

Daring **Discipleship**

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 lobby. We would love to meet and learn more about you, and we are available to answer your questions. 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 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 people 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 aged 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 –



June 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

Father's Day

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal
**All who are able may stand*
Bold text read in unison

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRELUDE

***CONGREGATION CENTERING PRAYER**

The Fromknect Family

As we walk together through this time of transition, we give thanks for the faith that has shaped us and look with hope toward what lies ahead. We covenant to proclaim and embody God's love and justice for all people, serving our neighbors both near and far. Through faithful living and active participation in our congregation, we commit to following in the way of Jesus to build a community of extravagant welcome and inclusivity for all people. May we continue to reflect God's light through our love and hope in all that we do. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CENTERING CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 148 adapted

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!
Praise God, sun, moon, and shining stars, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps.
Wild animals and all cattle, Creeping things and flying birds!

Praise the Lord you fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**Praise the Lord you people! Rulers of the earth and all peoples,
All genders together, old and young alike!**

**Let us praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted;
God's glory is above earth and heaven. God has raised up a horn for
God's people,**

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One,

**We, like the disciples, are riding the waves of life. We experience highs
and lows. Our days go fast or slog by. We find ourselves at peace, or
rocked by anxiety and turmoil. We come here hoping to feel your
presence. We worship, sing, pray, listen, because we trust that you are
here, calling us to share time and space with you. Today, we ask your
Spirit to come. Come and move us to create a deep and Holy community
with others. Call us again to hear your sacred call.**

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Praise to the Living God

#8

**Praise to the living God!
All praise be to his Name,
Who was, and is, and is to be,
Always the same!
The One Eternal God
Before what now appears:
The First, the Last, beyond all tho't
His timeless years!**

**Formless, all lovely forms
Declare his loveliness;
Holy, no holiness of earth
Can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all!**

**Creation speaks his praise,
And everywhere, above, below,
His will obeys.**

**His Spirit floweth free,
High surging where it will:
In prophet's word he spoke of old,
He speaketh still.
Established is his law,
And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart,
On sea, on land.**

**He knoweth every thought,
Our secrets open lie.
End as beginning clear to his
All-seeing eye.
With perfect poise he binds,
Accordant to the sense,
To wrong the doom, to right the joy,
In recompense.**

**Eternal life hath he
Implanted in the soul;
His love shall be our strength and stay
While ages roll.
Praise to the living God!
All praise be to his name,
Who was, and is, and is to be,
Always the same.**

***CALL TO TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

Friends, caring for our whole community is something that takes time and energy.

There is a temptation to stay in what's comfortable, to take the easier road. But God calls us to be vulnerable, courageous, joyful, and trusting.

That isn't always easy, but it is good and Holy.

Because we are human, we need to be reminded of this call.

Because we are human, we need to confess that there are ways we can be

better.

Friends, please join me in our prayer for grace.

***PRAYER FOR GRACE**

Incarnate One,

Life flies past us at an unbelievable pace.

We struggle to keep up at times, so we look for shortcuts.

We eat meals on the go. Texts are sent instead of calls.

We stay where it's comfortable instead of going into uncertain territory.

Fast can be good, but not always.

Prayer, service, and community are not fast things. They take time.

Forgive us when we shortchange them. Slow us down.

Open us up to experiences with you, and your creation.

Open our spirits and help us to see who and what is right around us.

Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

God does not abandon us. Not now and not ever. Hear and receive that you are God's beloved child. God loves you and calls you back to a better way.

You are forgiven. You are called. You are loved. **Amen.**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Children, youth, and all who wish to join them are invited to come forward for a special message. During the summer we do not have Junior Church on a regular basis. Children are welcome to spend time in the children's worship space or using books and supplies from there and the bookshelves while sitting with their families in the pews.

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.

***HYMN**

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

#172

**Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice sounding,
Saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**Brothers Simon, Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home, and toil, and kindred,
Leaving all for His dear sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us—By your mercies,
Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
Serve and love you best of all.**

THE SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-19

NT Page Number 115

Dan Smith

Reader: May God bless the reading of this word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Josh Privitt

MORNING PRAYER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

The Holy One invites us into our generous life. Let us bring our resources together in order to support the ministry of this and the wider church and

meet the needs of our community and world. Our giving testifies to the goodness, graciousness, and abundance of God. Let us recognize and respond to the cries of our neighbors and siblings with our resources offered in love.

