

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**girl scouts** 

**Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ**

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*



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**March 8, 2026**

**9:30am Worship**

# WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

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**1<sup>ST</sup> TIME GUESTS:** Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin or pew hymnal. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

**"BUSY BAGS":** Coloring books and crayons are available in the north narthex (lobby) for use during worship. Please return all items following the service for others to use the following week. See an usher for assistance.

**NURSERY CARE:** Available during worship for children birth-kindergarten. The nursery is past the office, to the right. See an usher for assistance.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Is held during worship for 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> graders, except the first Sunday of the month. Youth meet their teachers after the children's message in the sanctuary. Parents, please pick up your child from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classrooms immediately following worship. Follow signs for the office.

**RESTROOMS:** Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS:** Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE:** Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

**GET CONNECTED:** Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share contact information, ask questions, and more. Once completed, place it in the offering plates during the offering time.

**WIFI & DEVICES:** Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: "gladurhere!"

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

**Centering Thoughts:** How important is the church? In the last 50+ years this has become a defining question with an increasing number of people deciding the church is not that important. The rationale being, you can believe in God and pray to God anywhere! Yet believing in God and following Jesus are not the same thing, especially when you think about how much of Jesus' ministry focused on healing human relationships and bringing people back into community with others. In fact, most of the New Testament's focus is a witness to God's call for us to be in intentional, faith filled, life-giving community with one another through Christ. Another name for this community is "the church."

### Opening Chimes

### Welcome & Announcements

### Sharing of Christ's Peace

*(Rise in body or spirit to share Christ's peace using customary forms of greeting or by using a peace sign. Please be seated once the prelude begins.)*

**Prelude:** "How Great Our God with How Great Thou Art" - arr. by Peggy Bettcher Bausman Bells

*(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into our presence, calling us to worship)*

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

### Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather to live into the truth,

**People: That we are one body in Christ.**

Pastor: We have gifts and skills that differ from one another,

**People: That come to full blessing as they are united with one another.**

Pastor: Like Jesus, we look not simply to ourselves,

**People: We look around us to see and to care for our sisters and brothers.**

Pastor: We look even beyond the walls of this church,

**People: To love with the full breadth of Jesus' love.**

Pastor: For Christ' love not only unites us to the Lord God Almighty,

**People: Christ's love heals all that divides us from one another**

**Pastor: Thus, we come to worship the living God  
that our minds might be renewed in God's way and truth.**

**People: We come in thanks of God's mercies,  
presenting our bodies as living sacrifices  
to the one who has, and continues, to rescue us to life.**

**Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
who gathers us now in worship and love, as the body of Christ.**

**People: Amen!**

**Processional Hymn: "Forty Days and Forty Nights" (p. #205)**

## **WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Corporate Confessional**

**All: Saving God, in Jesus you have shown us the way of life and truth.  
Through his mercies he has set us free to be children of your love  
and ambassadors of your reign.**

**Yet every day, we find ourselves conforming to the ways of this world,  
as we silently distance ourselves from you.**

**Forgive the sin of our fear and our doubt.**

**Forgive the impatience and insecurity of our mind.**

**Forgive our rejection of Jesus as Lord and Savior of our lives.**

**Through the power and presence of your Spirit,**

**transform us by the renewing of our minds,**

**so that we may discern what is your will –**

**what is good and acceptable to you, O God Most High. Amen.**

#### **Personal Silent Confession**

*(Personal prayers for God's healing and redeeming peace)*

#### **Assurance of Grace**

**Pastor: ...but renewed in the goodness of God that overcomes the evil within us.**

**People: By grace we are saved. By love we are healed. Thanks be to God.**

**All: Amen.**

## Confession Response: "Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days"



I Lord Je - sus, who through for - ty days for us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.

*(Please be seated)*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

### Message for the Young & Young at Heart

*(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps. Those in 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades are dismissed to Sunday School or back to their guardians following the message.)*

### Prayer of Illumination

**All: O God, you are the potter, we are the clay.**

**By the grace of your Spirit, let us be formed by you,  
in the proclaiming and hearing of your Word.**

**Center us now in the fullness of your will and your way. Amen.**

### Psalm Reading: Psalm 112

Reader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,  
who greatly delight in his commandments

**People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Reader: Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.

