of their own youth group traditions and what is important to them about their church. RSVP to Pastor Kirstin.

GOD'S KIDS CLUB

Tuesday, May 14

ERUCC

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

We will have many hands-on activities on “rocks” including painting rocks, hiding rocks, and learning from “rock” scriptures. If the weather is nice, we will also play at Baker Park, so wear running shoes, bring a water bottle and a packed lunch.

Sign up by emailing Pastor Kirstin or signing up on the clipboard in the upper lobby.

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! We have 10 spots, based on the RSVPs we had mid-April. If you want to go, reach out to Pastor Kirstin ASAP so she can see if she can add more! Cost is \$30 and a waiver must be signed online.

GERMANY PARTNERSHIP – SAVE THE DATES

Save the date! All youth and families, please plan to attend a Welcome Meal on June 23 and a Goodbye Meal on July 6 with our partners from Germany. More details to come.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – SAVE THE DATE

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.

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 State University), 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 someone in your local family is graduating so that we can be sure to include everyone.

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITY PACK

As we continue to support young adults, we have been asked to help provide an activity pack for hanging out in the park. If you are interested in contributing, you can purchase an item from the list and bring it to the church office, or you can email Pastor Kirstin, ksrhoads@erucc.org, to make a donation for these items! An Amazon card would allow the group to purchase some board games as well.

Wish List: bit.ly/4aNDn9Y

RESOURCES FOR MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION

As a denomination, the United Church of Christ takes seriously our responsibility to be good citizens and well-informed voters. The Maryland Presidential Primary & State Primary is Tuesday, May 14. Make a plan to vote!



The League of Women Voters of Frederick County has completed work with the national and state Leagues to offer nonpartisan candidate information through the online Voters' Guide at VOTE411.org. The League has a long tradition of publishing candidates' verbatim responses to questions important to voters.

Other resources are available through the Maryland State Board of Elections:

<https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/vote2024>

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

Read the ERUCC monthly newsletter, *Trinity Chimes*! Find printed copies in the back of the sanctuary or read online at <https://erucc.org/category/news/monthly-newsletter/>.

WEEKLY THURSDAY THOUGHTS EMAIL

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



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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

John 15:9-17

"Friends Together"

John 15:9-11 *As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.*

Great Thanksgiving Communion Prayer for Rural Life Sunday

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our God thanks and praise.**

Dear God, Creator of all things.

Long ago, in the very beginning, you knelt down and scooped a handful of dirt from the ground. You looked at the handful of dirt and you knew it could live. And so you formed us, not crawling upon the face of the Earth, but intimately connected with Her.

In all times and places, your people have looked at the soil and, having first given thanks for what that soil can bring forth, have then planted seeds, tended and sown.

The result of that gratitude and hard work is laid before us now on this table. Wheat and water, ground and risen, became bread. Grapes, painstakingly crushed, became juice/wine. Like Jesus, who gathered with his friends on that holy night long ago, today we give thanks for the elements before us, and for the lands and people that produced it. We sing with gratitude as your people have sung across the lands and the generations,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!



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