

EMMANUEL (BAUST)
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of Word

April 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

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:** He Has Made Me Glad

Green No. 657

I will en-ter his gates with thanks-giv-ing in my heart;

I will en-ter his courts with praise.

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!"

I will re-joice for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad,

I will re-joice for he has made me glad.

Will re-joice for he has made me glad.

***Call to Worship:**

Liturgist

L: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

P: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

L: in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

P: Praise the Lord

(from Psalm 116)

***Hymn** I Come with Joy (vs. 1, 4, 5)

Green No. 706

***Prayer of Confession**

Through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God." It is because of our trust in the resurrection that each week we confess together the ways our faith and hope have not been set on God. When we confess, we name our sins and commit to turn toward the life God calls us into again. With that in mind we join our voices praying together.

***Words of Assurance**

Rev. Wilmer

***Song of Praise**

He Is Lord

Green No. 305

He is Lord, he is Lord!

He is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord!

Ev-ery knee shall bow, ev-ery tongue con-fess
that Je-sus Christ is Lord!

Anthem

Scripture

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23

Liturgist

***Gospel**

Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Wilmer

Sermon Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Green No. 391

Sermon

What do you expect from Jesus?
John 19:11-18

Rev. Wilmer

Invitation to Join God's Family

Rev. Wilmer

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and

hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. (The Confession of Belhar)

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 Lord, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. We pray that the gifts of time, talent and treasure we have offered today will work for the good of the world, so that your love will be known not just in word but in action. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

The Strife Is O'er

Green No. 290

***Benediction**

Rev. Wilmer

Postlude

April 19, 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. 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: pastorrwilmer@hotmail.com. Office hours every Wednesday, call Rev. Wilmer for appointment anytime.

Taneytown Caring and Sharing Caring and Sharing pantry items requested for April, May, and June, are canned meats such as tuna, salmon, chicken, Spam, etc. Donations may be left at the back porch of the parsonage or brought to church; or donations may be taken directly to the cabinet at the portico located at the back of Trinity Lutheran Church.

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.

Hymnal Dedications: Is there someone you'd like to honor with a hymnal dedication? We can remember or celebrate your loved ones with label inside one of our green hymnals. Our black hymnals all have dedications inside their front covers (check them out for a walk down our Baust Family's Memory Lane), but many of our newer green hymnals are waiting to honor you or your Baust

memories. The cost is \$20. See Susan Hardinger or Beth Brandenburg to let them know your Honorees!

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mike & Jane Rodkey and their family in loving memory of Doris Rodkey. Forever in our hearts.

Reserving Altar Flowers: Here are the remaining open dates for altar flowers in 2026: 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.

Baust Literary (April): The Literary Group book for April is "*The Women with Silver Wings*" by Katherine Sharp Landdeck. With the fate of the free world hanging in the balance, women pilots went aloft to serve their nation. Twenty-eight WASP would not survive the war, but the program was a resounding success until fewer male pilots were needed and Congress clipped the women's wings. Over the next decades, they came together to fight for recognition as the military veterans they were – and for their place in history. Next meeting is April 28 @ 6pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

Consistory will meet on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the parsonage.

Elders will meet on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30pm in the parsonage.

Deacons will meet on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:30 in the parsonage.

Worship will meet on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 7:00pm via zoom.

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.

Catoctin Association Spring Meeting: Official Call to the 2026 Spring Meeting of the Catoctin Association - Theme: "Justice Where You Are"

Today, Sunday April 19th @ 2pm. Where: St. John's UCC – Clear Spring, 211 Cumberland St. Clear Spring, Md 21722.

Newsletter Items: Newsletter items for May 2026 are due today to Jane Rodkey.

Apr. 26th
Apr. 26th

Pastor: Roger Wilmer
Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Apr. 26th
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Liturgist: Bob Miller
Media Tech: Jacob Kallay

Hymn Request for Summer Worship 2026



Name: _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Place in the offering plate by May 17.

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
Will Wilt	

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	Wingerden Family
Victoria Nefflen	Bob Peters

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:	Sandy Stonesifer
Media Tech:	Corey Wilt

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Bulletin Summary

In John 20:11–18, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb expecting death, only to encounter the risen Christ who calls her by name. Her story invites us to examine our own expectations of Jesus. The Resurrection confirms that Jesus is sent by the God who truly exists, the One who loves us deeply and offers the only way to life. Like Mary, we often approach Jesus with limited expectations shaped by fear, disappointment, or past experiences. Yet the risen Christ meets us in our confusion, cares for our needs, and calls us into deeper belief. The empty tomb reminds us that what looks like an ending to the world is a beginning in God's hands. When Jesus calls our name, everything changes — our priorities, our hope, and our understanding of what God can do.

[John 20:11–18](#) "But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her."

- 1) What was Mary Magdalene's initial expectation when she arrived at the tomb?
- 2) How did Mary respond when she encountered Jesus, and why did she not initially recognize Him?
- 3) What does the sermon suggest about the relationship between one's expectations and their faith?
- 4) How is the significance of the Resurrection portrayed in relation to God's character in the sermon?

- 5) What transformation does the sermon indicate occurs in Mary after she believes in Jesus' resurrection?
- 6) What did Mary expect to find when she went to the tomb, and what did she actually find?
- 7) Why might Mary's experience be relatable to people facing their own doubts and grief?
- 8) What does the sermon communicate about the importance of believing in Jesus to experience transformation?
- 9) How does the sermon encourage listeners to expand their expectations of what Jesus can do in their lives?
- 10) In what way does the sermon describe the tomb as a symbol of new beginnings?



Clean out those closets and bookshelves! Help your community!

- Donate gently used spring and summer clothing (baby thru adult)
- Children's toys
- Donate used books
- Come and shop for great bargains at great prices (\$.50 to \$1.00)

****Two Weekends****

April 17th (8 to 5) April 18th (8 to noon)

Baust Church Book Sale

April 24th (8 to 5) April 25th (8 to 1)

Baust Church Clothing Sale

(and childrens toys)

**Hosted by: Emmanuel Baust United Church of Christ
2950 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster**

All proceeds benefit SOCK (Supporting Our Community Kids mission program). We donate 100% of the proceeds to local schools- Elmer Wolfe, Runnymede and Taneytown Elementary Schools, Northwest Middle School, Francis Scott Key High School, Carroll Springs, Hoffman Homes, ~~Carroll~~ Lutheran School and the Boys & Girls Club of Westminster to be used to help students who need assistance with school supplies or personal needs.

To donate or for sale info please contact Susie Lawrence at slawr@hotmail.com
or call 410-984-2780