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Welcome to Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ

Thank you for worshiping with us at Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ (ERUCC) this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.

If you are a guest, please visit us at the Welcome Table in the rear of the sanctuary. We would love to meet and learn more about you and are available to answer your questions ERUCC. Please also feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. We encourage you to join us for in the Community Room for Fellowship after the worship service for casual conversation and connection over light refreshments.

ERUCC is an Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ. We welcome into the full life and ministry persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

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 2nd floor, below the sanctuary, and on the 1st floor, outside the Community Room. Single-occupant, all-gender, accessible restrooms are located outside the North and Flora Rooms on the 2nd floor.

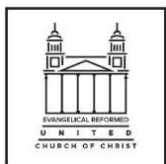
There is more information about our church in this bulletin and on our website: www.erucc.org.

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.

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



October 27, 2024 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 AM

The numbered hymns are from
The New Century Hymnal

*All who are able may stand

REFORMATION SUNDAY

BRASS PRELUDE

Market Street Brass

Earle of Oxford's March
Band of Brother
Rondo from Abdelazar Suite
Simple Gifts

– arr. Rich Ridenour

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

BRASS ANTHEM

Market Street Brass

Procession of the Nobles

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us gather together this Reformation Sunday so that we may celebrate the witness of our forebearers and the courage that gave birth to the Reformation.

In this time of worship, may we honor the saints of God in ages past and in our present days.

May the conviction of God's grace written on their hearts be one that forms our own faithfulness.

May we be inspired to participate in the ongoing reformation of the church and be present this day to hear our still-speaking God.

Let us worship together.

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God, we thank you for gathering us into your church and gracing us with your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church that will bring even more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

– arr. Paige/Nix

**FANFARE AND CONCERTATO ON
“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”**

Words by
MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)
tr. by FREDERICK H. HEDGE (1805-1890)

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG
by MARTIN LUTHER
Arranged by JON PAIGE (BMI)
and BRAD NIX (ASCAP)

CONGREGATION

(parts) 1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
(parts) 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
(unis.) 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a

fail - ing; our help - er He, a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right Man - mid the our side of
bid - ing; eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
Man of God's own chioos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
Him who with us. sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great, and,
Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sab - a - oth they His name, from
mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill: God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.
truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.



***CALL TO CONFESSION**

The apostles tell us that if we confess our sins with open and honest hearts, God is faithful and just and will forgive and accept us. Trusting in God's unlimited grace, let us confess before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

When we want to be a church ever-reforming, yet cling to comfortable ways: Lord, have mercy upon us.

When we want to honor your "still speaking voice" but are fearful of insights that challenge old assumptions: Christ, have mercy upon us.

When we want to live into Jesus' dream of oneness but fail to listen to voices of difference: Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Take heart, Jesus is calling to us! We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness.
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 aged 5 through 5th grade who wish to participate in **Junior Church** may meet leaders at the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the Thomas Room.*

Children will return to their families in worship by 11:30 AM.

ANTHEM

Toccata for Handbells

Cambridge Handbell Choir
– Michael Helman

THE SCRIPTURES

Peter Brehm

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 OT page 860

Mark 10:46-52 NT page 47

Reader: May God bless the reading of this word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg

MORNING PRAYERS

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

Our ancestors in faith and church-building show us the way to share the gifts God has given us with the whole community. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God with heartfelt gratitude, commitment and praise.

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

Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place

Senior Choir

– L. Larson

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Reform our lives, O God, and let these gifts change the world.

Take them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world you love!

*CLOSING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

– arr. R. A. Hobby
*for choir, congregation, brass and organ
see next page*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander, 1650-80

Tr: Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, *alt.*

LOBE DEN HERREN

from *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665



All: 1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
All: 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
Choir: 3. Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
All: 4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
reign - ing And, as on wings of an
fend you. Sure - ly his good - ness and
dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!
ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
Let the a - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
do If with his love he be - friend you.
gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

***BENEDICTION**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated*
A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Market Street Brass



We thank Market Street Brass for joining us in worship!

Trumpet: Frank Gorecki
Daniel Cheston
Horn: Oscar Cabello
Trombone: James Martin
Bass Trombone: Brian Hinkley

Worship Notes: Today's liturgy is from *Church, New Each Moment: Service Prayers for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost*, written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater of San Diego, CA.

Please join us for **Fellowship** with light refreshments and time for casual conversation after worship in our Community Room (1st Floor).

