

EMMANUEL (BAUST)
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of Word

February 16, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Andy Hood

L = Leader P = People

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

L: Sing to the Lord a new song!

P: Let us make melody before our God!

L: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

P: Let us praise God's holy name together.

L: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

P: For God is gracious and steadfast in mercy.

L: A song of praise is always fitting,

P: For God heals the broken hearted and binds up our wounds.

Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Green No. 358

***Prayer for Our Humanity**

L: God of majesty and mystery, we come in wonder and humility before You, source of all, beyond our imagining, astonished by the beauty and design of Your creation. Word of hope and healing, You touch our lives with truth and tenderness, revealing both our need and our gift. Spirit of purpose and possibility, You move within us, awakening our gifts and urging our response. Receive our praise and prayer today, and prepare us to receive Your Word, for we come through Christ our Lord, trusting in His grace and truth.

Confident of Your forgiveness and out of a desire to begin again with You and one another, we confess our sins:

P: God of life and love, at this season of the year our hearts are grateful for all the love that touches our lives. Still, we confess that we are not always shining examples of the love we long for. Forgive us for those times when we failed to keep our word and disappointed those who love us. Forgive us when we gave into our tempers and temptations and disappointed Your hopes for us. Renew and remake us through the grace of Your Son, Jesus, Your love made flesh.

***Words of Assurance**

Liturgist

***Song of Praise** **Shine, Jesus, Shine** (chorus only) Green No. 319

Shine Jesus shine, Fill this land with the Fathers Glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow. Flood the nation with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Anthem

Scripture Jeremiah 17:5-10
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Liturgist

***Gospel** Luke 6:17-26

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Sermon Hymn As the Deer

Green No. 471

Sermon Are you Blessed

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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: God, You are the Source of our lives. From You, all loving kindness, justice and mercy flow. Bless these gifts so that acts of kindness, justice and mercy may flow through them, too. And bless our lives so our words and actions show Your Spirit at work in us and through us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and Saviour. **Amen.**

***Closing Hymn** I Know That My Redeemer Lives!
vs. 1, 3, 5

Green No. 414

***Benediction**

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Postlude

February 16, 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!

Let's Keep in Touch! If you learn of anyone in our Baust Church Family who needs a visit or phone calls, please let a Consistory member know. Sandy Stonesifer, Board of Elders Chair, will coordinate help from all of us Baust members and friends to be in contact with those who are home-bound and those under care in a hospital or nursing home. We want to be sure we're keeping in touch with all of our Baust Family, especially in times of illness and other personal needs. Thank you! Susan

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Richard & Emma Stambaugh, Forever in our hearts. Jane & Mike

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 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.

Annual Reports Due: Reports for 2024 from all EBUCC organizations, missions and committees are due to the church office before March 31, 2025.

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

Bible Study (February): 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 February is as follows in Part Four: Feb 13 – Q, R, S, T, Feb 20 – U, V, W, X, and Feb 27 – Y, Z and a recap of the book. 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.

Mission for February: Holy Joe's Café: Since 2006, Holy Joe's Café has been sending free coffee to US military bases around the world. Their mission is simple: serving a little bit of home to those who serve our country. From their humble beginning collecting cans of coffee in a church in Wallingford, Connecticut, they have grown to serve billions of cups of coffee and helped open over 300 coffee houses throughout the world, in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and even onboard Navy ships and in NATO military hospitals. "Holy Joe's is the conduit for chaplains who set up an oasis, not in size but in purpose. It's a taste of home through coffee, which is the most important place for people when they're in the midst of havoc." Thomas Jastermsky, founder of Holy Joe's Café. We will be accepting donations throughout February, please consider a contribution.

Baust Literary (February): The February book is, "The Night Fire", by Michael Connelly; (Renee Ballard Book 3). Harry Bosch and LAPD Detective Renee Ballard come together again on the murder case that obsessed Bosch's mentor, the man who trained him. All are welcome; our next meeting will be February 25, 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.

First Sunday of the Month Luncheon:

Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025

Time: Noon

Place: Rube's Crab Shack

Address: 17308 N. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg MD 21727

Website: rubescrabshack.com <http://www.rubescrabshack.com>

Rube's Phone: 301-447-4116

RSVP by noon May 1 to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C) or KathleenCromwell@comcast.net

February 23rd Pastor: Rev. Jeff Dull

February 23rd Scriptures: Genesis 45:3–11, 15
1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50
Luke 6:27–38

February 23rd Liturgist: Sandra 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	Cris Hevner

Friends

Eric Helm	Mimi DeLore
Libby Fuss	Chic and Sandy Warehime
Allen Robertson	Rev. Herb Ruby
Lainey Hood	Nancy Saari
Tom Hennin	Chris Johnson
Joann Stull	Carole Hill
Rudy Feuerschutz	Ken Morningstar

Randy Brodbeck
Ron Corbin

Sylvia Miller

IN GOD'S SERVICE

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Liturgist:	Nancy Edwards

