

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

Service of the Word

November 21, 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Reign of Christ



1. Sarcophagus of Drausin

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist

Leader: Say among the nations, The Lord reigns.

People: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

Leader: The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

People: God will judge the world with righteousness and truth.

Leader: So, let us worship God with praise and honor.

People: We will offer our thanks and praise for all that God has done.

***Hymn**

We Gather Together

Green 81

***Invocation**

Liturgist

God of Power and Possibility, in Jesus Christ, you have tipped the world upside down. You have revealed your strength through weakness and your power through his surrender to the Cross. The story of salvation you have told your people across the ages teaches us that nothing, no seemingly dead end or hopeless situation, can prevent your glory from shining forth. This day, we proclaim Jesus as Lord and offer you our love and loyalty. Turn the world upside down once more, so that your mercy prevails over those who would rule by force, and your truth triumphs over the world's deceptions. All honor and blessing be yours, Holy God, world without end. Amen.

***Prayer for Our Humanity**

Liturgist

ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the coming of your kingdom week by week, but we confess we're not exactly clear on what that means. Will you come to set things straight in the world? Will you come to judge us and show us where we've all gone wrong? Will you bring all things to an end, or will you offer us a new beginning? Jesus, forgive us when we mix up our own desires with your purposes for your people. Teach us how to live out your truth. Amen.

***Silence**

***Words of Assurance**

Liturgist

Remember the promise Apostle Paul declares: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God who loves us. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go." Amen.

***Song of Praise**

Give Thanks

Green 359

Hebrew Scripture

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Liturgist

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 1:4b-8

Liturgist

Anthem

***Gospel Lesson**

John 18:33-37

Rev. Esther Ziegler

Time with Our Children

Sermon Hymn

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Green 724

Sermon

"The Final Question"

Rev. Esther Ziegler

***A Statement of Faith**

Liturgist

ALL: We trust in God in the person of the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles inspires our faith and life in Christ, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls us to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without

ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for freedom, and peace.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Esther Ziegler

Our Lord's Prayer (Using debts)

The Offering of Our Gifts

Liturgist

Offertory

***Doxology:**

Black 780

**Praise God whose breath fills all the earth
Whose love reveals our sacred worth
Whose Spirit forms one family
Whose grace brings peace and harmony.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist

ALL: Almighty God, you rule in this world through your love. Receive our gifts as tokens of our love for you. Bless and multiply them through the power of the Spirit, so that they will spread your love in ways we have yet to imagine. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God

Green 14

***Benediction**

Rev. Esther Ziegler

***Choral Closing**

Go With Us, Lord

Green 747

***Postlude**

* For those who are able, please stand.

1. Sarcophagus of Drausin, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=49988> [retrieved October 25, 2021]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Sarcophage_de_Drausin_03.JPG.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Week of November 21, 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 the Glory of God by Jane and Susie in celebration of a great Baust fundraising event and with grateful appreciation to all who helped make the soup and sandwich sale a success. We had lots of help, wonderful fellowship and great support from our church family. We especially thank Carolyn for taking the lead on the sandwiches and we thank all who provided so much behind-the-scenes work. Thanks, Friends! *Susan*

Bible Study: Our Bible Study for Advent will begin on Thursday, 18 November, at 6:00 p.m., in the parsonage. This is a five-part series using the book, "*Awaiting the Already,*" by Magrey R. deVega. We will continue to meet on December 9, 16, and 30 as well as January 6. Our first lesson will be conducted by our eminent literary Robert Bickerton.

Choir Practice will be held on Sundays right after church. If you are comfortable with singing, come on out and join us!

December Newsletter: All items for the December newsletter are due to Helen Miller by **Wednesday, November 17th**. It is imperative that all articles be submitted timely as the editor will be out of town beginning November 24 thru November 28th and the newsletter must be out by December 1st.

The Literary Group book for November is "Ghost Fire " by Wilbur Smith. A story of tragedy, loss, betrayal, and courage. As siblings find their destinies converging, they realize that the vengeance and redemption both seek could cost them their lives. The next meeting is on November 23th at 6:00 p.m. in the parsonage.

The Literary Group book for December is "Mount Vernon Love Story" by Mary Higgins Clark. Synopsis: Charming, insightful and immensely entertaining in its unique presentation of one of America's legendary figures, Mount Vernon Love Story, by famed suspense writer Mary Higgins Clark, shows the reader the man behind the legend, a man of flesh, blood and passion, and in the author's skilled hands, the story and man come fully and dramatically alive.

Sunday, November 28th will be Harvest Home Sunday and Congregational Meeting. We were blessed with a bountiful harvest thanks to plenty of rain and sunshine. Let us give back to those who are struggling for various reasons by bringing canned goods that Sunday. They will be given to C.C. Food Sunday in Taneytown. Our speaker that Sunday will be Lynda Gainor from Taneytown Caring and Sharing who will update us on the work they are doing for those in need in Taneytown.

