

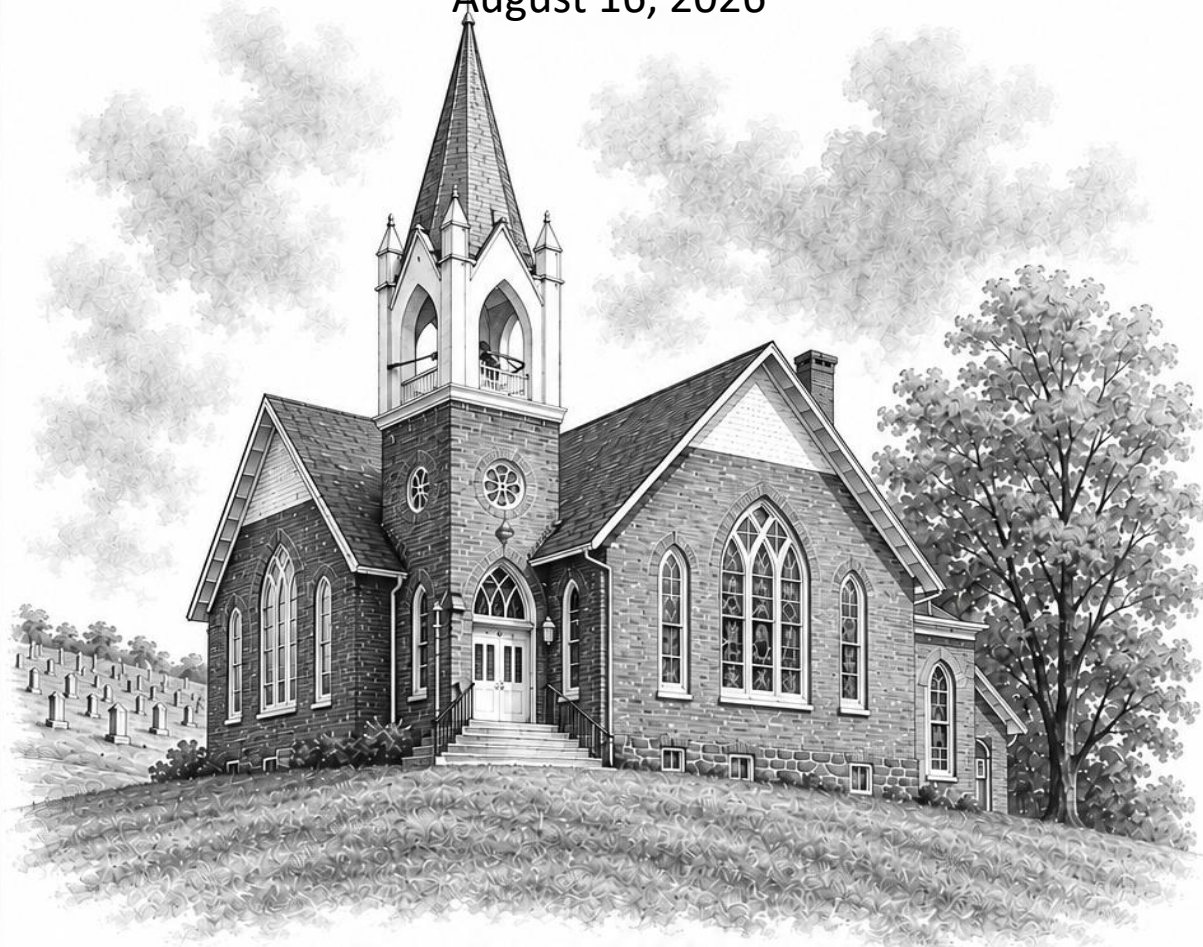
Emmanuel

(BAUST)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SERVICE OF WORD

August 16, 2026



Rev. Roger Wilmer, Jr.

