

*EMMANUEL (BAUST)*  
*UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST*

*Service of Word*

*September 17, 2023*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Guest Speaker: Rev. Dan Ceary*

*L = Leader      P = People*

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Liturgist

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Praise the Lord.

**P: Let us praise God together.**

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love;

**P: as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins.**

L: So let us rejoice in God's gracious presence.

**P: Let us praise the God of mercy together.**

**\*Hymn**

Jesus, I Live to You

Black No. 457

**\*Prayer for Our Humanity**

L: God of might and mercy, the heavens and the earth are full of your glory. Your love transforms our lives. You enter our confusion and give insight. You bear our grief and bring healing. You see our fatigue and renew strength. You sense our fear and spark courage. You know death and raise up new life. So we come before you in worship, handing over to you all that weighs us down. Renew us in this time of worship, we pray, so that we may serve you with joy in Jesus' name. Amen.

**P: O God, our lives do not always reflect your transforming power.**

**You are gracious, but we cling to judgment. You are kind, but we can**

**be cruel. You are forgiving, but we nurse grudges and old wounds. Forgive us, O God. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, and make us new through Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen**

**\*Words of Assurance**

Pastor Ceary

**\*Song of Praise**

Be Still and Know (vs. 1)  
Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God.

Green No. 450

**Scripture**

Exodus 14:19-31  
Psalm 114

Liturgist

**\*Gospel**

Romans 14:1-12

Pastor Ceary

**Sermon Hymn**

Go Down, Moses

Green No. 618

**Message**

*When Right is Wrong*

Pastor Ceary

**\*Statement of Faith**

**P: 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 with us now. 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.**

**Prayers of the People**

Pastor Ceary

**Our Lord's Prayer** (using debts)

**The Offering of Our Gifts**

Liturgist

Offertory

**\*Doxology**

Doxology (with A-men)

Green No. 34

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

**P: From generation to generation, God calls us to share God's redeeming love in the world. Let us offer God our gifts this day as tokens of that love, needed so much in our generation.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Green No. 393

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Ceary

**Postlude**

**Week of September 17, 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](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.

**Guest Speaker:** Pastor Daniel Ceary received his Bachelor's degree through Piedmont Bible College. He has been a pastor since 1972 starting as a student pastor. Since that time, he has served two churches in Virginia and three congregations in Maryland. He was Senior Pastor at Uniontown Bible Church for 16 years and Linwood Brethren Church for 9 years. In 2018 he founded and is bi-vocational pastor of Renewal Life Ministries. He resides on Middleburg Road, near Uniontown, Md.

**Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jane and Mike Rodkey, with a heartfelt message to their church: The Car and Tractor Show/Peach Festival was a huge success because of you, the EBUC Family. We

may be small in numbers, but we are mighty when we pull together! Blessings and thanks to all.

**Choir Rehearsal:** Rehearsals will begin **today**, September 17<sup>th</sup> following the church service. Anthems will resume on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Bible Study:** The Bible Study group will meet Thursday, September 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parsonage. Please be prepared to discuss the scriptures for the September 24 service which will be printed in the bulletin **today** September 17. The discussion/learning sessions usually run about an hour and are open to all ages.

**Baust Literary Group:** The Literary Group's pick for September is *Killing the Legends*, the lethal danger of celebrity, by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. We explore the lives, legacies, and tragic deaths of three of the most famous people of the twentieth century. Weaving their stories together and separately, they illuminate how Presley, Lennon, and Ali rose from obscurity to achieve the pinnacle of fame, and each became isolated, cocooned by wealth but vulnerable to the demands of those in their innermost circles. The next meeting will be on September 26 at 6:00 p.m.

**Baust Literary Group:** The Literary Group book for October is *Saved: A War Reporter's Mission to Make it Home*, by Benjamin Hall. When veteran reporter Ben Hall woke up in Kyiv on the morning of March 14, 2022, he had no idea that within hours Russian bombs would nearly end his life. When Russia viciously attacked Ukraine in February 2022, Hall volunteered to go despite the risks. He knew Americans needed to understand this world-altering conflict. A few weeks later while on assignment, Hall and his crew were blown up in a Russian strike. With Hall gravely injured and stuck in Kyiv, it was unclear if he would make it out alive. This is the story of how he survived – a story that continues to this day.

**Carroll Food Sunday:** Baust Church has been asked to donate **cereal** for July, August, and September to Carroll Food Sunday. Donations can be brought to the Good Shepherd Room or the porch in the parsonage. Donations can also be brought to Trinity Lutheran Church on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or left in the cabinet under the portico throughout the week.

**October Newsletter:** All items for the October newsletter are due to Helen Miller **today**, Sunday, September 17th.

**First Sunday of the Month Lunch:**

Date: Sunday, October 1, 2023

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: The Buttersburg Inn

Address: 9 N. Main Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791

Website: [thebuttersburginn.net](http://thebuttersburginn.net)

The Buttersburg Inn Phone Number: 410-775-9939

RSVP to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C)

or [KathleenCromwell@comcast.net](mailto:KathleenCromwell@comcast.net)

**September 24<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker:** Rev. Andy Hood

**September 24<sup>th</sup> Scriptures:** Exodus 16:2-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

**September 24<sup>th</sup> Liturgist:** Kathy Cromwell

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

**Church Members**

Nancy Edwards

Libby Hill

Linda Dennis

Betty Gross

Skeeter Dull

Carl Bloom

Dan & Betty Heltibridle

Eddie Dutterer

Joan Wantz

Linda Goodwin

Phil Lawyer

Gloria Oxley

Brent Grove

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Nancy Edwards

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FORGIVE MORE  
THAN WE WANT TO  
BE FORGIVEN

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SUNDAY  
AFTER  
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