

Emmanuel (Baust)
United Church of Christ

Service of the Word

September 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus and the Lost Sheep

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist

Leader: Lord God, you feel what we feel.

People: Our joys and our pains are yours too.

Leader: Divine Healer, you delight in our wholeness.

People: You are the balm for our heavy-laden hearts and souls.

Leader: Giver of life, you are able to renew us

People: We open ourselves to you, have your way within us.

***Opening Hymn** Be Thou My Vision

Green 502

***Invocation**

***Prayer for Our Humanity**

Pastor

ALL: Source of Wholeness, we confess that sometimes our goals don't align with yours, and we get lost. At times, we have pursued power, knowledge, and wealth instead of you, who are the source of all. We know that you are the balm we need, and we turn ourselves towards you. You are steadfast in your love for us. Help us to be the same, help us to be a balm to others as you are to us. Amen.

*** Silence**

***Words of Assurance**

Pastor

***We Sing Our Praise** We Will Glorify (vs. 3) Green 337

Hebrew Scripture Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Liturgist

Psalms Psalm 113 Liturgist

Epistle Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Liturgist

Anthem Choir

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 16:1-13 Pastor

Time With Our Youth

Sermon Hymn There is a Balm in Gilead Green 631

Sermon Pastor Jeff

***The Apostle's Creed** Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People Pastor

Our Lord's Prayer (using debts)

The Offering of Our Gifts Liturgist

Offertory

***Doxology** Tune Black 43

**Wind of God, dynamic Spirit,
breathe upon our hearts today;
that we may your power inherit
hear us, Spirit, as we pray:
fill the vacuum that enslaves us**

**emptiness of heart and soul;
and, through Jesus Christ who saves us
give us life and make us whole.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist

All: Steadfast One, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them. Thank you that we have an abundance of resources to share so that every need is met. May we always give from wide open hearts, and may what we give, be used to bring a balm to those in need. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Green 405

***Benediction**

Pastor

***Choral Closing**

Amen

Green 746

***Postlude**

* For those who are able, please stand.

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Week of September 18, 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: Flowers on the altar and piano are given to the Glory of God in celebration and honor of Pastor Jeff and Cathy. With thankful hearts, from the Paxton and Kallay families and all of your Baust Church **Forever** Family. Best wishes as you embark on the next chapter of your lives.

Newsletter: All articles for the October newsletter are due to Helen Miller by **TODAY.**

Choir Rehearsal: The choir will rehearse each Sunday immediately following church in the choir room. Also, the choir will warm-up each Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the choir room.

For this coming week....no choir after church due to the lunch and we will warm-up on Sunday, Sept 25 at 9 am in the choir room.

Bible Study: Beginning now and continuing through the end of September our Bible Study Group will be looking at the Revised Common Lectionary scriptures for each Sunday. On the Thursday before we will study the lectionary scriptures that are presented for the following Sunday. A list of scriptures can be obtained from Pastor Jeff. Come on out to the parsonage on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for a great time of study and fellowship.

Monthly Lunch Group: The Monthly Lunch group will meet, following worship, on Sunday, October 2 at 12:30 p.m. at the Carriage House Inn in Emmitsburg. The address is 200 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Md. Carriage House Phone Number: 301-447-2366. Website: www.carriagehouseinn.info
RSVP to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C)
or KathleenCromwell@comcast.net

Adult Discussion Group: The Sunday Morning Discussion Group will begin this season's gatherings on Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room. All are invited. Bring some ideas of good, current topics that you would like to talk about!

Baust Literary Group: The September book is "*A Place Called Freedom*" by Ken Follett. Scotland, 1766. Sentenced to a life of misery in the brutal coal mines, twenty-one-year-old Mack McAsh hungers for escape. His only ally: the beautiful, highborn Lizzie Hallim, who is trapped in her own kind of hell. Though separated by politics and position, these two restless young people are bound by their passionate search for a place called freedom. From the teeming streets of London to the infernal hold of a slave ship to a sprawling Virginia plantation. The group will meet to discuss this book on September 27 at 6 p.m. in the parsonage.

Baust Literary Group: The October book is, "*The Rose Code*" by Kate Quinn. It is a book about three female code breakers – Osla, Mab, and Beth, at Bletchley Park during WWII. The women form a friendship (and a book club) over the years, but a betrayal and traitor among their colleagues lands one of them locked up in an asylum in the years after the war. But through a letter carefully

smuggled out, she's able to issue a cry for help from her confinement. This is a story of their friendship, their work, their disappointments and triumphs.

Neighbors in Need (NIN)

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 2, and promote during September, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental Justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCCs Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hock in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska.

Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

In September, we'll be sharing some stories related to the donations given to NIN. Thank you for giving to this UCC special offering. Envelopes for this special offering are at both church entrances.

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