This is a time during worship 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 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.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Molly Black

OFFERTORY

For Everyone Born

Senior Choir
- Murray/Mann, arr. T. Trenney

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Holy One, thank you for the privilege of giving. Bless these gifts and those who give. Enable us to trust and participate in your abundance. Extend wisdom and discernment as we allocate these offerings. Expand our reach and impact for your kingdom and glory. 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**

As you go,
Speak up for the marginalized
Give voice to injustice
Express cares and concerns of your own household
Make a joyful, hopeful, and grateful noise
And remember that the Still Speaking God is also Still Listening.

***SEVENFOLD AMEN**

#814

During the postlude, please remain seated, letting the music flow over you as a closing blessing.

POSTLUDE



Worship Notes: *And God Heard:* Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

Please remain in the Sanctuary following the service for the Special Congregational Meeting.

Following the meeting, please join us for lunch in our Community Room (1st Floor).

The flowers on the altar this morning are placed by Kathleen Jefferson in memory of her childhood friend, Lucy Patterson Cox, who died on 6/20/24 from stage IV lung cancer and Mike Robertson, one of Kathleen and Niel's closest friends for decades, who died in October of 2025 from asbestosis and COPD.

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

Attendance Last Sunday: 10 at 8:30 AM, 96 at 10:30 AM, and 53 online.



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

<https://erucc.org/visit/sunday-live-stream>

Serving Today: June 21

Deacons: Kyle Miller, Tommie Bradshaw
Elder: Eric Weakly
Scripture Reader: Dan Smith
Acolyte: Lucas Nguyen-Powell
Greeters: Robin Cooney
Cliff Barr, Paul McGinley
Welcome Table: Betsy Selby, Eric Weakly
Audio/Visual: Kelly Esslinger, Jeffrey Baker
David Howard
Nursery: Maria Lagrotteria
Fellowship: Karen Justice, Marj Berkheimer
Peter Brehm, Rob McGuire
Felecia Bishop, Alex Martinez

Serving Next Week: June 28

Angela and Jim Brittain
Ave Barr

Sue Pinner, Felecia Bishop
Cliff Barr
Elizabeth Slade, Emily Sexton
Jeff Schaeberle, Jeffrey Baker
David Howard

Linda Coyle, Shelley Weakly
Eric Weakly, Tommie Bradshaw
Colleen Baldree, Chuck Baldree

Next Sunday: June 28 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Open and Affirming Sunday
Psalm 49:5-13 | Philipians 2:1-8 | Luke 12:15-21

The Rev. John Shillingburg will be preaching and leading worship. The Senior Choir will sing.



BELONG HERE

PRAYER LIST

We invite you to hold the following people in your prayers this week. Though we may not know the specifics of their needs, God does, and our prayers are a meaningful way to surround them with love and support.

ERUCC seeks permission before adding a name to this list or in worship announcements. There are many for whom we pray and visit whose names are not listed in the bulletin by their request.

Rodney Martin
Donna Logee
Family & friends of Brad Heffner
Daniel Schaffer (neighbor of Kathleen & Niel Jefferson)
Tom Dorsz
Paul McGinley
Family & friends of Justin Nalborczyk
Sue Whiting (sister of Nan McNamara)
Mike Simms
Adam Huegel
Carroll Smith (friend of Sandra Trout)

Tom Ford
Ingrid Jacobsen
Della Willmann (Shelley Weakly's mother)
Charlie Woodward
John Stush
Izzie Sims (friend of Molly Black)
Debbie Jennings (*friend of Kathleen Jefferson*)
Robert Debonis (uncle of Sophia Carliss)
Sandy Maples (sister-in-law of Allen and Joan Maples)
Betsy Fisher
Barbara Heverley

Todd Starr (nephew of Mary Staley)
Sharon DiDonato (aunt of Darryl Glick, friend of Mark Ulrich)
Ginny Peters
Karen Stitely
Donna Baumgardner Smith (friend of Sandra Trout)
Bill Cassell (brother of Ave Barr)
The Murray/Lennox/Cable Family
Sandra Trout
Family of Charlie Van Eman (son of friends of Kathleen and Niel Jefferson)
Mary Staley

Pat Condo
Wells Condo
Tom Frazier
Pauline Marendt
Kayla Merry (niece of Kim
Sexton)
Carol Spera (mother of Mark
Ulrich)
Emogene Wyand
Bob Pinner
Jim Baldree (father of Chuck
Baldree)

Lee Thomas
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)
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)

PASTORAL CARE

ERUCC 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 communion from our pastoral team. 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.

