

A black and white photograph of a young child splashing water. The child is smiling and has water droplets on their face and clothing. The background is a blurred outdoor setting. A green vertical bar is on the left side of the page. The text "God's Will" is overlaid on the image.

God's Will

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

If you are a guest, please visit the welcome desk. 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.

For Children: We have trained nursery staff for ages 0-4. A deacon or greeter can guide you to the nursery. 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 and a children's table is available for quiet activities at the front of the sanctuary.

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 (accessible and equipped with changing stations) are located on the second floor, below the sanctuary, and on the first floor, outside the Community Room.

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 –



June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Spirit

Joy Together

– C. Townley, arr. Butler-Moore

Joy together and worship the name. Joy together in Jesus.

Joy together and worship the name. Joy together in Jesus.

Refrain:

Celebrate joy and worship the name. Joy together in Jesus.

Celebrate joy and worship the name. Joy together in Jesus.

Praise together and worship the name. Praise together in Jesus.

Praise together and worship the name. Praise together in Jesus.

Refrain

Live together and worship the name. Live together in Jesus.

Live together and worship the name. Live together in Jesus.

Refrain

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 138: 1-3, 7-8)

We give you thanks, O God, with our whole hearts;
before all creation we sing your praises

**We bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,**

For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day we called, you answered us; you increased our strength of soul.
Though we walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve us against our adversaries.
Your steadfast love, O Holy One, endures forever.

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Oh, Holy One your love indeed endures forever.
We pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit this day as we worship
together in beloved community, the realm of your Love.
Be with us in our singing and praising as we share the Word together in
Jesus' Name. Amen**

***OPENING HYMN**

Great Is Your Faithfulness

#423
stanzas 1, 3

**¹ Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
all of your goodness forever will be.**

Refrain:

**Great is your faithfulness!
Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

**³ Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.**

Refrain

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace. [*moment of silence*]

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. We ask for your forgiveness. Thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace to all we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and therefore we also speak” in the affirming knowledge that when we turn to God with our shortcomings, we are renewed in God’s Love by the grace of Christ. 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 of all ages are invited to participate in today's service. 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.

***HYMN**

In All Our Living

#499

**In all our living, we belong to God;
and in our dying, we are still with God;
So, whether living, or whether dying,
we belong to God; we belong to God.**

**God sent Christ Jesus to be our shalom,
to show us mercy and healing love;
So in our living, and in our dying,
Christ is our shalom; Christ is our shalom.**

THE SCRIPTURES

Linda Coyle

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20 OT page 251

Mark 3:20-35 NT page 37

Reader: May God bless the reading of this word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan

MORNING PRAYERS

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

We are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives. We invite you to participate in this opportunity of generosity to continue the mission of God's Love to the world. We are grateful and thankful.

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 our church's ministries and programs. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts to share 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.

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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Spirit
– African-American Spiritual
arr. D. Kidwell

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

#474

**¹I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.**

² **Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.**

³ **When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.**

***BENEDICTION**

Dear friends, we have been nourished and renewed this day, go out and share the kingdom of God to all you encounter in the love of God who created us, God who redeemed us, and God who sustains us. Go in peace, sharing the Good News. **Amen.**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

God Be in My Head

– V. Pennington

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart and in my thinking. [Repeat]

God be in my head, God be in my eyes,

God be in my mouth, my heart, and in my thinking.

God be at my end and my departing.

POSTLUDE

Please be seated.



**We thank Laura Walling, bass, and Joseph Baker, drums,
for participating in today's worship!**

Worship Notes: Today's liturgy comes from *Kindom: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday after Pentecost* was written by Rev. Roberto Ochoa, the Minister for Ethnic Inclusion, & Congregational Support for Rural and Small Churches for the National Setting of the United Church of Christ. He is a member of Mt. Zion Congregational UCC in Cleveland, OH.

Fellowship: Please join us after worship in our Community Room (1st Floor) for a time of fellowship.

The flowers on the altar this morning are placed in celebration of the 28th wedding anniversary of Angela and Jim Brittain.

The yellow rose is placed in honor of all military personnel who served past and present by Jeff and Starr Schaeberle.

Attendance Last Sunday: 9 at 8:30 AM, 129 at 10:30 AM, and 59 online.



