

EMMANUEL (BAUST)
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of Word

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Guest Speaker: Rev. Jerry Fuss

L =Leader P = People

**For those who are able, please stand.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist

L: The Lord is our light and salvation.

P: We will not be afraid.

L: Behold the beauty of the Lord!

P: God will shelter us on any day of trouble and set us high upon a rock.

L: Let God's people shout for joy!

P: For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.

L: Come and worship in unity and love; let us rejoice together!

***Hymn** Jesus Call Us o'er the Tumult

Green No. 345

***Prayer for Our Humanity**

L: Gracious God, You shepherd us by still waters and guide us along paths of justice and peace. You send your comfort and courage to relieve our tears and fears in the shadows of death. We offer our praise in love and loyalty for you are always with us.

P: Merciful God, you call us to follow your way of compassion but too often we criticize each other. You call us to follow your way of peace but too often we remain divided. You call us to trust you but too often

our fears and doubts overwhelm us. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen our commitment to follow your ways. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

L: God calls to us in love and forgiveness, and welcomes us in with a warm embrace. Hear the good news of the Gospel. Rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven, and be at peace with God, yourself and with each other.

***Song of Praise** Emmanuel, Emmanuel Green No. 178

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

Scripture Isaiah 9:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Liturgist

Anthem

***Gospel** Matthew 4:12-23 Liturgist

Sermon Hymn In Christ There Is No East or West Green No. 603
(vs 1,2,4,5)

Sermon Take My Life and Let it Be...? Pastor Fuss

***Statement of Faith**

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship You. Amen.

Prayers of the People Pastor Fuss

Our Lord's Prayer (using debts)

The Offering of Our Gifts

Liturgist

Offertory

***Doxology** We Give You but Your Own

Black No. 785

***Prayer of Dedication**

L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

P: God of the fishers who first followed Jesus, you have called us to follow and here we are. We offer what we have and ask you to bless our gifts. Give us the courage we need to invite others to join us in following Jesus, our friend and savior. Amen.

Installation of Church Officers

Pastor

Greeting and Introduction

Presentation of Church Officers

President: Jim Stonesifer

Vice President: Bob Dougherty

Secretary: Susan Hardinger

Treasurer: Carolyn Dutterer

Youth Representative: Michael Wilt

Covenant Affirmation

***Congregation: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

Prayer

Declaration of Installation and Greeting

***Closing Hymn** O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

Black No. 503

***Benediction**

Pastor Fuss

L: Go into the world to live out the gift of unity in Christ, eager to serve and open to learn from the Christ who calls us and sets us free. May the love of God, the peace of Christ and unity in the Holy Spirit be yours now and always. Amen

Postlude

Week of January 22, 2023

**“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.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Gerald “Jerry” Fuss is a retired pastor of the UCC ordained in 1973. Having been EBUCC pastor for sixteen years, his ministries also included Chaplain at Hoffman Homes for Youth, pastor of Grace UCC, Taneytown, and pastor of St. John’s UCC, Middlebrook, Va. Jerry and his wife, Libby, have two married sons and two granddaughters. In Carroll County, Jerry was actively involved in various community groups serving human needs including health and mental health care services, responding to food needs, and public transportation. Jerry and Libby live in a cottage at Homewood in Frederick where they are involved in musical groups and other activities of interest there.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor and celebration of Ivy Dale Eccleston and Simone Alexandra Staubs. Happy Birthday to you, Ivy and Simone, from your Family!

Altar Flowers: There are many open weeks for altar flowers for 2023. Consider celebrating, honoring or remembering someone or something important and special to you by sponsoring flowers for our altar on one of these open weeks of 2023. We will arrange for delivery of fresh flower bouquets from Cutting Garden or you may bring your own flowers. See Susan Hardinger to reserve your dates. There are updated order forms at each entrance.

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

Bible Study: Come on out to the parsonage on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for a great time of Bible study and fellowship. Study and discussion will be on the next week's scripture shown at the end of the announcements in the bulletin this week.

Adult Discussion Group: We are currently meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Good Shepherd Room and welcome anyone who would like to join us! We are discussing a series, "Fear of the Other." In this no non-sense book, reliable spiritual guide, Will Willimon, invites readers to consider the gospel command to love (and not merely tolerate) those considered to be "Other" or outside mainstream Christian culture. If you would like a discussion book, please let Susan Hardinger or Susie Lawrence know.

Baust Literary Group: The Literary Group is reading *One Good Deed* by David Baldacci for January. This is a fast-paced thriller with Archer, a World War II vet, forced to investigate a small-town murder or risk returning to prison. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the parsonage.

Baust Literary Group: The February pick for the Baust Book Group is *The Notebook*, by Nicholas Sparks. Every so often a love story so captures our hearts that it becomes more than a story -- it becomes an experience to remember forever. *The Notebook* is such a book. It is a celebration of how passion can be ageless and timeless, a tale that moves us to laughter and tears and makes us believe in true love all over again.

First Sunday of the Month Lunch:

Date: Sunday, February 5, 2023

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: The Stables at Westminster

Address: 452 E Main Street, Westminster MD 21157

Website: www.thestablesatwestminster.net

Stables' Phone: 410-840-8181

RSVP by 2/4/2023 to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C) or KathleenCromwell@comcast.net

Consistory Meeting: The regular Consistory meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7th in the parsonage at 6:30 p.m.

Newsletter Articles: Newsletter articles are due to Helen at office@ebucc.com by today, January 22nd.

January 29th Guest Speaker: Pastor Andy Hood

January 29th Scriptures: The scriptures for 1/29/23 are chosen by the speaker to fit his sermon topic and will not follow the revised common lectionary for this week.

Genesis 12:1-4

Isaiah 49: 3-6

Matthew 25: 31-40

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Church Members

Shirley Ecker

Libby Hill

Anna Dalley

Betty Gross

Skeeter Dull

Sue Bloom

Dan & Betty Heltibridle

Nancy Edwards

Bob Miller

Joan Wantz

Linda Goodwin

Linda Dennis

Gloria Oxley

Brent Grove

Carl Bloom

Sandy Stonesifer

Marge Barnes

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