

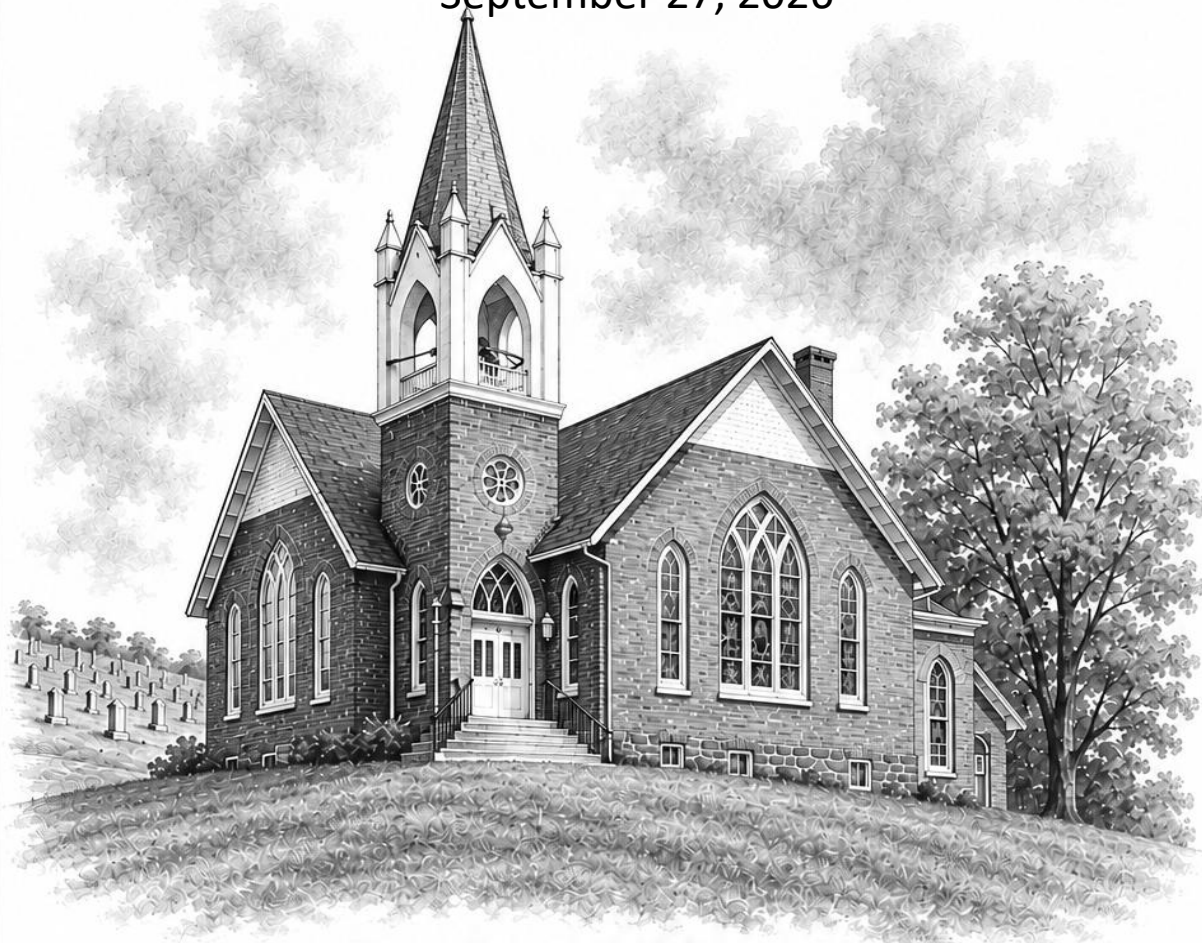
Emmanuel

(BAUST)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SERVICE OF WORD

September 27, 2026



Rev. Roger Wilmer, Jr.

2930 Old Taneytown Rd., Westminster, MD 21158

Sunday Service 10 am

Service of Word

September 27, 2026

Eighteenth 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

*Opening Music

Open Our Eyes

Green 491

O-pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je-sus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Lord, we want to see Je-sus.

O-pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis-ten,

O-pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je-sus.

*Call to Worship

L: Why do you come to this place?