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

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

Serving Today: June 9

Deacons: Robin A. Brady Slifer
Robin L. Brady-Slifer
Elder: Tyler L. York
Scripture Reader: Linda Coyle
Greeters: Cathie Duncan, Barb Barry
Bob and Nancy Manthey
Welcome Table: Thi Nguyen, Rob Black
Audio/Visual: Jeff Schaeberle, Kelly Esslinger
Nursery: Emily Spear, Abby, Ben
Fellowship: Ave and Cliff Barr, Jen Powell
Joan and Allen Maples
Pat Condo, Bud Rossig

Serving Next Week: June 16

Harrison Fisher, Kyle Miller
Matt Hueting
Quynn Adkins
Tom and Rachel Ford
Felecia Bishop, Rob Smith
Holly Davis
Larry Martin, Kelly Esslinger
Stephanie Fisher
Karen Justice, Peter Brehm
Rob McGuire, Alex Martinez
Felecia Bishop

Next Sunday: June 16 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13 | Mark 4:26-34

God is always faithful and remains engaged with God's people, but not always in predictable ways. Jesus tells the parable of the tiny mustard seed to reveal God's surprising, unexpected plan to use even small communities of faith to accomplish God's will. Similarly, God used David, the youngest in his family, to accomplish God's will. God's realm may seem unattainable at times, but Jesus assures us that it is alive – growing and spreading even from small acts of faith until everyone finds a home in it.

The Senior Choir will sing.

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:

Gerry Hanberry
Sherry Murray
Haley Duff
Bill Gourlie
Pat Hanberry
Charlie Woodward
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)
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.

This class will suspend for the summer after our class on June 9.

WEAR ORANGE WEEKEND – WE CAN END GUN VIOLENCE



Frederick's Mom's Demand Action has decorated our front steps for Wear Orange Weekend as a public witness in support of gun violence prevention. Ending gun violence is going to take all of us. Learn more about Wear Orange at <https://wearorange.org/>.

Ways to Give to Evangelical Reformed UCC

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www.erucc.org/give



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Frederick MD 21701*



*offering plates
are available in the
rear of the sanctuary
before and after worship*

This Week at ERUCC

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.



**LOVE IS
LOUDER**
Love Your Neighbor **OUT LOUD**

BE A BLESSING PRACTICE PEACE.
LEAD WITH LOVE.
BE JOYFUL. PRAY OFTEN. BE KIND. GIVE THANKS.
DO GOOD. HAVE COURAGE. WORK FOR JUSTICE.
BE THE LIGHT. ENCOURAGE OTHERS.  UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Upcoming at ERUCC

SACRED CONVERSATION ABOUT LIFE TRANSITIONS

Tuesday, June 18

Flora Room

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Having heard a number of people struggling with the changes that life brings related to body limitations and changes in dependency when you just can't do as much yourself, we thought we'd invite a group to have a time of sharing in community as we take turns listening and connecting. It is important, especially in seasons of change, that we lean on each other and realize that we aren't alone. We aren't the only one going through changes. For more information, contact Pastor Kristin, ksrhoads@erucc.org or Ave Barr.

ERUCC AT FREDERICK PRIDE 2024

Saturday, June 22

Carroll Creek Park

shifts, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Experience the Joy and Unity of the LGBTQ+ Community in Frederick. Join ERUCC at our outreach table to share our message of community! ERUCC will have a table at this event announcing its mission and programs to Frederick Pride visitors. Shifts are in 2-hour increments. All are welcome to volunteer. No experience necessary! Contact Julie Clark, Jclarkad@yahoo.com or (301) 305-8181 with questions.

Sign up now to volunteer with ERUCC's outreach during Pride: <https://bit.ly/ERatPride24>



A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

MASS POOR PEOPLE'S AND LOW-WAGE WORKERS' ASSEMBLY AND MORAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON AND TO THE POLLS

Saturday, June 29

carpool from ERUCC

7:30 AM



Join us at the Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Saturday, June 29 in Washington, D.C.! We will carpool from the church parking lot at 7:30 AM to the Shady Grove Metro Station. From there, we will take the Metro to the Archives stop and walk to 3rd Ave NW and Pennsylvania Ave NW.

For more information and to sign up, please contact Shelley Weakly at shelley.w.weakly@gmail.com by Saturday, June 22 with the number of people going, if you can drive, and how many you can transport. Sponsored by Mission and Social Action Committee.

ERUCC – GERMAN PARTNERSHIP

Our German 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.