**People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Reader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

who conduct their affairs with justice.

**People: For the righteous will never be moved;  
They will be remembered forever.**

Reader: They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

**People: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;  
In the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

Reader: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

**People: The wicked see it and are angry;  
they gnash their teeth and melt away;  
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

**Epistle Lesson:** Romans 12:1-21 (p. #161)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you

are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** “Created for Community”

**Chancel Choir Anthem:** “Come to Jesus”- Chris Rice

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD**

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

**Mission Moment – Girl Scouts**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (sins)

**All: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

*(Electronic & physical giving options are available through the pew envelope. Register your attendance with a Welcome Card or using Realm’s mobile check-in.)*

**Offertory:** “Fugue Sur Les Jeux D’Anches” - Francois Couperin

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

### Offering Response *(Unison)*

The musical score is for a unison offering response in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of two systems of vocal lines. The first system has a vocal line with lyrics: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be-low;" and a bass line. The second system has a vocal line with lyrics: "Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." and a bass line. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

### Prayer of Dedication

**All:** Saving God, you have shaped us to be agents of your blessing  
so that the life of Christ may be evident in all that we do.  
Bless these signs and symbols of our desire  
to walk in your way and to live of your truth,  
as you make your mercies evident in the ministries of your church  
and through the living of our lives.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.

## WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

**Recessional Hymn:** "Take Up Your Cross" (p. #204)

*(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into the world, as the choir leads us in the way.)*

### Commissioning & Benediction

#### Chimes

**Postlude:** "Rapsodie Gothique" - Gordon Young

*(As the postlude concludes, go in peace to love and serve at the calling of God.)*

# THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

## **Sunday, March 8 – Girl Scout Sunday / Daylight Savings Begins**

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
- 6:45 PM Scout Troop 413 – Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, March 9**

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level
- 11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 PM Constitution & Bylaws – Room 23

## **Tuesday, March 10**

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Worship & Music

## **Wednesday, March 11**

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 PM Generosity – Fellowship Hall

## **Thursday, March 12**

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Women’s Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

## **Friday, March 13**

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, March 15**

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
- 1:00 PM New Member’s Class – Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 PM Scout Troop 413 – Fellowship Hall

# PRAYERS & CARES

## **Congregational Cards of Care**

God invites us to share life-giving love through our faith. One way to do this is to weekly join in our “Cards of Care” ministry. This week we are uplifting Debbi Ehrgood, who is one of our Home Congregants. Stop by the table in the front left corner of the sanctuary to add your name and care to this week’s card. Thank you!

## **Prayer Requests**

Thank you for joining in the joy and care of others by including the following prayers in your prayer times. Submit your prayer requests by using a Prayer Card, contacting the church office, or the prayer chain coordinator (Mary Moll). Prayer requests are maintained for up to four weeks and can be resubmitted an unlimited number of times. When possible, please check with the person before submitting their name.

**Praise & Celebrations:** St. Paul's UCC, Birdsboro & Pastor Deborah Parker-Hill

**Healing & Strengthening:** Mary Hollinger; Mary Motz; Debbie Brubaker; Alaire;  
Joanne Doleva

**Care & Support:** Randy Ulmer; Commander Alison (Derr) Maruca & Family; Major  
Jamie Derr & Family; Savannah Guthrie

**Comfort In Time of Loss:** The Family of Les Moll; The Family of Martha Rudolph-  
Maher (Sue Showalter’s mother); The Family of Jackie Warner (death of father)

