

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

*Service of Word*

*March 8, 2026*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Third Sunday in Lent*

**Pastor:** Rev. Roger Wilmer, Jr.

"In Every Prayer, We Grow."

Colossians 1:9-10

*L = Leader      P = People*

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Liturgist

**\*Opening Music**

This is the Day

Green No. 652

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,  
That the Lord has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the  
Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

**\*Call to Worship:**

(Psalm 95:1-7a)

Liturgist

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**P: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

L: For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

**P: The sea is the Lord's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.**

L: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**P: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.**

**\*Hymn**      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah      Green No. 501

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**God of endless renewal, God who calls us to lives restored, God who rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of Your grace. And thus forgiven, help us to lean in to what You would teach us about how we are to be. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, and for his sake. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance**      Rev. Wilmer

**\*Song of Praise**      Bless His Holy Name      Green No. 4  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
Bless His holy name. He has done great things,  
He has done great things, He has done great things,  
Bless His Holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me, bless His Holy name.

**Anthem**

**Scripture**      Exodus 17:1-7      Liturgist  
Romans 5:1-11

**\*Gospel**      John 4:5-42      Rev. Wilmer

**Sermon Hymn** The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want      Green No. 86

**Sermon**      Struggling Toward Surrender      Rev. Wilmer  
Genesis 32:22-32

**Invitation to Join God's Family**      Rev. Wilmer

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Wilmer

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

**Invitation to Offering**

Offering may be placed in the plates near the sanctuary entrances. Ushers will bring them to the altar during the offertory.

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

Doxology (with A-men)

Black No. 780

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

**P: Holy God, from abundance upon abundance, You have said that we may freely take, and freely share. As we return to You what is already Your own, we ask that You would bless these gifts and multiply them. May we, in turn, be blessed, as we see Your reign unfolding before us, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
(vs. 1, 4, 5, 6)

Black No. 489

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Wilmer

**Postlude**

**March 8, 2026**

**“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.

**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](mailto:pastorwilmer@hotmail.com). Office hours every Wednesday, call Rev. Wilmer for appointment anytime.

**Lenten and Easter Worship:** Plan to join your Baust Family in these special worship services at our church during the Lenten and Easter Seasons. Everyone's welcome, so please spread these invitations throughout our community!

Palm Sunday worship - March 29, 2026, 10:00am

Maundy Thursday Communion service - April 2, 2026, 7:00pm

Easter Sunrise service Cross-on-the-hill - April 5, 2026, 6:30am

Easter Communion service - April 5, 2026, 10:00am

**Church Register Confirmation Info Needed:**

Anyone who was confirmed at Baust between 1980 and 1993, please be in contact with Betty Stonesifer or the church office. The records in the Church Register are incomplete for that period of time. The information concerning your confirmation may be found on your Confirmation Certificate; or, if you received a Bible at that time, the date may be written inside the Bible. Also, (and this is a

big "do you remember" request) can you tell us who was in your confirmation class? Please be sure to include your full name. Betty's contact info: call 410-751-1999; call or text 443-244-2817; E-mail [bettystonesifer4@gmail.com](mailto:bettystonesifer4@gmail.com)

**Taneytown Caring and Sharing** has requested Baust donate chili, soups, and stews for March. If possible, pop-top cans are preferred. Donations may be brought to the back porch of the parsonage or to church. There is also a cabinet at Trinity's portico for donations. Caring and Sharing is also participating in the Shepherd's Staff Easter Basket Drive. If there are donations, please bring them to church by today, March 8. Some ideas of items to donate for these baskets include coloring books, play dough, small toys, and Christian story books.

**Hymnals for use at home:** We would like to see that Baust members and friends who regularly "zoom in" to our worship services can have one of our sanctuary hymnals to use at home. Please tell Susan Hardinger or Beth Brandenburg if you know of someone in our Baust Family who would like to "sing along" while on Zoom. We'll also ask you to check in with Beth, Susan or any member of the Worship Committee if you will be visiting with a Baust friend who is shut-in or otherwise unable to attend worship in person. We'd like to make these hymnals available as soon as possible for home use.

**Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving remembrance of Myrle Wilt Maus by daughter Joyce and Family.

**Reserving Altar Flowers:** Here are the remaining open dates for altar flowers in 2026: May 31, June 14, August 23. If you would like to reserve a date to honor, remember and celebrate someone or something important to you or to our Baust Family, just let Susan Hardinger know or fill out the "Altar Flowers Order Form".

**Bible Study:** Bible study series continues this Thursday at 6PM in the parsonage. The Lenten study will be based on Jim Bishop's book "The Day Christ Died". A copy of the book will be given to participants. Please contact Pastor Wilmer if you want a copy of the book. Bible Study is now available online, as well as, in person. To get the link, go to our church website, go to Group tabs, then click on Bible Study and the link will be there.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Consistory** will meet on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the parsonage.