Activities, Events, and Announcements

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 21

Sanctuary / Zoom, ~11:30 AM

Please join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 21st, for a special congregation meeting. Immediately following the 10:30 service, at approximately 11:30, we will convene a congregational meeting in the sanctuary. The only item on the agenda will be to vote to call the Rev. Josh Privitt as the next Settled Senior Pastor of ERUCC. The votes will be tallied immediately and the results announced. Lunch will be served immediately following the meeting. Members and friends of the congregation may also participate via Zoom.

To participate by Zoom, please register in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/SpecialMtg621>, or scan the QR code:



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE WITH REV. JOHN SHILLINGBURG

Let's Study the Bible is taking a break for the summer.

THEOLOGY AMONG THE PEOPLE WITH REV. DR. REBECCA SHILLINGBURG

Theology Among the People is taking a break. In September, we will begin with a review of the early chapters of *Genesis for Normal People* by Peter Enns and Jared Byas, making it easy for anyone to join us. If you are not a Bible scholar but want to be able to read Genesis and understand its big picture, this brief, witty book is the guide you've been waiting for. Clear summaries and thought-provoking questions provide direction for personal reflection and group discussion. Peter Enns, a Biblical Studies professor, and Jared Byas, an Old Testament professor, summarize the book's key themes and help us see Genesis as an ancient story, one with continued relevance for human experience today.

WEDNESDAY PRAYERS

Wednesdays

Sanctuary, **4:30 PM**

On Wednesday afternoons, you are invited to enter the church (doors open at 4:15 PM) and proceed to the front of the sanctuary in silence. We will pray silently in our own personal traditions. We begin promptly at 4:30 PM and end at 5:00 PM. What you can expect: substance for your everyday journey. Led by Rev. Richard Leslie.

ERUCC SUPPORTS THE UNITED WAY STUFF THE BUS CAMPAIGN

Collection Period: June 14 – August 3



ERUCC is collecting NEW school supplies for The United Way's Stuff the Bus campaign, which supports Frederick County Public Schools students in ALICE families.

Drop off school supplies in the big yellow bins in the Sanctuary and Kieffer Lobbies. The supplies most needed include markers, two-pocket folders (plastic preferred), earbuds with microphones, composition notebooks, spiral notebooks, three-ring binders, crayons, and backpacks. Complete lists of supplies are available above the yellow bins.



2026 PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Come help us show others that ERUCC is an Open & Affirming community of faith.

Sign up to march in the Pride Parade on Friday, June 26, and/or help at our Frederick Pride table on Saturday, June 27!

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ERUCC-FrederickPride> to sign up, or scan this QR code:



You can also **help stock our Pride table** with swag by making a purchase on the Amazon Wishlist! Visit

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/211AWOVTLJXF?ref_=wl_share

WEARING NAMETAGS

Please be sure to wear your nametags so that we have that gracious reminder as we get to know people who are new to us. If you do not have a nametag and want one, please request it at either the Welcome desk or Welcome table.

AWESOME CLOTHESLINE SHARING

Our Eastertide theme has been “Pursuing Awe”. Tom Dorsz has wowed us with his photographs, still on display in the music suite hallway. We have explored the deeps of the ocean and the shells on the beach with an awesome sealife display in the lobby outside the Community Room.

Now, it is your turn to share what inspires awe (or awww) for you by posting photos, drawings, or easily hung 2D pieces on a lighted clothesline on the blue wall at the head of the stairs from the Kieffer Lobby. Starting this week, please show us the things that move you, amaze you, inspire you, or bring you overwhelming joy and gratitude. No explanation is needed other than the image itself, but please put enough information on the back of the piece that we can return it to you when the display is taken down. This will be an ongoing installation project of the Worship Design Team.

