

EMMANUEL (BAUST)
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of Word

January 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Interim Pastor: Rev. Herb Ruby

L = Leader P = People

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

L: How precious is God's steadfast love!

P: We will find refuge in the shelter of God's wings.

L: Come and feast on God's abundance.

P: We will drink from the river of God's delights.

L: For with God is the fountain of life;

P: And in God's light we will see light.

L: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

P: We will bring God our prayers and our praise with hearts full of love.

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Green No. 48

***Prayer for Our Humanity**

L: God of light and life, You shine into our lives in Your Son, Jesus. Your Spirit strengthens us to face whatever this year will hold. And so, we come to praise You for Your love and grace which transforms our days and our lives, and for Your wisdom which enlightens truth for our times. Shine through us, we pray, so that we may bear the light of Jesus in this world You love. To begin again with you and one another, we confess to You our sins.

P: God of all life and our lives, we gather in worship week by week, seeking Your refreshing presence. But we confess sometimes we are discouraged by things happening around us. We don't expect Your presence to make a difference for us. Forgive us when we give up on You and end up feeling unfulfilled. By Your grace, refresh us when we are weary or worried, and renew our trust in You.

***Words of Assurance**

Liturgist

***Song of Praise**

Isn't He?

#31 Purple Spiral

Isn't He, beautiful
Beautiful, isn't He
Prince of Peace, Son of God
Isn't He, Isn't He, Isn't He.

Anthem

Scripture

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Liturgist

Sermon Hymn

I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty

Black No. 50

***Gospel**

Luke 19:1-19

Rev. Herb Ruby

Sermon

"Why Jesus Came"

Rev. Herb Ruby

***Affirmation of Faith**

P: We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Herb Ruby

Our Lord's Prayer (using debts)

Installation of Consistory Officers

Offertory

***Doxology** Doxology (with A-men) Red No. 356

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

P: God of grace and mercy, receive all our gifts, offered in thanksgiving. We share the fruit of our labours with You, asking that You will multiply their effects in and through the Church. And we share the fruit of our time and talent, seeking to know how You would have us serve in Jesus' name.

***Closing Hymn** God of Change and Glory Black No. 177

***Benediction** Rev. Herb Ruby

Postlude

Week of January 19, 2025
"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.

EBUCC Offerings: Baust members, friends, and visitors may put regular offerings and special donations in the offering plates placed just inside the front and rear entrances to the sanctuary. During the offertory, these plates will be brought to the altar by our ushers.

Help Needed! Are you able to volunteer to be part of the audio-visual "Zoom" transmitting of our worship services? We're down to just three rotating volunteers now, and the burden would be more manageable if we had a few more folks in the rotation. The commitment would be for running the transmission and recording set-up in the Good Shepherd Room for about fifteen minutes before our worship services, monitoring the transmission during worship and closing it down when the service concludes. Our current "Techs, " Beth Raver, Ben Brandenburg and Kent Kallay, would train and help new volunteers. And we would all be grateful for your willingness to help. Please let Kent, Beth or Ben know if you'd consider joining the crew!

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Sue Robinson in loving remembrance of Dave Robinson on his January 19th birthday.

Choir Rehearsal: 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.

Carroll Food Sunday: Baust Church has been asked to donate laundry detergent for the months January, February and March. Donations can be brought to the Good Shepherd Room or the porch in the parsonage. Donations can also be brought to Trinity Lutheran on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or left in the cabinet under the portico throughout the week.

Consistory Meeting: Next month's consistory meeting will be on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the parsonage.

Bible Study (January): Bible Studies will be on Thursday evenings at 6:00 in the parsonage and generally lasts about an hour. We will be continuing the study based on Rev. Herb Ruby's book, *Memorizing Scripture, Why Bother?* The tentative schedule for January is as follows in Part Four: January 23 – E,F,G,H, January 30 – I, J, K, L and February 6 – M, N, O, P. Everyone is welcome to join us as we learn more of God's word through study and discussion while also trying our hand at memorizing verses from the Bible as presented in Rev. Ruby's book. Contact Betty Stonesifer if there are questions.

Baust Literary (January): The Literary Group book for January is "*A Woman of No Importance*" by Sonia Purnell. The true story of Virginia Hull, who left her Baltimore home to work for the British Special Ops. when Hitler was building toward the peak of his power in Europe. She was assigned to France where she helped the Resistance movement escaped prisoners to war movement. By 1941 she was considered so dangerous to the Gestapo that she had to escape to the Pyrenees mountains. She helped capture 500 German soldiers and kill more than 150. She sabotaged Nazi intelligence and transportation. Her story was ignored for more than 50 years. She was a true patriot. Next meeting will be January 28, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Parsonage.

Newsletter Articles: Newsletter Articles for February 2025 are due to Jane Rodkey today, January 19, 2025.

Mature Christian Luncheon: All are welcome! February 20, 2025 at 12:00 in the Parish Hall. If you would like to attend contact Joan Fisher @ 410-530-1188 or Bob Fisher @ 410-404-4354 so they can make sure they have enough for everyone. There will not be a Mature Christian Luncheon in January.

First Sunday of the Month Luncheon:

Date: Sunday, February 2, 2025

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Pace: Flick's Pub and Restaurant

Address: 100 Antrim Blvd., Taneytown, MD

Website: flickspub.com

Flick's Phone: 410-756-6400

RSVP by noon Saturday, January 31 to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C) or KathleenCromwell@comcast.net

January 26th Chaplain: Chap. Hare Varnon

January 26th Scriptures: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

January 26th Liturgist: Sandy Stonesifer

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Church Members

Nancy Edwards	Joan Wantz
Duane Rodkey	Linda Goodwin
Linda Dennis	Bick and Lois Bickerton
Betty Gross	Bob Harrison
Skeeter Dull	Brent Grove
Calvin Bloom	Bob Miller
Dan & Betty Heltibridle	

Friends

Eric Helm	Mimi DeLore
Libby Fuss	Chic and Sandy Warehime
Allen Robertson	Rev. Herb Ruby
Lainey Hood	Nancy Saari
Tom Henning	Bobby Yingling
Joann Stull	Carole Hill
Rudy Feuerschutz	Ken Morningstar
Randy Brodbeck	Joe Morningstar
Chris Johnson	Sylvia Miller

IN GOD'S SERVICE

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Liturgist:	Lois Bickerton