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Dorothy D. and E. Earl Remsberg and Emory E. Remsberg Jr. by Tom and Rachel Ford and Mary Remsberg.

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

Attendance Last Sunday: 13 at 8:30 AM, 118 at 10:30 AM, and 48 online.



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

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

Serving Today: October 27

Deacons: Jim Brittain, Angela Brittain
Elder: Peter Brehm
Scripture Reader: Peter Brehm
Greeters: Robert Manthey, Nancy Manthey
Felecia Bishop, Kathleen Jefferson
Welcome Table: Betsy Selby, Thi Nguyen
Lobby Attendant: Eric Weakly
Audio/Visual: Jeff Schaeberle, Larry Martin
Kelly Esslinger
Nursery: Stephanie Fisher
Fellowship: Linda Coyle, Tommie Bradshaw
Shelley Weakly, Eric Weakly
Colleen Baldree, Chuck Badree

Serving Next Week: November 3

Matt Davis, Quynn Adkins
Tyler L. York
Rob Peters
Danielle Carbone, Anne Hoffmann
Julie Clark, Holly Davis
Linda Coyle
Larry Martin, Jeff Baker
Jeff Schaeberle
Julie Clark, Joe Adkins
Quynn Adkins, Hollie Mercier
Kyle Miller, Pat Dorsz
Bobby Van Dyk

Next Sunday: November 3 – All Saints Sunday

Ruth 1:1-18 | Mark 12:28-34

We will share in Holy Communion at the chancel rail on this All Saints Sunday as we remember in prayer those members of the congregation and friends and family members who have died in the past year.

The Senior Choir will be singing.

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.

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 receive visits (and communion) from Rev. Dr. Morgan. Our Faithful Friends Team also makes visits, calls, and sends care cards.

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 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:

Kitty Bradley
Veronica Beadle
Beanie Cornell
Sandra Trout
Raymond Slifer (father of Robin A. Brady-Slifer)
The Black Family
Susan Bonhag (friend of the Mercier family)
Milt Crutchley
Asher (Vida Penn's infant grandchild)
Father of Sherry Murray
Craig, Carrie, Aaron, Chase and Maddy Percopo (friends of Lois Gaul)
Kat Weedon (friend of Jean Fish & Barb Biser)
Tom Frazier
Kayla Merry (niece of Kim Sexton)
Carol Spera (mother of Mark Ulrich)
Pauline Marendt

Haley Duff
Sherry Murray
Charlotte Blue and Family (friends of Jean Fish & Barb Biser)
Emogene Wyand
Richard Leslie
Bob Pinner
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 Jo Ann 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.

Adult Christian Education Opportunities

BIBLE STUDIES for ADULTS

SUNDAY MORNING LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE

with Revs. John and Rebecca Shillingburg
North Room / Zoom, 9:00 – 10:15 AM

Zoom: bit.ly/ERSunstudy
Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888
Passcode: 327128

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

with Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg
North Room / Zoom, 11:00 AM

Zoom: bit.ly/ERTuesday
Meeting ID: 875 1423 3398
Passcode: 973365

WEDNESDAY EVENING LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE

with Rev. John Shillingburg
North Room / Zoom, 7:00 PM

Zoom: bit.ly/ERWedstudy
Meeting ID: 892 1764 4500
Passcode: 848933

LET'S TALK

Let's Talk is an adult educational opportunity that focuses on how we can live out our faith and share our knowledge and expertise. Contact Linda Coyle, lkcoyle@yahoo.com with questions or ideas for a presentation.

COMPOSERS IN THEIR TIME

presented by David Howard
Sundays, October 27 and November 3
Flora Room, 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

In this series, we will listen to musical excerpts and view slides as we explore what inspired composers to write certain works.

October 27 “Mass in Time of War,” Haydn

November 3 The finale to “Beethoven’s 9th Symphony”

IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Sunday, November 10
Flora Room, 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

Youth in our neighborhoods are suffering! In 2022 ERUCC started working with Centro Hispano de Frederick, Nigerians in Frederick, and the Asian American Center of Frederick to enhance accessibility for Fredrick County immigrant and refugee youth to culturally and linguistically competent mental health care. ERUCC representatives supported what is now called the Immigrant & Refugee Coalition (IRC) through personal efforts combined with financing from a UCC Global HOPE grant and ERUCC funds. Join us as Michelle Beadle, Jeanellen Kallevang and community partners share the results of their work and next steps.

