

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



1 Christ Appears to the Disciples at the Table after the Resurrection

Service of the Word

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Greeting**

Liturgist

Leader: Christ is Risen, and greets us with peace.

People: The peace of Christ is among us, indeed.

Leader: We are witnesses of God's glory and steadfast love.

People: The transforming love of Christ is among us, indeed!

Leader: Come, let us worship.

***Hymn** "Now the Green Blade Rises"

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

***Invocation**

Pastor

***Prayer for Our Humanity**

Pastor

Pastor: Ever-present God, forgive us when we stand in disbelief, and comfort us when our fears outweigh your peace. God, forgive us when we become too busy to pray. Help us when we fail to see our neighbors in need. Abiding God, forgive us when we are overwhelmed with bad news, and shut down completely.

ALL: In these times, remind us that we are called to be your love-lived, your faithful witnesses, and your humble servants. Help us to wake up to the work of love, and to your renewing strength each day, we pray. Amen.

***Silence**

***Words of Assurance**

Pastor

New Testament Lesson Acts 3:12-19

Liturgist

Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:1-7

Liturgist

***Gospel Lesson** Luke: 24:36b-48

Pastor

Time with Our Children

Sermon Hymn "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

Joy dawned again on Easter Day,
the sun shone out with bright array;
For when the Apostles hid in fear,
the Risen Christ to them appeared.

O Jesus, Savior, Gentle One,
come take our hearts to be your own,
That we may give you all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.

Sermon "The Open Mind"

Pastor Jeff

***Statement of Faith for Easter**

Liturgist

ALL: I believe in the God of Easter morning who awakes us from our darkest dreams and leads us into the light of a new day, who meets our pessimism with stunning hope of angelic proclamation. I believe in the God of

Easter Day who beats us to the obstacles in our lives and empties the dark tomb for us; who appears in surprising ways when we least expect it; walking with us on our detours. I believe in the God of Easter evening who breaks into our closets and prisons, bringing peace and crushing our fear. I believe in the risen Lord who meets us with wounds on his hands and feet; who grants us his spirit, sending us out to bring Shalom to the world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

Our Lord's Prayer (Using debts)

The Offering of Our Gifts

Liturgist

Offertory

***Doxology**

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Praise the Creator for each day,
thanks for our guide who leads the way;
Preparation. Meditation.
Bathe in discovery, Spirit led,
and live anew in days ahead.
In remembrance. Crucifixion.
Easter promise! Resurrection! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Liturgist

ALL: God of abundant love, we offer a portion of our time, spiritual gifts, and resources as a sign of our love for you and the world. O God, we give you our thanks for all that we have and ask a special blessing on these offerings. And God, we ask that our collective offering be an expression of healing, that brings hope to a hurting world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

"The Strife Is O'er"

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia!

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

* For those who are able, please stand.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Week of April 18, 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.

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.

Altar Flowers are given to are given to the Glory in Memory of Doris Rodkey birthday on April 2nd. Forever in our hearts. Until we meet again. Your Loving Family: Mike, Fern, Jane, Kristin and Heather.

Bible Study: Bible Study will resume on Thursday, April 22nd, at 6:00pm, in the Parsonage. We will be doing a four session study on "Getting to Know Jesus." Session one will explore what Jesus was like as an individual. In the second session we will examine what life was like when Jesus was alive. In the third session we will take a look at what the society was like when Jesus was preaching. In the final session, we will take a look at how the timeline from Abraham to the first century CE (AD) leads to the formation of the Christian Biblical narrative of the Christ. This should be both interesting and fun. We are open to comments and suggestions as we develop and explore how it is that the church has come to know Jesus.

Newsletter Articles for the May Parish Crier are due to Helen Miller, **TODAY.**

Altar flowers 2021 - The remaining unreserved dates for altar flowers for this year are: August 15 and 22, September 5, October 10, December 5 and 26. If you would like one of these dates, please contact Susan Hardinger (443-789-0142, shardinger@aol.com).

Special Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 25, after worship to vote on the Audio Video (AV) upgrade. It will be available in person or by Zoom.

The AV Upgrade is a sizable investment for our church. The total cost of the project is \$11,606. To date, we have received private donation commitments that will cover 50% of the projected cost. The company that submitted the bid, SystemSource, has agreed to honor the bid price.

Your Consistory and Pastor Jeff believe this will provide a long term benefit both to those members of our congregation that are unable to attend Sunday Service in person and to our future membership growth.

This is another step in planning for our church's future. Please help the church with your attendance in person or on Zoom April 25. Any questions about the upgrade should be directed to Mike Paxton at 410 241-5025 prior to April 25.

Mother's Day Bulletin: Honor your mother, grandmother, etc. by placing their name in the Mother's Day bulletin. Cost is \$1 for each name in honor of or in memory. They are due by May 2. Names can be given or called to Dotty Smith at (410) 756-2972 or Sandra Stonesifer at (410) 857-0416. They can also be emailed to whsowlalum64@yahoo.com. Checks should be made payable to Baust Aide Society and mailed to Sandy Stonesifer at 2016 Old Taneytown Rd, Westminster, Md 21158. If you are not able to attend church services and are unable to print one, contact Sandy Stonesifer and she will send you a copy.

Baust Literary Society: The group will meet to discuss, "*The Day the World Came to Town*," by Jim Defede on Tuesday, April 27th at 6 p.m. in the parsonage.

Baust Literary Society: The book selected for May is "*The Red Bandana*" by Tom Rinaldi. A Life A Choice A Legacy. He wasn't famous to the world but loved by his family. Little did they now how the events of 9/11 would change their lives. Read it, enjoy it, maybe be inspired.

Baust Literary Society: The book selected for June is "*Tuesday's Promise*" by Luis Carlos Montalvan. War affects warriors in a thousand different ways. As discovered so vividly, the battle back home can be the toughest one. With loyal Tuesday by his side, Luis teaches his fellow warriors the true meaning of friendship, support, struggle and love. We all need special allies, human and canine. Take a moment to understand this plague called PTSD and hopefully for a moment, allow you to see these apparitions, these ghosts of war.

Contact Information: We have prepared an updated "Baust Church Family and Friends Contact Information Listing - March 2021 edition." We will have hard copies for distribution at worship services and in-person meetings. If you would like to receive your copy electronically, please send an email to Susan Hardinger (shardinger@aol.com). This listing contains address and phone contact information that Baust members and friends have chosen to share.

SOCK Sale: We are excited to host our Spring book and clothing sale in April. Our sale may look a little different this year, but you will still have the same great shopping experience!

We will be offering the sale over two different weekends – April 23rd and 24th will be books only. April 30th and May 1st will be clothing only. We are moving this to two weekends to provide a safer distancing in the Parish House for our shoppers.

Donations of books and clothing will be accepted beginning April 1st. We ask that all books be dropped off by April 15th to allow for sorting and organizing. Any Spring and Summer clothing will need to be at the Parish House by April 28th for final sorting and display.

Thank you, Susie Lawrence and Dotty Smith

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Church Members

Shirley Ecker	Norma Smith
Libby Hill	Hank & Anna Dalley
Betty Gross	Joan Wantz
Bernetta Arrington	Linda Dennis
Brent Grove	Gloria Oxley
Nancy Edwards	Sharon & Skeeter Dull
Betty & Dan Heltibridle	

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