Dear Colleagues,

I trust you all are well as we move through the last weeks of the Easter season! I am writing some information that I hope you will integrate into your worship life next month.

If your church has Evangelical Synod and/or German Reformed roots, then I invite you to celebrate June 13th as **Heritage Sunday**. In June 1934 the Evangelical Synod and the Reformed Church joined to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Heritage Sunday is an opportunity to raise awareness of and appreciation for our historical roots and support the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society (ERHS) at the same time. ERHS is the repository of archival material from our churches, missions, clergy, publications and covenantal partners and has locations at Eden Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary.

The link will provide a liturgy that draws on three of the historical worship books for a service that is true to Evangelical and Reformed roots. General Prayers from the E&R Book of Worship are also included. All language has been updated (except for Trinitarian references). Feel free to check it out via the link below. You'll also find additional resources for your use. Link includes:

- Full liturgy (with scripture lessons, creed and sermon left open)
- A short video by General Minister and President John Dorhauer that can be included in digital services. (available May 15th)
- General Prayers
- Bulletin covers
- Bulletin inserts with information about ERHS
- Hymn Suggestions
- QR codes to include for easy donations
- Links to historical German Reformed, Evangelical Synod, and E&R worship books

Here's the link: https://erhistoricalsociety.org/erhs-heritage-sunday/

I hope you'll take this opportunity to celebrate our heritage. Other congregations rooted in the Evangelical and Reformed tradition across the denomination will be participating as well. Join in the celebration of our roots!

"*O God, giver of all good and fountain of all mercies…all glory, thanks and praise be to you for your unfailing goodness…for your mercies which are new every morning, fresh every moment, and more than we can number*." (E&R Worship Book, 1947)

Peace,

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