CHANGE IN PARKING LOT PATTERNS

During the week of **June 22-26**, please limit usage of our parking lot during the day as we have drop off and pick up of campers for Vacation Bible School during that week.

GET OUT THE VOTE POSTCARDING

The Mission, Evangelization, and Social Justice committee will once again be writing postcards encouraging voters to check their registrations so they are ready to have their votes counted this fall.

We are working with the Center for Common Ground on this effort. Volunteers are needed to hand-write messages to voters in North Carolina, Georgia and Virginia.

If you are interested in helping, please email Kate McDermott at katemcdermott@msn.com or Sophia Carliss at scarliss07@gmail.com with the subject line POSTCARDS.

CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY

With MANY thanks to Barb Barry and the Welcoming Hands team for accomplishing this momentous task, our new congregational directory is ready! Visit the ERUCC Keiffer Lobby on Sundays to pick up a copy and check your name off the list.

For those Members and Attenders who participate with ERUCC primarily or exclusively through Zoom, please reach out to Barbara Barry at ebbarry1@gmail.com or text (240) 422-7888 to make arrangements for delivery. We want to get your directory to you promptly.

Remember that this is a paper copy only and will not be produced virtually.

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Monday, July 6

Downtown Community Room, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Join ERUCC members and our German friends as we partner with Blessings in a Backpack to fill backpacks for hungry FCPS kids. We'll meet in the Downtown Community Room and share dinner with our German group afterward. Look for further details and a Sign-Up Genius coming soon!

INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN GERMANY HOSPITALITY

EAST GERMANY GROUP IS COMING THIS SUMMER

July 5-16, Confirmed Dates!

Save these dates to gather as a church family with our guests as we participate in hospitality together.

- July 6, Dinner and Service Project, Project late afternoon time TBD, Dinner at 6:00pm
- July 12, We welcome our guests in worship and extended visiting at fellowship
- July 14, Goodbye dinner at ERUCC, 6:30pm

Donations

As we prepare to host this experience for both our youth and the German youth, we are asking for your donations.

Use this link to sign up for and provide items for “Blessings in a Backpack.” We will be packing at least 100 backpacks to provide weekend food for Frederick families.

You will need to bring these food donations to church on Sunday, July 5 or Monday, July 6 for our 4pm packing service project in the community room, just before the church dinner. www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DA3FBC34-64523261-blessings



Use this link to provide food for our opening dinner (July 6) youth, host family cookout (July 7), and closing dinner (July 14).

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DA3FBC34-64523302-germany



Questions? Kelly Hueting will be in charge of July 6, Barb Barry and Jen Powell will be in charge of July 7, and Shelley Weakly will be in charge of July 14.

Monetary donations can be made to support this ministry by giving to YOUTH ACTIVITIES and indicating GERMANY. Pastor Kirstin will then sort any food purchases accordingly.

Youth parents: please sign up here for which activities your child(ren) will attend with our German youth. <https://tinyurl.com/GermanPartnerActivitiesSignUp>



Children & Youth Activities, Events, and Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH AND JUNIOR CHURCH

During the summer, our 9:15 AM Sunday School and Junior Church classes and teachers take a break. We welcome children to spend time during the service in the Children's Worship Area, where there are additional craft supplies, worship streamers, and fidgets. In addition, there are books and coloring supplies in the back corner of the sanctuary that can also be used in your seats.

We welcome our children to make joyful noises during worship and believe that they grow from participating in the service, by listening to things as they sit with us, and by learning the patterns of worship, including prayers and hymns, as well as participating in sacred moments like baptisms, communion, and other worship rituals and traditions.

CATOCTIN ASSOCIATION OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN

Friday, July 24, 6:00 PM – Saturday, July 25, Noon

Grace United Church of Christ, 25 E 2nd St, Frederick

All youth going into 7-12th grades are invited! There is zero cost, and registration includes food and activities all night long, as well as a 2-hour service project on Saturday. There will be time to rest for those who don't wish to go all night. Planning and Leadership by Pastor Kirstin, Pastor Chance Martinez and Pastor Katie Pennick. Register at:
<https://erucc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/101/responses/new>



**CATOCTIN ASSOCIATION YOUTH
LOCK-IN**

GRADES 7-12

ADMISSION IS FREE!