Activities and Events 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. Participants of all levels are welcome.

Each drop-in 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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 3

We will be remembering those in our congregation, as well as loved ones and friends, who died during the past year. During the prayers at both the 8:30 & 10:30 AM services, the names will be read, followed by the tolling of a bell. You are invited to bring a photo of whomever we will remember in prayer. These photos can be placed on a table in the front of the church.

If you wish to include the name of someone who has passed away since last November 1, please contact the church office at erucc@erucc.org or (301) 662-2762.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

November 3 – November 24

We are collecting NEW coats for babies, children, and adults for our first winter giving opportunity! These coats, collected in partnership with Asbury United Methodist Church, will be distributed to community members by the following local non-profit organizations:

- I Believe in Me (IBM)
- Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (COIPP)
- Steadfast: Standing Firm Against Youth Homelessness
- Olsen House
- Andrea's House
- Living Well Youth Works
- The Judy Center—Lincoln Elementary
- Frederick Rescue Mission

Bring NEW winter coats to the collection box in the Sanctuary Lobby beginning November 3!

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Youth Group Fundraiser

Sunday, November 3

Community Room, 8:00 – 10:30 AM

The ERUCC Youth Group invite you to an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast with a special toppings bar, sausage, bacon and beverages all included. Suggested donation is \$8/person, \$5/child (8 and under) and free for children under 2! Proceeds will benefit ERUCC Youth's German Partnership trip in summer 2025.

ERUCC MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, November 3

Community Room, during Fellowship

During Fellowship, we will hear from leaders to 1) inspire & expand volunteerism in our congregation, 2) help new members navigate the “wilderness of service opportunities” at ERUCC, and 3) help tenured members get up-to-speed on emerging developments. You'll also be able to visit directly with those active in various ministries and programs.

SMOKE FREE HOLY GROUND: A COVENANT OF FAITH AND HEALTH

Wednesday, November 13

Community Room, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

The Frederick County Health Department is partnering with faith-based organizations to bring the Smoke Free Holy Ground initiative to our community. The initiative is implemented through pastoral leadership to practice and promote healthy lifestyles in the faith community. It involves a covenant to adopt tobacco-free policies and to promote tobacco prevention and cessation programs for members, with the assistance of public health partners such as the Frederick County Health Department. Congregations that join the Smoke Free Holy Ground initiative will join over 300 other churches across Maryland that are dedicated to a healthy and positive environment.

ERUCC is proud to host this event for the Frederick County faith community.

Please join us! A free meal is included with the presentation. **Register:** bit.ly/SFHGfred.



Children, Youth, & Families

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's **Sunday School** takes place in ERUCC's main building. Children should be checked in by one of their grown-ups at the Check-In Station in the Kieffer Lobby before class.

Pre-K – 2nd Grade

Liz Coffey Room, 9:15 – 10:00 AM

3rd – 5th Grade

Thomas Room, 9:15 – 10:00 AM

Immediately following Sunday School, teachers will transition children to Children's Music and Movement. Participating children should be checked out by their grown-ups from the Liz Coffey Room at 10:20 AM. If not participating in Children's Music and Movement, children should be checked out from their Sunday School classroom at 10:00 AM.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Liz Coffey Room, 10:00 – 10:20 AM

This music group for children in Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to participate in rehearsals each Sunday morning following Sunday School from 10:00–10:20 AM in the Liz Coffey Room. Children will explore a variety of musical styles including the use of rhythm instruments, hand chimes, expression through movement, and vocal choirs.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Trinity Chapel, 9:15 – 10:15 AM

Youth Sunday School, with Middle and High School classes, meets in Trinity Chapel, 10 West Church Street. Enter through the side door behind the iron gate on the left side of the building. Always use the crosswalk. Teachers in their classrooms will check in youth upon arrival. When class ends at 10:15 AM, Youth will return as a group to the Kieffer Lobby in the main building.

JUNIOR CHURCH

2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays

dismisses from 10:30 AM worship service

Junior Church, a space to join in creative spiritual formation activities, meets most Sundays during the school year. Children ages five through 5th grade begin 10:30 AM worship in the sanctuary with their families, then dismiss after the Thought for the Day for well-supervised instruction and activities held in the Thomas Room, one floor below the sanctuary. On the first Sunday of each month, children participate in worship and communion with their families.