2930 Old Taneytown Rd., Westminster, MD 21158

Sunday Service 10 am

Service of Word

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

"In Every Prayer, We Grow." Colossians 1:9-10

*For those who are able, please stand

L = Liturgist P= People

Prelude

Accompanist

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

*Call to Worship

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known upon earth, Your saving power among all nations.

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

L: The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.

P: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

(Psalm 67)

*Hymn

In the Bulb there is a Flower

Black 433

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming Your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of Your creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on Your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for You and love for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to You so that all Your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform Your world, leading us to Your promised kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen. (Romans 11, Isaiah 56)

*Words of Assurance

Rev. Wilmer

*Song of Praise	Cares Chorus	Green 493
	I cast all my care up-on you, I lay all of my bur-dens down at your feet. And an-y-time that I don't know what to do. I will cast all my cares up-on you.	
Scriptures	Genesis 45:1-15 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28	Liturgist Rev. Wilmer
Sermon Hymn	Yes, God is Real	Black 405
Sermon		Rev. Wilmer
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. Amen.	
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		Accompanist
*Offertory Response	Doxology <i>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</i>	Green 34
*Prayer of Dedication	L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.	

P: Holy God, You tell us that “offerings will be accepted on Your altar, for Your house shall be called a house of prayer.” Thank you for all that You have given us. Continue to guide us as we dedicate these offerings and our lives to You. Amen.

(Isaiah 56:7)

***Closing Hymn**

God Be With You

Black 81

***Benediction**

Rev. Wilmer

Postlude

Accompanist

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Announcements for August 16, 2026

"Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

Church Website: ebucc.com

Church Email: office@ebucc.com

Church Phone Number: 410-202-8655

Phone Number for Rev. Wilmer: 301-639-6477

Email for Rev. Wilmer: pastorrwilmer@hotmail.com

We extend a warm welcome to each one in worship today, whether you are a member, friend, or first-time guest. We are grateful that you have joined us for worship and fellowship.

If you are not currently receiving our church newsletter and would like to be included, or if you would like to receive prayer updates, church news, and special announcements through our electronic mailings, please contact us using the church email.

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 know of a member or friend of our Baust Church Family who would appreciate a visit, phone call, or pastoral care, please contact Rev. Roger Wilmer. Office hours are held on Wednesdays, and appointments may be scheduled at any time.

Congregational Meeting: Please join us for an important Congregational meeting on Sunday, August 23rd, immediately following the worship service.

During this meeting, the Consistory will present recommendations and project bids regarding two proposed property improvements for the parsonage:

- * Fuel Tank Replacement: Options for replacing the existing fuel tank.

- * Mini-Split Installation: Installing a main-level mini-split system to provide both heating and air conditioning (similar to the units currently in the church).

We will be seeking congregational approval to move forward with these proposals. Your presence, voice, and vote are vital to the future care of our church properties, so please plan to attend if you are able.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our church.

Caring and Sharing Ministries of Taneytown has suggested dessert mixes (such as cake, brownie, gelatin, pudding) for August and September. Basic necessary non-perishable products other than desserts will also be greatly appreciated. Items may be placed on the table in the back porch of the Parsonage or brought to church. Also, items donated may be placed in the cabinet at the back portico of Trinity Lutheran Church. As always, thank you for supporting our community's needs.

Altar Flowers: Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Rodkey family.

Grief Share Group: Grief Share Group will meet in the Parsonage on Wednesdays' @ 5:30-7pm Dates: Aug. 26, Sept. 9, 23, Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4, 18 & Dec. 2 & 16. 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.

Bible Study: Bible study series continues this Thursday at 6PM in the parsonage. We will be discussing the Book of Acts. 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.

The Antique Car & Tractor Show and Peach Festival: This event will be held August 22, 2026 from 10AM-2PM. **How can we help?** See the sign-up sheets in the Good Shepherd room for donating baked items, peeling peaches (8am on 8/22), and helping to prepare and serve food on 8/22. Also, monetary donation can be given to Carolyn or placed in the offering plate (marked Tractor Show).

