

EMMANUEL (BAUST)
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of Word

November 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Guest Speaker: Rev. Andy Hood

L = Leader P = People

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

L: God of all times and places, we gather to worship You.

P: We turn our eyes to You and rejoice in Your presence.

L: God of all life and love, we gather to sing Your praise.

P: We turn our eyes to You and marvel at Your power and Your promise.

L: God of all wisdom and wonder, we gather to learn from Your Son.

P: We turn our eyes toward Christ and wait for Your Word to lead us.

***Hymn**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Green No. 342

***Prayer for Our Humanity**

L: God of grace and purpose, You are the source of our lives and the source of all our possibilities. You call us to serve in Your world and inspire us to choose a purpose for ourselves that will express Your goodness and mercy. Jesus has shown us many ways to serve with courage and compassion. The Holy Spirit opens doors for us to act with love and loyalty. Draw near to us in this time of worship and show us where You need us to be so that our lives may bring You honor, Source, Savior and Spirit of Life. Amen.

P: God of mercy, You call us to love our neighbors and serve Your purposes. We confess that this is easier said than done. When things get complicated, we lose patience and turn away. When we are unprepared for a challenge, we excuse ourselves from taking part. Forgive us, O God. Renew our willingness to put ourselves on the line for Your love. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Rev. 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!

Anthem

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Liturgist

Special Music

Rev. Andy
and Bev

***Gospel**

Matthew 25:1-13

Rev. Hood

Sermon Hymn

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

Black No. 563

Sermon

Ready or Not, He Will Come

Rev. Hood

***Statement of Faith**

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to His deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being, creates man in His own image and sets before Him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. He judges men and nations by His righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, He has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to Himself. He bestows upon us His Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

He calls us into His church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be His servants in the service of men, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in His passion and victory.

He promises to all who trust Him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, His presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in His kingdom which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto Him.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Hood

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: God of purpose and promise, we offer our gifts to help fulfill Your purposes on earth. Bless our gifts and our actions so that others will grasp the promise of Your love and discover Your purpose for their lives, through Christ, our Friend and Savior. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Let Justice Flow like Streams

Black No. 588

***Benediction**

Rev. Hood

Postlude

Week of November 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 by the Paxton and Kallay families in Honor of all Veterans.

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: Bible Study will meet Thursdays in the parsonage at 6:00 p.m. Scriptures to be discussed will be those listed in the bulletin for the following Sunday. The Bible discussion/learning sessions usually last an hour and are open to all ages. It does not matter where we are in our Bible and faith journey. Please join in as we learn more of the background of His word and see how important His word still is in our lives. Contact Betty Stonesifer if you have questions.

Baust Literary Group: The Literary Group will be reading *MAORI* by Alan Dean Foster for November. One man on a journey of a lifetime. Ship Captain and adventurer, and his name was Robert Coffin. The native Maori called him Iron Hair. His women called him by other names. In the raw wilderness of New Zealand he had come to forge a nation at the end of the known world only to encounter triumph and tragedy beyond his wildest dreams.

Baust Literary Group: The book for January is *THE SAMARITAN WOMAN'S STORY: RECONSIDERING JOHN 4 AFTER #CHURCHTOO*. A new and relevant interpretation of an iconic biblical story, Caryn A. Reeder's book challenges historical views and reinterprets the role of women in the church. This story is found in John 4:4-42. It is basically a dialogue between Jesus and an unnamed woman from Samaria. Little is known about the woman portrayed in this passage but much has been speculated about her. Over the centuries, theologians and church leaders glossed over the details of the conversation to focus on the woman's marital history, and her need for repentance and forgiveness. Reeder unequivocally states that these suppositions are wrong, in fact, this woman may have been the first true Apostle and evangelist of the Gospel. Does that concept intrigue you? It should! So come out to book group in January and start the year off with a wonderful new twist to an old Bible story.

Carroll Food Sunday: Baust Church has been asked to donate **laundry detergent** for November and December. 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.

Christmas for Community Kids: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is hosting CHRISTMAS FOR COMMUNITY KIDS. They are collecting items to give gifts to children and grandchildren of patients of Mission of Mercy and patrons of Carroll Food Sunday. A list of suggested gifts is just inside the front and back doors of Baust church. There will be a box in the Good Shepherd room as of November 19 until December 10th. Wantz Chevrolet is also collecting for CHRISTMAS FOR COMMUNITY KIDS. Donations will also be accepted until December 14 at Taneytown Bowl and Grill, the Liquor Barn, Kennies Market, Crouse Ford and the Carroll Vista Club House. For any questions call Lynda Gainor at 443-340- 0251.

Fundraising: Bob Miller will be taking orders for Texas Roadhouse gift cards during the month of November. Our last 2023 fundraiser will be the Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale. The sale will be Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Look for the order form coming soon.

Holy Joe's Café: Tom Jastermsky is Founder and Executive Director of Holy Joe's Cafe which began in 2006 at the First Congregational Church in Wallingford, Connecticut with the mission to send coffee to deployed military Chaplains of all faiths to enhance their ministry of presence. Today Holy Joe's Cafe has grown to become our own separate 501c3 non-profit. United Church of Christ churches have supported us since we began. We humbly ask for your support.

“Holy Joe's Cafe is a provider of equipment and coffee for deployed Chaplains to make coffee for service members far from home. Service members in need don't usually seek help when they need it - just like the rest of us! So, allowing Chaplains to have a coffee ministry brings about conversations for troubled folk before the problems become so large that they are unmanageable.”

Come On, Ring Those Bells!: Carroll Singers and Westminster Ringers are presenting a combined Christmas Concert on Monday, November 27th and Tuesday, November 28th at the Westminster High School Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased in advance from members Carolyn Dutterer and Jennifer Sullivan or at The Carroll Arts Center or Menchey Music. Advance tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students. Tickets purchased at the door the night of the concert are \$15 for adults and \$9 for students. Join us for this unique concert of bells and voices!

Inviting All Veterans: We would like to invite all veterans to participate in the Presentation of Colors **today** at the beginning of the service. Participants will meet in the Good Shepherd room prior to the announcements.

IT'S COOKIE ORDER TIME!: Order forms are available at the front & back door. Pick up an order form and turn it in by December 1 so you won't miss out on homemade cookies for your enjoyment or sharing.

Newsletter Due: Articles for the December Newsletter are due to Helen Miller by November 19.

First Sunday of the Month Lunch:

Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023

Time: 12:00

Place: Cafe Del Sol

Address: 11119 Buchanan Trail E
Waynesboro PA 17268

Phone: 717-762-1477

Website: delsolcafes.com

RSVP by noon Saturday 12/2/2023 to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C) or KathleenCromwell@comcast.net

November 19th Guest Speaker: Rev. Jeffrey Dull

November 19th Scriptures: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 19th Liturgist: Lois Bickerton

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Church Members

Nancy Edwards
Chuck Simmont
Linda Dennis
Betty Gross
Skeeter Dull
Carl Bloom
Dan & Betty Heltibridle

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