TRUNK OR TREAT and PUMPKIN DECORATING

Sunday, October 27

ERUCC Parking Lot and Patio, 5:00 – 6:00 PM



The ERUCC Youth Group is inviting the whole church to a spooktacular Trunk-or-Treat event!

This is an ideal event for families with elementary children, but all are invited! Trunks will be decorated to impress, as you make your way from car to car to fill your bag with treats. We will also enjoy yard games and snacks.

GOD'S KIDS CLUB

Monday, October 28

Community Room, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

We will make crafts and toys from fall items, clean up sticks and leaves around the ERUCC grounds, cook snacks on the campfire, and take an exploration walk around town to see what fall brings! As part of our time together, we will create thankfulness gifts to give away. Bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

In God's Kids Club, elementary-grade children participate in creative, faith-filled fun through various activities, including art projects, creation care, and service projects. During God's Kids Club events, middle and high school youth are welcome to help lead activities. Youth helpers should let Pastor Kirstin know they are attending.

GOD'S KIDS CLUB

Tuesday, November 5

Community Room, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Save the date for this Election Day God's Kids Club. More details coming soon!

YOUTH GROUP – ALL YOUTH

Tuesday, November 5

North Room, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Let's get ready for Christmas! We'll plan our youth ministry/mission opportunity for the season and begin decorating a church-wide mission giving tree.

Youth are welcome to stay until 3:00 PM to help with God's Kids Club. If helping, be sure to bring a packed lunch!

Other Announcements

CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL NAME SUGGESTIONS

On Sunday, October 13, the congregation voted on a motion “*to consider changing its name from 'Evangelical Reformed' to another name, to be voted on at a later date. The new name will retain 'United Church of Christ,' with the understanding that the congregation may also choose to retain 'Evangelical Reformed' as the name.*” After discussion, the motion was passed with an anonymous ballot vote by congregation members, with 58 in favor and 13 opposed.

Discussions and listening sessions will be scheduled in the months ahead. A special congregational meeting to vote on a name is anticipated in 2025. Read the study group’s info sheet: bit.ly/ERname.

Submit names you wish to be considered for the congregation in a digital suggestion box at bit.ly/3Y7nPcd or the designated suggestion box in the Sanctuary Lobby.



SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR THE REV. CATHERINE THOMPSON

Wednesday, October 30

106 W Church St, Frederick, 3:00 PM

All Saints Episcopal Church cordially invites your presence and prayers to the Service of Installation for Rev. Catherine Thompson as rector of the congregation.

If clergy would like to participate in the processional, they are invited to wear their preferred clergy attire and a white stole. Please arrive by 6:15 PM and meet at the church steps.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC CONFERENCE UCC ELECTION EVE PRAYER VIGIL

Monday, November 4

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Zoom: bit.ly/3C0dwza

Meeting ID: 882 8350 7457

Passcode: 348674

Please join us on Monday, November 4 for a Conference-wide online Election Eve Prayer Vigil. You will hear prayers from faith leaders from across the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ for the well-being of our nation on the eve of the Presidential, Congressional, State, and Local elections. Please join us as we seek God’s presence and blessing upon our country in this important moment.



FALL BACK
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 3

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR THE REV. CHANCE MARTINEZ-COLON

Sunday, November 10

Grace UCC, 25 East 2nd Street, Frederick, 3:00 PM

Your presence and prayers are invited for the Service of Installation for Rev. Chance Martinez-Colon as pastor to Grace UCC. A reception of light refreshments will follow the service.

Clergy are invited to wear robes and red stoles for the processional. Clergy who wish to process are asked to arrive by 2:45 PM. Clergy are invited to RSVP by emailing [Chance at pastorchance.graceucc@gmail.com](mailto:Chance@pastorchance.graceucc@gmail.com)

FREDERICK INTERFAITH DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HUNGRY & HOMELESS

Sunday, November 17

100 South Street, 4:30-8:15 PM

Join Frederick Interfaith for the Community Day of Prayer for the Hungry and Homeless. The event will begin and end at the Community Table, located at the Frederick Community Action Agency, 100 South Street. An Interfaith Dinner for the Hungry will be prepared and served from 4:30-6:30 PM.

To sign up to volunteer to contribute or help with the dinner: bit.ly/3Ue1HMp

At 6:30 PM, the Annual Interfaith Candlelight Prayer Walk will begin. The prayer walk will visit places that address the needs of the hungry and the homeless, including a visit to ERUCC. After the prayer walk, the group will return to the Community Table around 7:30 PM for hot drinks and a presentation from The Frederick Housing Solutions Task Force about the progress being made to address the urgent need for affordable housing in Frederick County.

