

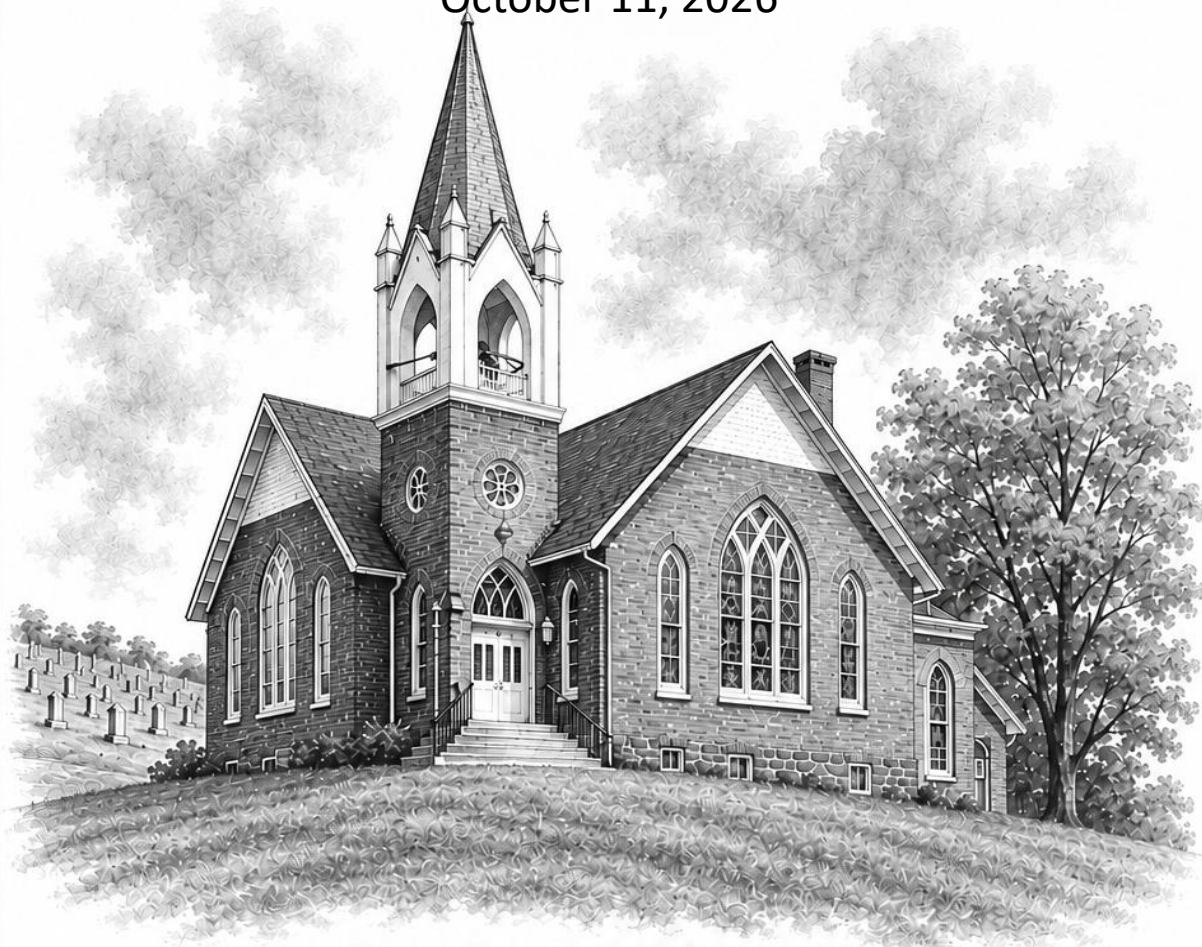
Emmanuel

(BAUST)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SERVICE OF WORD

October 11, 2026



Rev. Roger Wilmer, Jr.

2930 Old Taneytown Rd., Westminster, MD 21158

Sunday Service 10 am

Service of Word

October 11, 2026

Twentieth 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**

Holy Ground

Green 654

We are stand-ing on ho-ly ground,
And I know that there are angels all a-round.
Let us praise Je-sus now;
We are stand-ing in his pres-ence on ho-ly ground.

***Call to Worship**

L: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,

P: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all His praise?

P: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

L: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,

P: That we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.

L: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say,

P: Amen. Praise the Lord!

(Psalm 10)

***Hymn**

He Lives

Green 302

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, You call us again and again to seek Your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with You. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to Your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed Your invitation to be part of Your kingdom

and strive, through the power of Your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

*Song of Praise	Bless His Holy Name	Green 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.	

Scriptures	Exodus 32:1-14 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Liturgist
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Sermon Hymn	Break Now the Bread of Life	Green 665
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Sermon	"Chosen People for POWER" (1 Peter 2:9-10)
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Invitation to Join God's Family

***Affirmation of Faith**

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because He shares our humanity and has bound us to Himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now He is Lord!

