

EMMANUEL (BAUST)
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of Word

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

Guest Speaker: Rev. Andy Hood

L =Leader P = People

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist

L: God's Truth opens our eyes on the world.

P: God's Spirit shatters our prejudice.

L: God's Truth nourishes our hearts.

P: God's Spirit encourages us in the face of fear.

L: God's Truth frees us from past mistakes and misunderstanding.

P: God's Spirit moves us to find new purpose in life.

L: So let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

***Hymn**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Green No. 501

***Prayer for Our Humanity**

L: Creator, Christ and Spirit you provide what we need to live, from the bounty of creation. God of mercy, you know us through and through and you love us. God of hope, you have an everlasting purpose for us. God of wisdom, you open our minds and teach and guide us. So we come to worship you, Source of Wisdom, Son of Mercy, Spirit of Hope, offering you our prayers and our praise, trusting you to offer us the gifts we need to thrive and to serve you in the world you love.

P: We are not proud of all you hear in our thoughts and prayers.

We complain when we want things to change but don't know what to

do. We justify ourselves when you call us to change but we don't want to. We blame others when things change and upset our expectations. Forgive us, God, when we are not listening for you.

***Words of Assurance**

Pastor Hood

***Song of Praise** Thou Art Worthy

Green No. 126

Thou art worthy, thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor,
Glory and honor and power;

For thou hast created, hast all things created,
Thou hast created all things,
And for thy pleasure they are created;
For thou art worthy, O Lord!

Scripture

Exodus 17: 1-7
Romans 5: 1-11

Liturgist

Anthem

***Gospel** John 4: 5-42

Pastor Hood

Sermon Hymn I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Black No. 489

Sermon The Cross: What Does It Mean to You?

Pastor Hood

***Statement of Faith**

P: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was

buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pastor Hood

Our Lord's Prayer (using debts)

The Offering of Our Gifts

Liturgist

Offertory

***Doxology** (Words to the Doxology Tune)

Praise God through-out these For-ty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spir-it who im-parts
God's love in Christ in-to our hearts. A-men.

***Prayer of Dedication**

L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

P: Loving God, with our gifts we offer you our very selves, knowing you receive us as we are. Bless all that we have to offer, so that we may become gifts to those who encounter us through the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Shall We Gather at the River

Green No. 522

***Benediction**

Pastor Hood

Postlude

Week of March 12, 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: Pastor Andy Hood lives in Keymar with his wife, Bev, and they've been married 38 years. They have three children and three granddaughters. Andy became an ordained minister through Christian Global Outreach Ministries four years ago. He and Bev started His Word Ministries six years ago along with several friends who share their love for music. The ministry travels to churches and groups to spread the Gospel through music and the Word. Andy and Bev have also been involved in global missions work for over twenty years.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving remembrance of William Jacob Maus by Daughter Joyce and Family.

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: The Bible Study Group meets Thursday evenings at 6:00 in the parsonage. For Lent we are using the six-week series entitled *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine. We will utilize a video and lessons from her study guide each week. The bystanders, the other victims, the soldier, John, the women, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus each have a chapter devoted to their influence on the Gospels. Contact Betty Stonesifer at 410-751-1999 to get a student’s book.

Baust Literary Group: The Literary Group will be reading two books for March. The first book is *The Law of Innocence* by Michael Connelly which is a heart-stopping thriller, one of the best of the last decade. In this high stakes case Micky fights for his life and proves why he is in the front of the pack in the legal thriller game. The second book is *The Wine Maker* by Noah Gordon. The second son of a vineyard owner builds a life for himself, but a dangerous plot threatens it all.

Baust Literary Group: The book for April is *The Last Kingdom* by Bernard Cornwall. This is the exciting story of the making of England in the 9th and 10th centuries, the years in which King Alfred The Great, his son, and grandson defeated the Danish Vikings who had invaded and occupied three of England's four kingdoms.

Soup and Sandwich Sale: A Soup & Sandwich Sale has been planned. Pick up will be Sat. March 25 from 12-3 p.m. We will be taking orders for Beef Vegetable, Chicken Corn Noodle Soup, and Creamy Potato Soup. Sandwiches will be Ham & Cheese, Chicken Salad and Roast Beef. Soup is \$8. a quart, ham & cheese sandwiches \$4. each and Roast Beef & Chicken Salad \$5. each. Order forms are available at each entrance. Pre-orders only by March 17 to Sandy at 410 857-0416 or sandys46@netscape.com. Soup is served hot and sandwiches are cold. All are homemade.

Deacons Meeting: The Deacons will meet on Saturday, March 18, for a property walk-through. Contact Mike Rodkey for details.

Church Workday: The church work day is scheduled for April 1 beginning at 8:30 am. Please hold that date open to help.

Reports Due: Church organizations need to submit their reports of 2022 activities to the church office by April 1 for the Annual Report of Baust Church.

Flowers: Here are the open dates for altar flowers for the rest of the year: April 2, April 9, April 30, June 4, June 11, July 2, July 23, August 27, September 3, September 10, October 1, November 5, November 26, December 31. Let Susan Hardinger know if you'd like to reserve a Sunday or two!"

March 19th Guest Speaker: Rev. Herb Ruby III

March 19th Scriptures:

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 51:1-9

John 9:1-41

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Church Members

Shirley Ecker

Libby Hill

Anna Dalley

Betty Gross

Skeeter Dull

Sue Bloom

Dan & Betty Heltibridle

Nancy Edwards

Joan Wantz

Linda Goodwin

Linda Dennis

Gloria Oxley

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