P: We seek the path of righteousness and truth.

L: Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God's Word?

P: We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the one whose authority is founded on God's love.

L: Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God's house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness. (inspired by Psalm 145:1-8)

*Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us

Green 440

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we come before You aware that You know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don't change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that You will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

***Song of Praise**

Glory Be to the Father

Green 734

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

Scriptures

Exodus 17:1-7

Liturgist

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

Green 257

Sermon

Invitation to Join God's Family

***Affirmation of Faith**

Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness. Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love. We acknowledge that Christ chooses to be known in the world through this community of ordinary people, therefore we dare not despise or abandon the church. Christ is the head of the church, therefore we are responsible to Christ when we make policy and decisions in the church. Christ is the foundation of the church, therefore it will not fall despite our weakness. We are confident that the Lord of the church will judge and defeat our sinful intentions and actions, help us in our weakness and blindness, and use the church to accomplish his purposes. We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives.

Prayers of the People

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

Green 34

*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: Holy God, bless these gifts for Your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen. (by Teri McDowell Ott)

***Closing Hymn**

I Love to Tell the Story

Green 560

***Benediction**

Postlude

Accompanist

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Announcements for September 27, 2026

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

Church Website: ebucc.com

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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.

Guest Speaker today is Lynda Gainor and she will be talking about Caring and Sharing.

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.

Caring and Sharing Ministries of Taneytown has suggested dessert mixes (such as cake, brownie, gelatin, pudding) for 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 in loving memory of Charles and Mary Roop by their daughter Jan Roop Corbin.

Grief Share Group: Grief Share Group will meet in the Parsonage on Wednesdays' @ 5:30-7pm Dates: 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.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a Special Missions Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. One-third of the offering is given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds support UCC justice ministries. When you give to Neighbors in Need, you help build a just world for all! Thank you for contributing to this Special offering. We will be receiving these contributions through October.

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.

RADA Fundraiser: Take a look at the new RADA catalog! Our church has sold RADA products for many years, and all profits (40% of the selling prices) go into our church's general operating fund. The new catalog includes all of RADA's knives and utensils as well as baking pans, colanders, dishcloths, cutting boards, recipe collections, quick mix sauces, soups and dips, cracker seasonings, popcorn and new wood-based prep tools. So . . . start your Christmas shopping early! Take orders from friends and family. We will call in orders daily and receive deliveries within the week. Questions? Catalogs? Order forms? See Susan Hardinger, or email shardinger@aol.com or call/text 443-789-0142.

September's book selection is "*Fairlight*", by Kevin Provance. If you grew up in Carroll County, you've probably passed places like this your whole life. Fairlight is a multigenerational historical novel rooted in the landscapes, memory and history of Westminster, Taneytown and Bruceville, from the years before the Civil War to the echoes still felt generations. Sometime the past isn't as far away as we think. The group will meet on Tuesday, September 29 at 6pm in the Parsonage to discuss this book.

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, October 6, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the parsonage.

Newsletter Items: Newsletter items for November 2026 are due October 18th to Jane Rodkey.

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, October 4, 2026

Pastor: Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Serving in Worship:

Liturgist: Cindy Osborne

Media Tech: Mark Muscato

Accompanist: Susan Hardinger

Prayer Concerns

Church Members

Nancy Edwards
Duane Rodkey
Jennifer S. Brown
Linda Dennis
Betty Gross
Skeeter Dull
Sue & Calvin Bloom
Dan & Betty Heltibridle
Carl Bloom
Eddie Dutterer
Linda Goodwin
Bick & Lois Bickerton
Peggy Warner
Brent Grove
Bob Miller

Friends

Mini DeLore
Andy Hood
Libby Fuss
Brandon Mollett
Lainey Hood
Tom Hennin
Sylvia Miller
Bob Peters
Sharon Herb
Shelley Simmont
Andrea Mathias Warren
Chris Johnson
Ken Morningstar

In God's Service

Pastor: Rev. Roger Wilmer

Secretary: Jane Rodkey

Accompanist: Jennifer Sullivan Brown

Choir & Music Director:

Consistory President: Jim Stonesifer

Liturgist: Bob Miller

Media Tech: Connie Muscato