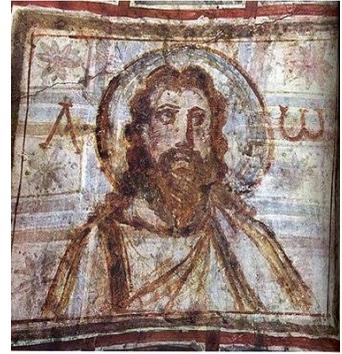


Emmanuel (Baust)
United Church of Christ

Service of the Word

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter



1 Christ with Beard

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist

Leader: Celebrate our God, from the plains to the mountains!

People: Celebrate our God, from the waters and hills.

Leader: Sing to our God who designed creation.

People: Fill the air with song to the One who painted the world with love.

Leader: Let us praise our God, the author of grace.

People: Let us worship our God, the composer of joy.

***Opening Hymn** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Green 698

***Invocation**

***Prayer for Our Humanity**

Pastor

ALL: God of Awe and Harmony, we were given the great commandment to love one another the way you, the Christ, the Spirit loves us. And yet, the way we love becomes conditional. What events have distorted our view of Divine Love? How can we return to a simple but radical way of loving? Transform our hearts as we work to understand one another, creating an earth which reflects God's heaven. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Pastor

***We Sing Our Praise** Alleluia (vs 2)

Green 316

New Testament Lesson	Acts 11:1-18	Liturgist
Epistle Lesson	Revelation 21:1-6	Liturgist
*Gospel Lesson	John 13:31-35	Pastor
Anthem		Choir
Time With Our Children		
Sermon Hymn	Here, Oh My Lord, I See you Face to Face (vs. 1, 3, 5)	Black 336
Sermon	"Lots of New Stuff"	Pastor Jeff
*The Earliest Christian Creed		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.

Prayers of the People Pastor

Our Lord's Prayer (Using debts)

The Offering of Our Gifts Liturgist

Offertory

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: Loving God, Holy Vessel of Kindness, we glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** Soon and Very Soon

Green 523

***Benediction**

Pastor

***Postlude**

* For those who are able, please stand.

1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Christ_with_beard.jpg

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Week of May 15, 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: Today the altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jane and Mike Rodkey, honoring their 37th wedding anniversary - and celebrating that they still like each other - with wishes and prayers for many, many more loving anniversaries to come!

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!

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.

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

Bible Study: Group will meet on May 19 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.

Search Committee: After completing a successful review with the Associate Conference Minister, Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice, on May 1st to receive the latest updates on the Search & Call process and to introduce the committee members, the Search Committee will have its kickoff meeting on Monday, May 16th @ 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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's 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.

The Sunday Brunch Group: The group will be lunching together on Sunday, June 5th at Rube's Crab Shack located at 17308 N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. The reservations are between 12 – 12:30 p.m. The phone number is (301) 447-4116. RSVP to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C) or KathleenCromwell@comcast.net

Carroll Singers Spring Concert - "Let There Be Music": The concert will be held at Westminster High School Auditorium Monday, June 6th and Tuesday, June 7th at 7:30 p.m. For advance Tickets, please 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 29th. 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.

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