Friday, July 24 – 6:00 PM – Saturday, July 25- Noon

Grace UCC 25 E 2nd St, Frederick, MD

Register at
<https://erucc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/101/responses/new>

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Sunday Morning Schedule

subject to change

8:30 – 9:15 AM	Early Worship , Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Coffee and Conversation , Kieffer Lobby
9:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Nursery Care
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Worship , Sanctuary and Online at www.erucc.org
11:30 AM	Fellowship , Downtown Community Room

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Ways to Give to Evangelical Reformed UCC

<p>WEBSITE www.erucc.org/give</p>  <p>one time or recurring gifts</p>	<p>MOBILE</p>  <p>Scan to give from your mobile device</p>	<p>CASH OR CHECK made payable to Evangelical Reformed UCC 15 W. Church St, Frederick MD 21701</p>  <p>offering plates are available in the rear of the sanctuary before and after worship</p>
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FREDERICK FRIENDS MEETING



Peace Potluck

*Reflecting on America's 250- year
promise of equality*

ALL ARE WELCOME!
BRING A DISH TO SHARE OR SOMETHING TO THROW ON THE
GRILL!

**JOIN US FOR FAMILY
FRIENDLY GAMES AND
ACTIVITIES**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

**250 Years of Friends
Witness for Peace
By Tom Farquhar**

-Distinguished educator and
historian & former head of
school at Sidwell Friends
School and Westtown School

**July 4th, 2026 at 1:30-4:30 PM
Frederick Friends Meeting
723 N Market St**

For more info:

<https://www.frederickfriends.org>

RSVP Appreciated:

annette.breiling@gmail.com



*"We hold these truths to be self-evident,
that all men are created equal, that they
are endowed by their Creator with
certain unalienable Rights, that among
these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of
Happiness."*

**Parking available on street or in the back
parking lot of Verbena Salon & Spa at 15 W
7th St. Enter via the gate to the Meeting
House backyard.**

*-Declaration of Peace (a work in
progress)*

IN HONOR OF PRIDE MONTH

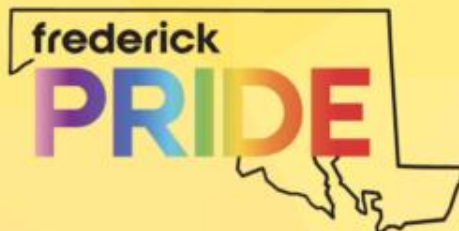
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Matthew 10:24-39

Daring Discipleship

What comes to mind when you hear the phrase “daring discipleship”? Do images of protesting, community organizing or letter writing campaigns to elected officials emerge?

While these qualify as daring acts of discipleship for the times we are living in, I feel I need to speak of a truth that doesn't get received warmly today. That is, not everyone is called to such acts of discipleship. And that's okay.

It's time for the children of God to stop judging other children of God for what they do and don't do. Remember what Paul said, the body has many parts. We all have different roles to play in the building of God's kingdom.

When Jesus asked his followers to take up the cross, what he was inviting us to do was to surrender completely our wants and wills, our desires and delights, our love of self and need for personal satisfaction, and replace it instead with a selfless love. This love is risky, costly and demanding for it will lead us to places we never thought we would go and introduce us to people we never thought we would ever associate with.

This path will look differently for each one of us. That friend who went quiet on social media is not condoning any wrongs. They are choosing to make this world better by retreating in prayer. How often do we forget in moments of crisis to first calmly give it over to the Lord?

How about that friend who refuses to attend a march? They have decided that for them showing the love of Christ means spending time in a home for disabled adults.

My friends, the cross that we are asked to pick up is the same, but we all have different ways of grabbing hold of it, and we all carry it at different paces and to different places.

In his reflection, “Risky Obedience,” Walter Brueggemann reminds us that when we follow Jesus into a “world of fear and threat and anger,” that sometimes we go as “willing followers” and other times as “reluctant followers, slow to get under way.”

But either way, we are all called to be “practitioners of Jesus' goodness, generosity and hospitality.”

May today we find ourselves being revived once again to be the daring disciples the world needs — and may we respect the many ways that discipleship is lived out.

God of justice and peace, we know this world is broken and needs our love. Help us to become those daring disciples who follow Jesus on a path of forgiveness and inclusion. As we do, keep us from judging others. May our eyes be fixed on You alone. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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