## **Birthdays Celebrated this Week**

3/8 Angela Wertz  
3/10 Emily Smedley  
3/15 Eric P. Miller

## **Anniversaries Celebrated this Week**

3/15 Kim & Kevin Murphy

# Worship Information

## Sponsorships

**Bulletins:** To the Glory of God by Nancy Helbig.

## Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Mike Ritter

Ushers: Dale Derr, Bruce Longenecker,  
Mary Moll, Jodi Reardon

Acolyte: Anna Keller & Stella Spayd

Reader: Mary Rebecca Keller

Welcome: Cece Wagner

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Nursery: Amalia Cannon

Altar Guild: Mary Moll

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## Last Week's Worship

**Worship Attendance:** In Person: 62

Online: 11

## **Offerings Received for God's Ministry:**

General Fund: In person \$2731    Online: \$140

Special Offering/ Capital Improvement: \$435

**“LOOK AND SEE”  
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!  
MARCH 8, 2026**

(Visit [bausmanucc.org](http://bausmanucc.org) and sign up for the weekly e-blasts as well)

**One Great Hour of Sharing Collections** - From March 8 -29, you may receive a special envelope with your bulletin for a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.

**When you receive your envelope, please consider donating to make a difference in someone’s life that needs to be shown God’s love through your generosity.**

**Lenten Food Collection** - As you journey through this season of Lent and prayerfully consider what to give up, please consider Bausman's Lenten food collection. One food item or non-food item per week from the list below will go a long way in serving your neighbors in need this season. The SOAR committee will be collecting food for the Calvary UCC Food Pantry, New Journey and Spartan Station from **February 18 through Palm Sunday, March 29**. All three missions could use the following items: canned foods, whole meals such as soups, chili, Chef Boyardee, Mac and cheese, peanut butter jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, instant oatmeal etc. Non-food items such as shampoo and conditioner, soap - hand and body, deodorant, laundry products are also needed. Collection containers will be in the front and east narthex of the church. Questions? Contact Mike Ritter at (610) 781-5946.

*"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." Proverbs 22:9*

**Reading Choral Society** - History marches on! As the Reading Choral Society celebrates our 150th anniversary season, we're joined by another Berks musical institution - the Ringgold Band - for a concert celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America on Sunday, March 22, 4pm at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, West Reading. The centerpiece is The Testament of Freedom by Randall Thompson (known for his beloved Frostiana) which sets texts from the writings of Thomas Jefferson. The concert includes other favorite patriotic works such as the Battle Hymn of the Republic and, of course, the National Anthem. Join us as we celebrate our nation in style!

Tickets - \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door; Students \$10 - can be purchased at [www.readingchoral.org](http://www.readingchoral.org) or by connecting with Fred or Di Schwerdt.



**The Annual Bausman Memorial UCC Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at 10am on Saturday, April 4. The hunt will be broken into three age groups, and all children aged 0-12 are welcome to attend! We will stagger the start of each group. Please feel free to share with family, friends, and neighbors- all are welcome!

**Candy Donations for Easter Egg Hunt** - If you would like to donate candy, please bring your candy donation to the church by Sunday, March 29 and place it in the labeled bins. While there are no restrictions on type of candy, please ensure all pieces are individually wrapped (no bags of loose M&Ms, for example).

**The Polished Brass Quintet** - On Palm Sunday, March 29, we will be welcoming The Polished Brass Quintet. They will begin at 9:15am with a joyful extended prelude. Throughout this worship service, the brass will add their richness to the music that gives praise to the day.

In the mid-1980s, members of the brass section of the Pottstown Band decided to create a brass quintet. At that time, known as The Pottstown Brass, they started playing at friends' weddings and local church services. A few years later the Pottstown Band folded and they changed their name to The Polished

Brass. Over the ensuing years their members have stayed relatively consistent with changes due mostly to members leaving the area. They continue to play locally at numerous church services and community events.

MEMBERS: Trumpet: Doug Werner, Mike Gumpert | French Horn: Sally Heist | Trombone: Ken Mease | Tuba: Tim Simmons

Be sure to invite a friend! This will be a wonderful concert during worship. The Polished Brass is sponsored by the Bausman Luyben Music Endowment Fund.