All church families are invited to the following dates:

- Sunday, June 23, 7:00 PM – Dinner at Church to welcome our guests!
 - **Sign up to contribute to our welcome dinner:** bit.ly/4aU5kfl
- Sunday, June 30, 12:00-3:00 PM – All Church Picnic at Catoctin Creek Park.
 - **Sign up to contribute to our picnic meal:** bit.ly/ERpicnic24.
- Monday, July 1, 7:00-9:00 PM – Political Party Conversation
- Wednesday, July 3, 7:00 PM – Frederick Keys Baseball Game, including fireworks!
 - Host families and youth should RSVP with Kirstin, as your tickets are covered
 - All are welcome! **Purchase tickets with our group for \$11.11 directly online:** <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Evangelicalreformed2>
- Thursday, July 4, evening fireworks in Baker Park
- Saturday, July 6, 2:00 PM – Goodbye Lunch for German Guests

We need help preparing some of our meals at church while they are here. Please reach out to Starr Schaeberle with questions or to volunteer at (301) 639-1309:

- Sunday, June 23 – Cooking, Serving, Clean Up Dinner
- Wednesday, July 3 – Cooking, Serving, Clean-Up Dinner
- Thursday, July 4 – Cooking, Serving, Clean-Up Breakfast Buffet
- Thursday, July 4 – Cooking, Clean Up Cookout Dinner
- Saturday, July 6 – Cooking, Serving, Clean-up Late Lunch

Children and Youth Ministry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 5 – 9

Mon-Thur 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



ERUCC's Vacation Bible School will be August 5-9! This year's VBS program is **Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs**. We look forward to welcoming your children and their friends for a week of fun and learning. With daily themes like Shelter Protects Life, Food Energizes Life, Water Hydrates Life, Air Sustains Life, and Community Produces Life and activities including yoga, music, creative play, and compassion in action, who could ask for more?

Cost is \$30 per child. Questions? Contact Pastor Kirstin, ksrhoads@erucc.org.

Other Announcements

THE HISTORIC CLOCK TOWER PRESERVATION CAMPAIGN

The Historic Clock Tower Preservation Campaign is underway! We hope you have had a chance to read the materials mailed to you and have considered how you can be a part of this great effort. Funds from the previous campaign and grants from the State and foundations have put us close to halfway to meeting the need. This is great news. The challenge is that we still have a long way to go. It is a challenge we will meet. Together, we will make it, and this iconic landmark and significant piece of our legacy will be preserved. Please bring your completed card to church to place in the designated bins or mail it in the envelope provided in your materials. Thank you for your generous support. The chimes will still ring, the clock will still keep time for the city, and the spire will continue to inspire thousands because of you.

– The Historic Clock Tower Campaign Team

CURIOUS IGUANA AUTHOR EVENT

Tuesday, June 25

Community Room

7:00 PM

We will welcome Curious Iguana later this month as they welcome *New York Times* bestselling author Riley Sager to Frederick to celebrate the release of his new thriller *Middle of the Night*. Riley will be joined in conversation by fellow author Richard Chizmar. They will discuss Riley's new jaw-dropping thriller!

Interested in volunteering as an ERUCC hospitality host? Contact Tyler: tyork@erucc.org.



**In celebration of Juneteenth (Freedom Day),
the ERUCC offices will be closed on
Wednesday, June 19.**

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
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Worship , Sanctuary and Online at www.erucc.org
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.

"God's Will"

Jesus is teaching and preaching, telling stories, and inviting listeners to a new way of life. In the midst of the teaching, someone brings word that his mother, and his brothers are waiting outside.

Jesus responds to their presence with what seems like uncharacteristic harshness. "Who are my brothers and mother?" he asks, looking around at the gathered crowd. And he answers himself. It is not Mary and her sons who are his family, but his gathered family and friends.

It may be the first, but it certainly is not the last time that Christ followers are referred to as a family. Many congregations consider one another a family. Is your congregation one of these? What are some of the pitfalls and positives of calling your congregation a family?

First of all, consider the positives. A family at its best is a place of sanctuary, growth, humor, help, joy in its season, and a willingness to weep when grief comes. Some people find such a place in their families of origin. Others find this sanctuary in found families created in adulthood, including church congregations.

What about the pitfalls? Well, it can be difficult to enter a family with its many customs, rituals, inside jokes, and ideas that may take years for outsiders to understand. And, while healthy families are sanctuaries, families that are unhealthy can be containers for toxic secrets and even abuse. Third, the very intimacy that creates a sense of deep belonging in families can also create a sense of being suffocated or constrained into a particular role.

If your church community considers itself a family, this may be a good Sunday for conversation about what that might mean for you. What are the positives of you considering yourself a family? What are the challenges? What are the ways that you can nurture the intimacy of family and still be open and welcoming to outsiders?