We hope you and your families and friends will join us for this special event. You do not have to contribute to the dinner to join us in the presentation or prayer walk.

For more information, contact frederickinterfaith@gmail.com.

Ways to Give to Evangelical Reformed UCC

WEBSITE

www.erucc.org/give



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Evangelical Reformed UCC
15 W. Church St,
Frederick MD 21701*



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

Ministers, Staff, & Lay Leaders of Evangelical Reformed UCC

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Thomasa Pomeroy | Bud Rossig | Eliza Stitely | Katie Zander

Sunday Morning Schedule

subject to change

8:30 – 9:15 AM	Early Worship , Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Coffee and Conversation , Kieffer Lobby
9:00 AM	Let's Study the Bible , North Room
9:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Nursery Care
9:15 – 10:00 AM	Children's Sunday School <i>Pre-K – 2nd Grade</i> , Liz Coffey Room <i>3rd – 5th Grade</i> , Thomas Room
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Youth Sunday School <i>Middle School Youth</i> , Trinity Chapel <i>High School Youth</i> , Trinity Chapel
9:30 AM	Let's Talk , Flora Room
10:00 – 10:20 AM	Children's Music and Movement , Liz Coffey Room
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Worship , Sanctuary and Online at www.erucc.org Junior Church , Thomas Room <i>Participating children are dismissed from Worship (2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays)</i> Young Spirit Rehearsal , Marj Menchey Berkheimer Music Suite <i>Participating Youth are dismissed from Worship (1st and 3rd Sundays)</i>
11:30 AM	Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal , Sanctuary <i>Children and Youth</i>

Thursday Rehearsal Schedule

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6:15 PM	Cambridge Handbell Choir Rehearsal , Sanctuary <i>Contact: Trish Coffey and Kelly Esslinger</i>
7:00 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal , Marj Menchey Berkheimer Music Suite <i>Contact: Alison E. Shafer</i>

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October 27, 2024

Mark 10:46-52

Take Heart

Poor Bartimaeus. Blind and begging on the side of road just waiting for a kind soul to drop a coin or piece of bread into his wanting hands — perhaps even acknowledge his plight with an empathetic, “Take heart.”

But no one does.

Bartimaeus sits on what is most likely the infamous Jericho road, as Mark shares that Jesus was on the road leaving Jericho when he encounters the blind beggar.

It’s not a safe place to be. It is an 18-mile stretch of dirt, stone and danger. It was this throughway connecting Jerusalem and Jericho where a Good Samaritan tended to a traveler beaten and left for dead. Perhaps it is fitting for Bartimaeus to be there, as he himself has been left for dead as one of society’s forgotten ones.

Today, though, the Divine “take heart” speaks to Bartimaeus in the way of a growing commotion on the road. The shouts of the name “Jesus” reaches his ears. He knows the story of this man Jesus. He is the who makes the deaf hear and the crippled walk.

Could today be Bartimaeus’ turn to be made whole?

Jostled about, Bartimaeus adds to the ruckus, waving his arms and shouting, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Others sneer at the beggar, commanding him to be quiet. Their seeing eyes are blind to the fact that even Bartimaeus is worthy of Jesus’ healing mercies.

Bartimaeus shouts more loudly. Amid the many voices, Jesus hears that of the blind beggar, as his words are laced with faith. Bartimaeus is called out of the crowd and healed by Jesus.

The day will come, if it hasn’t already, where we will find ourselves like Bartimaeus, sitting alone on a road no one wants to be on. We will find ourselves sinking into a pit of despair over some crisis or challenge that we just can’t see a way out of.

But Bartimaeus whispers to us, “Take heart!” Never lose courage — even in the darkest night of the soul. Reach for Jesus. Cry out his holy name.

Don’t let a cynical world silence your cries. Don’t let your own doubts in the Faithful One mock that tiny mustard seed of faith you are desperately holding onto.

Be persistent. Be loud. Be like Bartimaeus. Shout with all your might, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And wait for your miracle to begin.

Gracious and Loving God, thank you for always being by our sides in our times of need. Continue to strengthen our voices so that our cries of help are loud and filled with faith. Help us to trust in Your mercies and remember that You are always making a way forward for us. Amen.

