

**Emmanuel (Baust)
United Church
of Christ**

Service of the Word

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of Christ



1. Baptism and Leaving for the Wilderness

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist

Leader: The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

People: God has shown God's self to us.

Leader: The Son bows his head beneath the waters of the Jordan.

People: God has shown God's self to us.

Leader: Christ submits to John's baptism and frees us from slavery.

People: God has shown God's self to us.

Leader: God's love is seen to the end of the world.

People: God has shown God's self to us.

***Opening Hymn** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.**

***Invocation**

Pastor

***Prayer of Confession**

Pastor

ALL: O God, we hear your voice and we see the way of Jesus set before us. But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again to live up to our baptismal vows and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world. In repentance we ask you to forgive us. Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 1:1-5

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New Testament Lesson

Acts 19:1-7

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***Gospel Lesson**

Mark 1:4-11

Pastor

Time with Our Children

Pastor

Sermon Hymn

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

Green 241

Message

"The Meaning of Baptism"

Pastor Jeff

***Statement of Faith for Epiphany**

Liturgist

ALL: We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath. We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that he will come again. We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pastor

Our Lord's Prayer (Using debts)

The Offering of Our Gifts

Liturgist

Offertory

***Doxology**

Tune No. 779 NCH

**Praise God the source of life and breath;
Praise Christ, now born to conquer death;
Praise Holy Spirit's mystery:
One God, pure grace, who sets us free.**

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Liturgist

ALL: Faithful God, bless us in our baptismal calling to be in ministry of showing hospitality to others. We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used not for conquest and dominance, but for use in liberating the poor and hurting people who pray for our liberation as well as their own. Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"

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***Benediction**

Pastor

***Postlude**

* For those who are able, please stand.

1 Saget, Father George. Baptism and Leaving for the Wilderness, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58336> [retrieved December 28, 2020]. Original source: www.robertharding.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Week of January 10, 2021

***Whoever you are and wherever you are
on life's journey, you are welcome here!"***

We extend a warm welcome to each one in worship, whether a member, friend or guest with us today. If you are not currently on our church mailing list to receive the church newsletter and would like to be included, please let us know. Our church website is: ebucc.com

If you use email and would like to receive updated prayer concerns, Church information and announcements please send an email to: office@ebucc.com noting that we may include you in our electronic mailings which include our church newsletter. You may also contact Helen Miller at (410) 848-0923 with information for the bulletin or newsletter.

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pastor Jeff and Cathy. Happy New Year, Baust Church! It is a pleasure to serve you in 2021.

If you have **prayer requests** that you would like the pastor to mention during the Prayers of the People please email them by Saturday to pastor@ebucc.com.

Advent Bible Study will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6 p.m. in the Parsonage.

Altar Flower Orders for 2021: The new order forms for altar flowers for 2021 may be picked up at both church entrances.

Helen Miller continues to have problems receiving emails. Until further notice, please use:
whsowlalum64@yahoo.com

Baust Literary Society's January book selection is "*The Huntress*" by Kate Quinn. This historical fiction is set in the 1940s and 50s in the fallout of World War II. The Huntress follows three protagonists: a young aspiring photographer named Jordan McBride, a Nazi hunter and English journalist named Ian Graham, and a hardened former pilot named Nina Markova who was once part of the all-female bombing regiment known as the Night Witches. When Jordan's father marries a woman with a mysterious past, she begins diving deeper to search for the truth. What she does not know is that her step-mother's past holds more secrets than she originally thought. This story is a slow unfolding of how all three characters are intertwined with the Huntress.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Church Members

Shirley Ecker
Libby Hill
Betty Gross
Eddie Dutterer
Bernetta Arrington
Brent Grove
Sharon & Skeeter Dull

Norma Smith
Hank & Anna Dalley
Joan Wantz
Linda Dennis

Friends

Steve Miller
Cindy Williams
Alice Alpaugh
Ben Collins
Steve Ecker
Angela, Jim &
Bernice Ecker
Glenn Cates & Family

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