

EMMANUEL (BAUST)
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of Word

February 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Pastor: Pastor Linda Summers

L = Leader P = People

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

L: O Lord, in You we find refuge;

P: Let us never be put to shame.

L: Turn Your ear to us, O God, and save us.

P: For You are our rock and our fortress.

L: God has been our hope and our trust from our earliest days.

P: God has been with us since we were born from our mother's womb.

L: Let us sing out our praise of God's steadfast love.

P: We will offer God all glory and honor this day and always!

Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me

Green No. 593

***Prayer for Our Humanity**

L: Almighty and everlasting One, Your power is incomparable, Your majesty infinite, and Your love beyond our imagining. You are hidden in mystery, and yet so present. In a hectic world, You are peace and rest. In a harsh world, You are tenderness and mercy. In the cold and dark of winter, You are light and comfort, and so we bring You our worship, for You are the One who created us, the One who redeems us, and the One who gives us life, our one and only God, to whom we offer all love and loyalty, now and always. Your loving kindness

endures forever, so we confess to You our sin:

P: God, whose name is love, we confess our faults and failings, knowing You know us through and through. You tell us that love is patient and kind, and You know when our patience and kindness fall short. You tell us love is never rude or selfish, and You see the times we insist on our own way. Forgive us the excuses we make to ourselves when our love falters. Strengthen us by Your Spirit so that our love is genuine and reliable. Amen.

***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 1:4-10

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Liturgist

Sermon Hymn Jesus Shall Reign

Green No. 341

***Gospel** Luke 4:21-30

Pastor Linda Summers

Sermon "Love"

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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

Pastor Linda Summers

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 of life and love, we are grateful for all You have given us in Christ and in creation, in community, and in the Church that bears Jesus' name. We offer our gifts to You in love, trusting You will bless them and us. May all that we offer become tangible expressions of Your love at work in the world for Christ's sake. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky Black No. 563

***Benediction** Pastor Linda Summers

Postlude

February 2, 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 in celebration of the birthdays of Scott Edwards (February 9) and Brian Edwards (February 7) by Nancy, Lindsey and Suzanne Edwards.

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.

Consistory Meeting: This 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: Feb 6 – M, N, O, P, 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.

Baust Literary (January): 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: TODAY, 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 to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C)

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February 9th Pastor: Rev. Dan Summers

February 9th Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-6, 9-13
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 9th Liturgist: Bob Miller

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	Sylvia Miller

IN GOD'S SERVICE

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