Church Yard Sale: Join us for our **First Annual Church Yard Sale** on **Friday, September 18** and **Saturday, September 19**, from **8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**, at **Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ, 2950 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster**. We are now accepting donations of clean, gently used items for the sale. Donation drop-off begins **September 1** at the Parish Social Hall. We also welcome volunteers to help organize donations before the sale and assist during the event. **All proceeds will benefit the church's General Fund.** For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Jane Rodkey or Susie Lawrence**. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come shop and support the ministry of Emmanuel (Baust)!

August's book selection is "*The Kitchen House*", by Kathleen Grissom. When a white servant girl violates the order of plantation society, she unleashes a tragedy that exposes the worst and best in people she has come to call her family. Orphaned while on board ship from Ireland, seven-year-old Lavinia arrives on the steps of a tobacco plantation where she is to live and work with the slaves of the kitchen hours. Under the care of Belle, the master's illegitimate daughter, Lavinia becomes deeply bonded to her adopted family, though she is set apart from them by her white skin. Eventually; Lavinia is accepted into the world of the big house, where the master is absent and the mistress battles opium addiction. Lavinia finds herself perilously straddling two different worlds. When she is forced to make a choice, loyalties are brought into question, dangerous truths are laid bare, and lives are put at risk. The group will meet on Tuesday, August 25 at 6pm in the Parsonage to discuss this book.

Fall Community Market: Join the Trinity United Church of Christ, 3229 York St., Manchester, Md. on Saturday, September 19, **from 8am–1p.m.** Vendors wanted: contact: Amanda for rental spaces (443-857-4981). Shop Local, Support Community, Celebrate Together. This is a Church Family Friendly Event!

Announcing: "Pleasant Valley Bluegrass" sponsored by St. Matthew's UCC on October 10, 2026. Doors open at 2pm, music starts at 3pm. Three bands for a continuous concert, delicious food available for purchase. Held at the Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company. See our website or our Facebook page for more information www.saintmatthewsucc.org – under events or search Pleasant Valley Bluegrass on Facebook.

Consistory: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the parsonage.

Newsletter Items: Newsletter items for September 2026 are due August 16th to Jane Rodkey.

If anyone would like to send Andy Hood a card his address is: 1750 Burrier Lane, Keymar, Md 21757. He has diagnosed with bladder cancer and he will be having surgery on Wed. Aug. 12.

First Sunday of the Month Lunch: Next Luncheon will be September 13, 2026. More detail will be coming as the date gets closer.

Prayer Concerns: Please take time to review the list at the end of the bulletin and see if there are people we need to add or remove from the list. Contact the office so we may keep the concerns up to date.

Accompanist, Michael Cruz

Looking Ahead to Worship: Sunday, August 23, 2026 (Summer Communion)

Pastor: Rev. Wilmer

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Serving in Worship:

Liturgist: Nancy Edwards

Media Tech: Jane Rodkey

Accompanist: Dot Dutterer

Prayer Concerns

Church Members

Nancy Edwards

Duane Rodkey

Jennifer S. Brown

Linda Dennis

Betty Gross

Skeeter Dull

Sue & Calvin Bloom

Dan & Betty Heltibridge

Carl Bloom

Will Wilt

Linda Goodwin

Bick & Lois Bickerton

Peggy Warner

Brent Grove

Bob Miller

Eddie Dutterer

Susan Hardinger

Friends

Mini DeLore

Wingerden Family

Libby Fuss

Randy Brodbeck

Lainey Hood

Tom Hennin

Sylvia Miller

Bob Peters

Sharon Herb

Shelley Simmont

Andrea Mathias Warren

Chris Johnson

Ken Morningstar

Sam Warner

Brandon Mollett

Andy Hood

In God's Service

Pastor: Rev. Roger Wilmer

Secretary: Jane Rodkey

Accompanist: Jennifer Sullivan Brown

Choir & Music Director: Beth Brandenburg

Consistory President: Jim Stonesifer

Liturgist: Sandy Stonesifer

Media Tech: Kent Kallay