

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

*Service of Word*

*January 26, 2025*

*10:00 a.m.*

**Third Sunday After Epiphany**

**Chaplain:** Chap. Hare Varnon

*L = Leader      P = People*

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Liturgist

**\*Call to Worship**

L: There is one true God

**P: whom to know is life eternal, whom to serve is joy and peace.**

L: God creates all that is.

**P: The whole universe displays the majesty and power of its Maker.**

L: We worship God as the source of all life.

**P: With thanks we acknowledge God's wisdom, power, faithfulness, and love.**

**Hymn**

In Christ There Is No East or West

Green No. 600

**\*Prayer for Our Humanity**

L: Creator, Christ and Spirit; You are the maker of a better world. You are the creator of lasting peace. We worship You for the gifts of peace and healing that You bring into troubled lives. You have shown us the way to work for justice, to love friend and enemy alike, to build a better world. In this time of worship, inspire us to believe our work in Your name makes a difference. So may we live to bring glory to You through our commitment to You and the communion we share with so many around world as Your faithful disciples. Knowing Your love is everlasting, we confess to You our sins:

**P: God of grace and harmony, we confess we can be divisive when You call us to unity, quarrelsome when You call us to seek peace, and critical rather than caring. We have grown used to our own ways and cannot imagine You would ask us to change even for the sake of the Gospel. Forgive us when we mistake our familiar traditions for Your truth. Show us how we can witness to Your love through working and worshipping together. Amen.**

**\*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**

II Kings 4:1-7

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Liturgist

**Sermon Hymn**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Green No. 96

**\*Gospel**

Luke 4:14-21

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**Sermon**

"God the Provider"

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**\*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**

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

## 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: Creator God, You made each of us in our uniqueness, and together, You made all of us to bear Your image in the world. Accept our gifts, unique as they are, and bless them for the sake of Your Son, Jesus. May they bear His grace and mercy into the world You love so Your purposes will be fulfilled.**

**\*Closing Hymn**      Go, Tell It on The Mountain      Green No. 218

**\*Benediction**      Chap. Hare Varnon

## Postlude

**Week of January 26, 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](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.

**Hare Varnon** is the middle school Social Studies teacher at New Song Academy in Baltimore, Maryland. A retired U.S. Army officer, Hare previously worked as a chaplain with Corporate Chaplains of America before founding Words of Wisdom Chaplaincy, LLC. He is a member of Charity Church's Youth Ministry Team and

serves as a chaplain trustee on the Board of the International Council of Community Churches. Rev. Varnon holds a Master of Divinity from the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University and a Bachelor of Science in Biblical Foundations from Lancaster Bible College. In June 2022, he earned a Higher Education Teaching Certificate from The Derek Bok Center at Harvard University. Rev. Varnon encourages living victoriously through prayer, daily Bible study, and worship. He is passionate about adding souls to the Kingdom of God.

**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:** Wishing Heather (Rodkey) Bilinsky a very Happy 32nd birthday on January 15th. Love Mom & Dad

**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 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 this Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 6:00pm in the Parsonage.

**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 Friday, January 31** to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C) or [KathleenCromwell@comcast.net](mailto:KathleenCromwell@comcast.net)

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor:** Pastor Linda Summers

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> Scriptures:** Jeremiah 1:4-10  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> Liturgist:** Kathy Cromwell

## **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	Sylvia Miller
Chris Johnson	

## **IN GOD'S SERVICE**

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