**Easter Endowment Offering** - Endowment giving reflects Easter hope. It proclaims faith in God to transcend the power of death as our gifts of love, rebirth, hope, and strength provide for generations to come. Bausman Endowments Funds are:

- The **Permanent Endowment** has funds that were donated by living members, designated gifts when a member died, and bequests contributed via a deceased member's will. Principal monies donated to this account remain invested, while a percentage of the 3-year average of the total return (5% or \$4,645.46) is permitted to be withdrawn and used by the church.
- The **Quasi Endowment** also has funds that were donated over many years. The name of this account indicates it has some, but not all of the features of a permanent endowment fund. Financial draws of principal on this account may be approved by the Consistory, when needed for emergencies or special needs.
- The **Luyben Music Endowment** has funds that were donated over the years to honor our Minister of Music, Sharon Luyben for her dedicated Christian musical leadership and longevity of service. This fund annually provides special musical groups that enhance our worship experience, such as brass quintets, flute ensembles, violinists, harpists, etc.

Please know that every endowment gift is a gift of the heart, given with a reverent spirit. *A special offering will be collected on Easter Sunday (04/05/26)* for you to make your contribution by using the Special Easter Offering Envelope in your box of envelopes; by indicating "Easter Endowment Offering" on an envelope in the pew racks; or by using our online giving option that designates the 3 eligible Endowment Funds (Permanent, Quasi, or Luyben Music). Please prayerfully consider supporting our church in this special way to continue providing the Bausman legacy!

**Become a Bulletin Sponsor** –Become a bulletin sponsor by using the Sign-up forms and calendar poster located on the doors by the church office. Bulletin sponsorship is \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

**How to Get Free Money for Bausman Using your Redner's Card** - Remember to scan your Redner's Card at checkout. Then submit your full receipt to the church office or place in the East Narthex collection box. Friends and family can support Bausman with their receipts as well! Redner's gives the church 1% for every purchase. But it only applies when you scan your card at checkout.

**Seeking Partner Leaders** - Last year's VBS program was such a blast that we are looking to grow upon it this summer. One of the things that made it such a great time was the depth of leadership and volunteers. Would you like to help out this year? We are looking for leaders and volunteers in the following areas: **Meals | Games | Crafts | Decorations | Teaching.** Contact Pastor Joe to share your interest and to learn more! (Note: PA criminal history and PA child abuse clearances less than 5 years old are required for all volunteers except the decorating team. Clearances are free for volunteers and easily completed online).



# The Keystone Connection

## A Message to the Conference

**March 03, 2026**

**Dear Keystone Members and Friends –**

The Keystone Transitional Board of Directors met on Monday February 23 and discussed the following:

1. The Board along with Association Officers of the Mountain Valley Association, formerly the Penn Northeast Conference, heard of some start-up challenges. Earlier legal misunderstandings caused confusion over funds that could be used to pay for operating costs of the newly-formed Association. The Board voted to use some of the William T. Longsdorf restricted funds to pay for 2026 Association Commission on Ministry costs such as continuing education scholarships and MID psych evaluations. This was past practice in the former Conference. Beginning in 2027 the Longsdorf funds will be utilized across the Keystone Conference.
2. The Board adopted a Safe Conduct policy for the Conference. It details proper conduct with children and youth for Conference staff and volunteers.
3. The group working on implementing the People of the Table theme gathered to plan how local churches across the Conference can share ways that they are feeding people and how we can advocate on behalf of those who are hungry.
4. The Annual Meeting planning committee reported on the many special guest speakers and preachers who will be with us at our gathering in June.

**Rev. Dr. David DeRemer**

**Board Moderator**

**Keystone Conference**

**United Church of Christ**

### **Emergency Hygiene Kits on the Move: A Shared Ministry of Compassion**

St. John's UCC in Emmaus will play a meaningful role in strengthening our conference-wide disaster response efforts. Randy and Irene Kraft, who chair the church's Missions Committee, shared the good news that the 260 emergency hygiene kits assembled by the congregation last summer are now ready for delivery to the Mission Central warehouse in Mechanicsburg. This facility has become the primary hub for disaster-response supplies in the Northeast, replacing the former Church World Service depot.



Rev. Gary M. Barraco, pictured here, serves as the Keystone Conference Disaster Response Coordinator. He recently visited St. John's to pick up the completed kits, which will soon be stored until they are deployed wherever disaster strikes. Each kit represents a small but powerful act of care—practical items that restore dignity, offer comfort, and remind survivors that they are not alone.