Prayers of the People

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer

Rev. Wilmer

**All: Holy, holy, holy God
of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High.**

Prayer

Rev. Wilmer

**All: In the strength Christ gives us,
We offer ourselves to you, eternal God
And give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread and Pouring of Wine.

Our Lord's Prayer (using debts)

Sharing the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

**All: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the
presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

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: Bountiful God, all that we can offer comes from Your generosity. May
these gifts that we return to You become a blessing for Your whole com-
munity, enriching and empowering us for the work to which You call us.
We thank You in the name of Jesus Christ, Your indescribable gift to us
and the world. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

I Come with Joy

Green 706

*Benediction

Postlude

Accompanist

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Announcements for October 11, 2026

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

Church Website: ebuucc.com

Church Email: office@ebuucc.com

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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.

Caring and Sharing Ministries of Taneytown suggested donations for October through December are breakfast items such as cereals, pancake mixes, syrups, etc. donations may be placed at the back porch of the parsonage or brought to church. Or, donations may be taken to the cabinet under the back portico at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Altar Flowers: Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Deni Krug in celebration of the birthdays of Kyler Krug and Betty Stonesifer. Happy Birthday!

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

October's Book Selection: The October book is "*The Wanted*" by Robert Crais. A single mother hires Elvis Cole because her teenage son is flashing cash and she's afraid he's dealing drugs. With two others he's been responsible for a string of high-end burglaries. It seemed like a simple case until the bodies started piling up. They stole the wrong thing from the wrong man, and now he has hired two ruthless men to find it. It's an outstanding crime-thriller. Next meeting October 27, 2026.

November's book selection The November book is "*The Undaunted: The Miracle of the Hole-in-the-Rock Pioneers*," by Gerald N. Lund. The journey was impossible. But they had no other choice. At the call of their prophet, they left well-established farms and businesses to strike out yet again into the untamed wilderness. A small band of men, women, and children formed the 1879 pioneer company. Their mission: stand as a buffer between lawlessness and civilization. Their road: only what they created themselves, blasting out a perilous trail over slick rock and through desolate cliffs. Their hearts: UNDAUNTED.

Consistory: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 2, 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 18, 2026

Pastor: Rev. Wilmer

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 33:12-23

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Serving in Worship:

Liturgist: Sandy Stonesifer

Media Tech: Kent Kallay

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
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
Krissy Doyle

In God's Service

Pastor: Rev. Roger Wilmer

Secretary: Jane Rodkey

Accompanist: Jennifer Sullivan Brown

Choir & Music Director:

Consistory President: Jim Stonesifer

Liturgist: Nancy Edwards

Media Tech: Beth Raver



Jesus says: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

-John 5:15

Our Annual Homewood Living Plum Creek Auxiliary Membership Drive has begun, and we hope that we can count on your support in helping to make a difference in the lives of our Skilled Care and Personal Care residents at Plum Creek.

We will be renewing current memberships and accepting new members for \$3.00 for an individual membership and \$5.00 for a joint membership.

The Auxiliary purchases special "wish list" items to provide enriched recreation programs, superior safety and care, and an enhanced environment for our residents residing in Town Hall. Please take this opportunity to join the Homewood Auxiliary!



A stylus pen will be given as a thank you gift to new and renewing Auxiliary members

Please contact your church Auxiliary Representative:

Jan Corbin to join!

223-388-0067

Sunday Bulletin Outline

Chosen People for POWER

Text: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Key Verse: 1 Peter 2:9

Sermon Theme

God has chosen His people not only for salvation but also for purpose, power, worship, and witness.

Introduction

In a world where many feel rejected, forgotten, or overlooked, God reminds believers that they are chosen, precious, and called to make a difference. Our identity is found in Christ, not in the opinions of others.

Point 1: We Are Chosen by God and Called to Live Differently

"Rejected by men, but chosen by God." (1 Peter 2:4)

Key Truths

- Jesus was rejected by people but accepted by God.
- Believers are chosen and precious in God's sight.
- Holiness means being set apart for God's purposes.
- A devoted life reflects God's glory and power.

Application

- Live as God's chosen people.
- Pursue holiness in daily life.
- Allow God to transform your character and conduct.

Point 2: We Are Chosen to Worship and Proclaim God's Glory

"That you may proclaim the praises of Him..." (1 Peter 2:9)

Key Truths

- We are a royal priesthood.
- Worship is more than music; it is a lifestyle.
- God has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- We are to declare His goodness to the world.

Application

- Worship God from the heart.
- Live as a witness for Christ.
- Share your testimony of God's grace and power.

Conclusion

Because we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God's special people, we are called to live differently and shine brightly for Christ.

Closing Challenge

- Are you living as one of God's chosen people?
- Are you reflecting His light to others?
- Are you proclaiming His praises through your life and words?

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to you personally to be part of a "chosen generation" (1 Peter 2:9)?
2. How can a believer respond biblically when facing rejection from others?
3. What are some practical ways Christians can pursue holiness in today's culture?
4. Why is worship more than singing songs on Sunday morning?
5. What is one way you can proclaim God's praises and share His light with someone this week?

Memory Verse

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. "1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)