Poinsettias for Sale: Once again the church is offering poinsettias for sale to be used to decorate the sanctuary and your home. Order forms are available at both church entrances.

Bakers Needed: We will be making Christmas cookies and fudge for our fundraiser. If you would like to join the Baust Church Bakers, please let Jane or Susie know. We would love to have lots of volunteers. An order form is at both church entrances.

Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards: During the month of November, Bob Miller will be taking orders for Texas Roadhouse gift cards. These make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers and can be redeemed at any Texas Roadhouse location. They can be for any amount in multiples of \$5.

Altar Flowers for 2022: Altar flower forms are at both church entrances.

PLEASE NOTE: The church's email address is up and ready for your usage. Please send all announcements to: office@ebucc.com

Our Minister today is Rev. Esther Ziegler. Below is a short biography on Rev. Ziegler. Rev. Esther Ziegler spent most of her life in central Pennsylvania before moving to Frederick, Maryland in February of 2000 with her husband Bob. She is a graduate of The Reading Hospital School of Nursing, Lebanon Valley College, and Lancaster Theological Seminary. She was ordained in 1983 in the Church of the Brethren but her ordained standing has been in the United Church of Christ since 1991. In 1994 she was certified by the College of Chaplains as a Board-Certified Chaplain. She served as chaplain at The Brethren Home at Cross Keys, near Hanover PA, and The Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon PA before moving to Frederick. Here in Maryland she served as Pastor of Mt. Tabor Church in Rocky Ridge, as Associate Pastor of Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ in Frederick, and as Chaplain of Homewood at Frederick. She has been retired since 2013 and currently lives with her husband Bob in The Lodge at Homewood at Frederick.

Reverse Advent Calendar

For the last several years, EBUCC has participated in a Reverse Advent Calendar for the needy. On the reverse of this page is a list of the items for the boxes of food.

Congregational Meeting, November 28th

Also included in the bulletin is the proposed budget for 2022 and the members who have agreed to serve on the Consistory for 2022-2023. The Nominating Committee is for 2022 is Kathy Cromwell, Cindy Osborne, and James Stonesifer.

BAUST UCC REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day of December add listed item into a box. On Christmas Eve bring your box to church and place in the Good Shepard room. The boxes of food will be donated to Carroll County Food Sunday or another local food bank depending on need. If you are not able to do the shopping, we will gladly take donations of any amount and we will do the shopping.

- December 1 – Box of Cereal
- December 2 – Jar of Peanut butter
- December 3 – Box of Stuffing mix
- December 4 – Box of instant potatoes
- December 5 – Box of Macaroni and cheese
- December 6 – Can of fruit
- December 7 – Can of tomatoes
- December 8 – Can of tuna
- December 9 – Dessert mix
- December 10 – Jar of applesauce
- December 11 – Can of sweet potatoes
- December 12 – Can of cranberry sauce
- December 13 – Can of beans
- December 14 – Box of crackers
- December 15 – Box/bag of rice
- December 16 – Box of oatmeal
- December 17 – Box of pasta
- December 18 – Jar of spaghetti sauce
- December 19 – Can chicken noodle soup
- December 20 – Can of tomato soup
- December 21 – Can of corn
- December 22 – Can of mixed vegetables
- December 23 – Can of carrots
- December 24 – Can of green beans

If you cannot bring your box on Christmas Eve you can bring it any time before Sunday, January 9th 2022. Thank you for your support!

Contact Beth Raver with questions. 717-965-7019 or
ravers.mail@gmail.com

HOMEWOOD AT PLUM CREEK CHRISTMAS REQUEST

Plum Creek will be accepting Christmas cards, unscented body lotion and Kleenex this holiday season for our residents in our skilled care and personal care areas. Any donation of these items would be welcome and greatly appreciated.

Sharon Dull is our Plum Creek representative and she will deliver these items to the home. If you would like to participate in this request, please bring your donations to church and give them to Sharon by December 5th. She will deliver the items to Plum Creek by December 10th. Please see Sharon for further information if needed.

Thanks to all for the thoughtful cards we received from our church family during our surgery and out-patient stays.

*HAPPY THANKSGIVING – Much to be grateful about! **Joyce & Bob Harrison***

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Church Members

Shirley Ecker	Joan Wantz
Libby Hill	Madison Barnes
Hank & Anna Dalley	Linda Dennis
Betty Gross	Gloria Oxley
Helen Miller	Skeeter Dull
Brent Grove	Nancy Edwards
Betty & Dan Heltibridle	
Joyce and Bob Harrison	

Friends

Cindy Williams
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Kathy Koster
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