

*Emmanuel (Baust)
United Church of Christ*



Service of the Word

January 9, 2022

First Sunday after Epiphany

The Baptism of Christ

1 Baptism of Jesus

Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Greeting**

Liturgist

Leader: Sisters and brothers, today we recall: Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

People: In baptism, our Creator claims us and frees us from the power of hatred and death.

Leader: In baptism we are joined to Christ and we are joined together in unity, recalling

People: "There is no longer Jew or Greek there is no longer slave or free there is no longer male or female for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Leader: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry and makes us signs of divine love. It is the mark of acceptance into the church and the beginning of our growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

People: Therefore on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ, remembers and celebrates.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***Hymn** How Firm a Foundation vs 1, 3, 5

Green 411

***Prayer of Invocation**

Pastor

Hebrew Scripture	Isaiah 43:1-7	Liturgist
New Testament Lesson	Acts 8:14-17	Liturgist
*Gospel Lesson	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Pastor
Time with Our Children		
Sermon Hymn	On Jordan's Bank	Green 156
Sermon	"Expectation"	Pastor Jeff
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor
The Offering of Our Gifts		Liturgist
Offertory		
*Doxology	Sung to the tune Brightest and Best	Green 235
	Praise God, the Source of life and birth.	
	Praise God, the Word, who came to earth.	
	Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame.	
	All glory, honor to God's holy name!	
*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)		Liturgist
ALL: God our Maker, we bring our gifts to you in thanksgiving for your gifts to us in Christ and in creation. Bless what we bring and who we are, so that our gifts will bless the world you love in Christ's name. Amen.		
*Closing Hymn	Go, My Children	Green 719
*Benediction		
*Choral Closing	Amen	Green 744
*Postlude		

* For those who are able, please stand.

1 Bazile, Castera. Baptism of Jesus, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54305> [retrieved December 27, 2021]. Original source: <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:PortAuPrinceMural.jpg>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Week of January 9, 2022

“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 Sue Robinson in celebration of Dave Robinson's birthday.

Altar Flowers: There are unreserved dates within the next several months for altar flowers. Let Susan Hardinger know if you want one of these open dates: January 23 and 30, February 6 and 13, March 6 and 27, and April 24.

2022 Giving Envelopes: Your giving envelopes for 2022 are on the front pew by the handicapped entrance. Please remember to pick them up.

Lunch Group: Lunch Group is cancelled for today. It will be rescheduled for February 6th.

The Literary Group book for December was “*Mount Vernon Love Story*” by Mary Higgins Clark. The group will meet to discuss the book on Tuesday, January 11 at 6 p.m. in the parsonage.

The Literary Group book for January 2022 is “*Chasing Fireflies*” by Charles Martin. On a stifling summer day, an old Chevy Impala ignored the warning signals and was annihilated by the oncoming train. What no one realized until much later was that the driver had paused just before entering the tracks and kicked a small

boy out of the car. A small boy with broken glasses who is clutching a notebook with all his might . . . but who never speaks. Chase Walker was one of the lucky ones. He was in foster care as a child, but he finally ended up with a family who loved him and cared for him. Now, as a journalist for the local paper, he's moved on and put the past behind him. But when he's assigned the story of this young boy, painful, haunting questions about his own childhood begin to rise to the surface. And as Chase Walker discovers, learning the truth about who you are can be as elusive—and as magical—as chasing fireflies on a summer night. The group will meet to discuss the book on January 25 at 6 p.m. in the parsonage.

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

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