**Elders** will meet on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6:30pm in the parsonage.

**Deacons** will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:30 in the parsonage.

**Worship** will meet on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:00pm via zoom.

**Pastor/Parish Relation** meet on March 25, 2026 at 6:30pm in the parsonage.

**Baust Literary Group:** Our next book club meeting will be on Tuesday, March 31, at 6 pm in the parsonage. Our book for March is "Broken Country," by Claire Leslie Hall. It is set in the Dorset countryside, featuring a tense love triangle, dark secrets, and a murder investigation.

**Choir Rehearsal:** Choir will rehearse each Sunday in the sanctuary immediately following church. Also, the choir will warm up each Sunday morning at 9:30am. in the choir room.

**Grief Share Group:** Grief Share Group will meet in the Parsonage on Wednesday @ 5:30pm Date: 3/18. 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.

**Mission:** One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports partners worldwide with ministries that fund health, education, and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response. Please use the yellow envelopes for your donation to OGHS. Make sure your name or envelope number is on the envelope and OGHS.

**Newsletter Items:** Newsletter items for April 2026 are due March 15, 2026 to Jane Rodkey.

**Spring Soup Sale:** Our sale is scheduled for March 21; pick up 12-3PM. We are offering 3 kinds of soup at \$8/quart and 3 varieties of sandwiches. Orders are

due by March 14<sup>th</sup> to sandys46@netscape.com or call 410 857-0416. Order form at either door or on website

**Annual Reports:** Our EBUCC By-Laws call for Consistory and all church organizations and committees to submit 2025 annual reports in writing to the church office. These reports shall consist of a summary of the past year's activities, a projected plan for 2026, and a financial report of the past year. Annual reports for 2025 shall be turned in to EBUCC Secretary Jane Rodkey before March 31, 2026.

<b>Mar. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor:</b>	Roger Wilmer
<b>Mar. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Scriptures:</b>	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
<b>Mar. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Liturgist:</b>	Sandy Stonesifer
<b>Mar. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Media Tech:</b>	Connie Muscato

**The Weather Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations will be made by 6pm on Saturday for Sunday services. Members and friends will be informed by announcements on WTTR radio, by church wide emails.

## **PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

### **Church Members**

Nancy Edwards	Joan Wantz
Duane Rodkey	Linda Goodwin
Linda Dennis	Bick and Lois Bickerton
Betty Gross	Peggy Warner
Skeeter Dull	Brent Grove
Sue & Calvin Bloom	Bob Miller
Dan & Betty Heltibridle	Eddie Dutterer
Don Brower	Carl Bloom

### **Friends**

Eric Helm	Mimi DeLore
Libby Fuss	Allen Robertson
Randy Brodbeck	Shelley Simmont
Lainey Hood	Andrea Mathias Warren
Tom Hennin	Chris Johnson
Sylvia Miller	Ken Morningstar
Carol DeGroft	Tickler Family
Sam Warner	

### **IN GOD'S SERVICE**

Pastor:	Rev. Roger Wilmer
Secretary:	Jane Rodkey
Secretary's email:	office@ebucc.com
Accompanist:	Jennifer Sullivan Brown
Consistory President:	Jim Stonesifer
Liturgist:	Bob Miller
Media Tech:	Jacob Kallay

CCLI #1391774



Customer Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Soup and Sandwich Sale



**\*Pre-Order Sales Only due by March 14, 2026\***  
**Pick up Date Saturday, March 21, 2026 12 :00 - 3:00**

### Emmanuel Baust United Church of Christ

To order call 410-857-0416 or email sandys46@netscape.com

Church address: 2950 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster MD

All soup will be served hot in 1 quart containers.

All sandwiches will be served cold.

**Please call if you do not receive a confirmation for any emailed orders to make sure we don't miss you ☺**

<b>SOUP</b>			
Description: Fresh hot and homemade served in <u>1 quart</u> containers	Quantity	Price	Total
Beef Vegetable Soup (Ground beef, mixed vegetables in beef broth, seasoning) - 1 quart container		\$8.00	
Chicken Corn Noodle Soup (Chicken, corn, noodles, carrots in a chicken broth) - 1 quart container		\$8.00	
Creamy Potato Soup (potato and carrots in creamy milk base, seasoning) - 1 quart container		\$8.00	
<b>SANDWICH</b>			
Description: Cold Deli Sandwich (Homemade)	Quantity	Price	Total
Ham & Cheese - fresh ham with American Cheese on potato roll		\$5.00	
Chicken Salad - Baust Church fresh homemade chicken salad on potato roll		\$5.50	
Roast Beef & Cheese - fresh roast beef with Swiss Cheese on potato roll		\$6.00	

Order Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Customer phone number \_\_\_\_\_

# Thank You !!

**Pick-up Instructions:** All customers will enter the Parish Hall at the lower door to pick up their orders. Check in at the cashier's table to pay any amount due. Order will then be packaged and available to carry-out.