

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



*Mary, Mother of Jesus*

*Service of the Word*

*May 8, 2022*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Mother's Day*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Liturgist

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist

Leader: Along with all those in heaven, let us cry out together:

**People: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

Leader: Along with the redeemed, let us praise God with joyful hearts:

**People: For this reason we come before the throne of God and worship the Lord day and night.**

Leader: Called together by the Holy Spirit, let us rejoice and sing:

**People: We will hunger and thirst no more. The Lamb will guide us to springs of the water of life. Let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign

Green 341

**\*Invocation**

**\*Prayer for Our Humanity**

Pastor

**ALL: Merciful God, we confess we stray from your ways like lost sheep. We follow the desires of our own hearts, ignoring the needs of others. We judge ourselves more generously than others. We fail to offer others the forgiveness we seek from you. We nurse grudges and cling to our own opinions. Forgive the ways we betray your love, and return us to your paths of truth and mercy. Amen.**

<b>*Words of Assurance</b>		Pastor
<b>*We Sing Our Praise</b>	Be Still and Know (vs 1)	Green 450
<b>New Testament Lesson</b>	Acts 9:36-43	Liturgist
<b>Epistle Lesson</b>	Revelation 7:9-17	Liturgist
<b>*Gospel Lesson</b>	John 10:22-30	Pastor
<b>Anthem</b>		Choir
<b>Time With Our Children</b>		
<b>Sermon Hymn</b>	He Leadeth Me	Green 499
<b>Sermon</b>	"Another Awkward Situation"	Pastor Jeff
<b>*The Earliest Christian Creed</b>		Liturgist

A Redaction of I Corinthians 15:3-8

**ALL: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, he was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time. He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to Paul. Amen.**

<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Pastor
<b>Our Lord's Prayer</b> (Using debts)	
<b>The Offering of Our Gifts</b>	Liturgist
<b>Offertory</b>	

**Doxology:** (Sung to "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"  
NCH No.27)

**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**

Liturgist

**All: Generous God, thank you for all we have received from you in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we bring and use them in the service of your reign of justice and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Guide. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Green 358

**\*Benediction**

Pastor

**\*Choral Closing** God be with You (vs 1)

Green 716

**\*Postlude**

\* For those who are able, please stand.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION**

**Week of May 8, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@ebucc.com).

**Announcement from the Pastor:** Pastor Jeff has announced his retirement from Pastoral Ministry. The last Sunday that he and Cathy will worship with us will be September 25, 2022. Consistory is in the process of forming a Search Committee. Please contact Consistory President, Jim Stonesifer at (410) 751-1999 if you would like to be considered to serve on this Committee.

**Altar flowers:** The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Pastor Jeff in honor of Doris Dull, Claire Krieg and Cathy Dull.

**Adult Discussion Group:** The Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room each Sunday. Discussion on each topic lasts about two sessions. Our next topic deals with the LGBTQQIP2SAA community and its acceptance in congregations like our own. See you there!

**June Newsletter Articles:** All articles for the June newsletter are due to Helen Miller on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Altar flowers:** There are still a few open dates for 2022: May 22, August 14 and 28, September 4, October 23 and 30, November 20, December 11 and 25. Let Susan Hardinger know if you would like to reserve some of these open dates to honor, remember or celebrate something or someone special!

**Choir Rehearsal:** Choir rehearsal will be held after worship this morning.

**Bible Study:** Group will meet on May 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the parsonage. This Bible study will be in commemoration of Mother's Day and is entitled, "*The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak: Lessons on Faith from Nine Biblical Families,*" by Shannon Bream. Come on out and join us in this current and informative study.

**Mature Christian Luncheon:** Will be held on Thursday, May 19, at 12 noon in the Parish House. Please contact Bob Fisher at (410) 404-4354 if you are planning to attend. Invite your friends and neighbors to join in this fellowship.

**Baust Literary Group:** The selection for May is "*East of Eden*" by John Steinbeck - In his journal, Nobel Prize winner John Steinbeck called *East of Eden* "the first book," and indeed it has the primordial power and simplicity of myth. Set in the rich farmland of California's Salinas Valley, this sprawling and often brutal novel follows the intertwined destinies of two families—the Trasks and the Hamiltons—whose generations helplessly reenact the fall of Adam and Eve and the poisonous rivalry of Cain and Abel.

**Baust Literary Group:** The American novelist, Noah Gordon, who died recently in 2021 at the age of 95, has published numerous well researched historical novels. Among his works is "*The Cole Trilogy: "The Physician", "The Shaman", and "Matters of Choice."*" His historical novels are so well researched that the Society of American Historians awarded him the James Fenimore Cooper Prize, naming Shaman best historical novel of 1991-1992. Our selection for June is a shorter but action packed novel entitled, "*The Last Jew.*" It is set in 15th and 16th century Spain during the death-grip of the Spanish Inquisition. It is a story about a young Jew, Yonah Toledano, as he struggles to both stay alive and remain a Jew in a time when the Church and the Crown are trying desperately to rid Spain of all Jews, one way or another. "*The Last Jew*" won the Que Leer Prize in Spain and the Giovanni Boccavvio Literary Prize in Italy. This book is a great introduction to the novels of Noah Gordon.

**Ukraine Relief:** As part of our discussion group and on the minds of many, we are looking for ways to send aid to Ukrainians. We have researched organizations that are using the funds directly to assist with the needs of so many families that are either still in Ukraine or have sheltered in nearby countries. A handout is provided with some of the organizations that we have researched as well as a - couple of recommendations noted. In addition, phone numbers and addresses are included if you would like further information. Donations can be given to the church using the envelopes provided – please be sure to mark Ukraine Relief Fund on your checks. Envelopes and information sheets are available at the entrances to the church.

**Stewardship:** We are still collecting for the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. This year's theme is ***Love Remains***, based on 1 Corinthians 13. Thank you for your continued faithfulness in supporting those who need resources and assistance to recover their lives following disasters. Your generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing allow the United Christ of Christ to put love into action, ensuring the ***Love Remains***. Envelopes for your donations are at both entrances.

**Carroll Singers Spring Concert: "Let There Be Music":** The concert will be held in Westminster High School Auditorium Monday, June 6th and Tuesday, June 7th at 7:30 p.m. Advance Tickets See Carolyn Dutterer. Adults \$12 (\$15 at the door) and Students \$7(\$9 at the door)

**Baust Cemetery Board Field of Flags:** It is time again for our "Field of Flags" for Memorial Day on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Submit the name of the veteran in honor or in memory of along with the \$5 donation for each flag you request. We will be placing the flags in front of the church on the terraces of the lawn on Friday, May 27. This has pleasantly become a tradition that the Cemetery Board is proud to carry on. We hope to continue the trend of growing the number of flags displayed each year. We thank you in advance in helping the Cemetery Board to honor and remember all the veterans for their service to our country. All funds raised will be used for the mowing and maintenance of the cemetery. To sponsor a flag, contact Dotty Smith at 443-974-3251 or Bob Miller at 443-789-7035. A pamphlet will be prepared with a list of the servicemen and women.

## **PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

### **CHURCH MEMBERS**

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