

EMMANUEL (BAUST)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of Word

August 31, 2025

10:00 a.m.

12th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Roger Wilmer, Jr.
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301-639-6477

L = Leader P = People

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Opening Music** Surely the Presence

Green No. 131

***Call to Worship**

L: Gathered to worship God,

P: We are all right where we belong.

L: Called to this celebration of worship by God's Spirit,

P: We approach God with joy in our hearts.

L: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son,

P: We gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

***Hymn** Take My Life, God, Let It Be

Black No. 448

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Wilmer

***Words of Assurance**

L: God alone has the authority to judge, and by the grace of Jesus Christ, God has declared that we are forgiven of all our sin.

P: Thanks be to God!

***Song of Praise** Glorious Is Your Name, O Jesus Green No. 53

Glorious is your name, O Jesus, praises to your name.
Oh, glorious and righteous and holy is your name. Oh, glorious is your name.
I feel your presence in this place, your Spirit makes me whole;
I can feel your warm embrace and all the joy with-in my soul,
Oh, glorious is your name, Oh, glorious is your name.

Scripture Psalm: 112 Liturgist

***Gospel** Luke 14:1, 7-14 Rev. Wilmer

Sermon Hymn Jesus, I Live to You Black No. 457

Sermon Faith in Focus: Unlocking the Bible's Power Rev. Wilmer
 (A teaching/preaching series on the Bible)

***Affirmation of Faith**

P: Christ's crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of His coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So, to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

Prayers of the People Rev. Wilmer

Our Lord's Prayer (using debts)

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology** Doxology (with A-men) Green: 688 (vs.1)

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

P: Gracious God, we offer to You these gifts, both as signs of our gratitude and as instruments of Your reign. Use these gifts, and us, that Your way of love and peace, transformation and hope might flourish in this place. Amen.

Invitation to Join God's Family

Rev. Wilmer

***Closing Hymn** God Be with You

Black No. 81

***Benediction**

Rev. Wilmer

Postlude

August 31, 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.

Let's Keep in Touch If you learn of anyone in our Baust Church Family who needs a visit or phone calls, please let Pastor Wilmer know @ 301-639-6477 or Email: pastorwilmer@hotmail.com. Office hours every Wednesday, call Rev. Wilber for appointment anytime.

Important Event Coming Up Soon! On Sunday, September 14, 2025 Baust will have a big, full day of celebration as Reverend Wilmer is installed as our Pastor. There will be many special guests coming to our church for this important event. Our regular worship service will be in the sanctuary at 10:00am, followed by a social gathering for lunch and dessert in the Parish Hall 12:00noon til 2:30pm, and, then, the Service of Installation in the sanctuary at 3:00pm.

Much help is needed from our Baust Family to make this a successful day. There are detailed sign-up sheets in the Good Shepherd Room for three purposes. First, if you are able to contribute toward the cost of the luncheon by making a monetary contribution please note this on the sign-up sheet. Second, if you're able, sign up to help with food preparation on Saturday, September 13 any time from 8:00am on. And, third, and most importantly, tell us if you will attend! Please note your R.S.V.P. for this special event by marking your attendance on the sign-up sheet. Help us arrive at a guest count so that our seating and food planning demonstrate Baust hospitality at its welcoming best! (You may also R.S.V.P. to the church office by email to office@ebucc.com.)

Altar Flowers: Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rhonda Watkins in loving memory of her mother Bettye Bryant.

Carroll Food Sunday: Baust Church has been asked to donate instant pudding regular and diet and cake or Brownie mix for the month of August and September. 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.

Grief Share Group: Grief Share Group will meet in the Parsonage on Wednesdays' beginning August 6th @6:30pm Dates: 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17. A support group to help you move through the grief process. A Grief Share support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Consistory Meeting: Consistory will meet Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the parsonage.

Baust Literary (August): The August book is, "*Two Kinds of Truth*", by Michael Connelly. Harry Bosch goes undercover into a world of organized pill mills. Meanwhile, an old case from his LAPD comes back to haunt him. The two cases wind around each other and Bosch discovers there are two kinds of truth. One sets you free and the other leaves you buried in darkness. Next meeting is August 26, 2025 at 6pm in the Parsonage.

Newsletter Items: Newsletter items for October are due September 21,2025 to Jane Rodkey.

First Sunday of the Month Lunch: Don't let this monthly fellowship time end. We are in the need of someone to be our new coordinator for our monthly Sunday Luncheons. Someone to pick a place, gather suggestions from others, send information to the church office, and make reservations. See Kathy Cromwell for more information or church office. Thank you, Kathy for coordination of the monthly luncheon these past several years.

September Sunday Lunch: Rev. Wilmer and Rev. C. have generously volunteered to host September luncheon at the Parish Hall directly after church. There will be assorted kinds of pizza and salad served and refreshments. Please plan on joining us.

Sept. 7th **Pastor:** Rev. Roger Wilmer
Sept. 7th **Scriptures:** Jeremiah 18:1-11
 Luke 14:25-33

Sept. 7th Liturgist: Nancy Edwards

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Church Members

Nancy Edwards	Joan Wantz
Duane Rodkey	Linda Goodwin
Linda Dennis	Bick and Lois Bickerton
Betty Gross	Cris Hevner
Skeeter Dull	Brent Grove
Sue Bloom	Bob Miller
Dan & Betty Heltibridle	Ron Corbin

Friends

Eric Helm
Libby Fuss
Allen Robertson
Lainey Hood
Tom Hennin
Joann Stull
Ken Morningstar
Randy Brodbeck

Mimi DeLore
Chic and Sandy Warehime
Rev. Herb Ruby
Nancy Saari
Chris Johnson
Carole Hill
Sylvia Miller
Eddie Smith

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Installation Service & Reception

for

Pastor Roger W. Wilmer Jr.

“Rooted in Christ, Growing in Grace”
Colossians 2:6-7

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Reception: Noon - 2:30 P.M. (Parish Hall)

RSVP to office@ebucc.com

Installation Service: 3 P.M.

Clergy are invited to wear robes and red stoles.
Please arrive by 2:30 P.M. to be in processional.

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