This partnership between local congregations, Mission Central, and the Keystone Conference reflects the best of who we are: people of faith working together to meet urgent needs with compassion and readiness. St. John's commitment to hands-on mission continues to ripple outward, touching lives far beyond Emmaus.

### **Keystone Conference Addiction Recovery Taskforce**

A group is forming to create a Keystone Conference Addiction Recovery Taskforce. They will begin with a discussion on mission, vision, and steps forward via Zoom on Thursday March 19 at noon. Please email Rev. Rich Mollica at [rmollica33@gmail.com](mailto:rmollica33@gmail.com) with your name, phone number, email and church you represent to register and receive the Zoom link.

**Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ's first Annual Meeting** will be held June 5-7 at Millersville University in Millersville. Overnight accommodations will be on campus as well as the DoubleTree Hilton in Lancaster. Registration will begin in March 2026.

Our theme is "Joy at the Table Together" and our centering scripture is Acts 2:46-47 "Every day they met together, breaking bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God." The meeting will include a Service of Consecration for Keystone Conference.

Speakers will include Rev. Dr. Marcia McFee, author of *Think Like a Filmmaker: Sensory-Rich Worship for Unforgettable Messages*; Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ; Rev. Dr. Mary Luti, author of *Do This: Communion for Just and Courageous Living*; Rev. Greg Edwards, Executive Director of POWER Interfaith, Secretary Russell Redding, PA Secretary of Agriculture, and Rev. Freeman Palmer, Conference Minister for the Central Atlantic Conference.

### **Attention Youth Campers and Families,**

Please read the following information carefully, as the Conference policy for supplementing youth summer camping has changed.

For the 2026 summer season, the Keystone Conference will campership or reimburse 30% of the cost for one youth to attend one summer camping experience. If a youth attends more than one camp during the summer, only one camp will be eligible for the 30% reimbursement. Please use the application for additional camps if this creates a hardship.

Learn more and download the application under the campership section of [keystoneucc.org/mission-grants-committee/](http://keystoneucc.org/mission-grants-committee/)

### **Living Waters Camp & Conference Center Schellsburg, PA**

Trustin' Jesus! Summer Camps  
Fishing Camp - June 28 to July 2, for grades 6 to 12  
Primary (grades K - 3) - July 5 to 11  
Elementary Camp (grades 4 - 6) - July 5 to 11  
Junior-Senior High Camp - July 12 - 18  
Grandparent / Grandchild Camp is July 12 to 15  
Learn more at [livingwaterscamp.org](http://livingwaterscamp.org)

**HC Spirit Camp** is hosted at Hartman Center Campground, Milroy, PA . The theme for HC Spirit 2026 is "In the Wilderness." Camp runs from July 26 - August 1, 2026. Keep checking in at [hcspiritcamp.org](http://hcspiritcamp.org) for the upcoming brochure and registration links

# Forty Days and Forty Nights

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George Hunt Smyttan, 1856; alt.

Matt. 4:1-11; Heb. 2:18

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody.

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;  
2 Shall we not your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,  
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
5 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side;

For - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?  
Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint or fail!  
'Round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.  
That with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

*The son of a doctor in Bombay, George Hunt Smyttan became a priest in the Church of England. He published several collections of verse. This hymn was one of three Lenten hymns that appeared in The Penny Post (1856).*

Tune: HEINLEIN 7.7.7.7.  
Attrib. to Martin Herbst, 1676

# "Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

Mark 8:34

Charles W. Everest, 1883; alt.

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "if you would  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak  
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your  
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till

my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with  
 spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength will bear your  
 fool - ish pride be still; For Christ did not re -  
 death to lay it down, For on - ly those who

will - ing heart and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
 spir - it up and brace your heart, sup - port your arm.  
 fuse to die up - on a cross on Cal - vary's hill.  
 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Charles Everest, after graduating from Trinity College, Hartford, was rector of a parish in Hamden, Connecticut, for thirty-one years. This hymn in verse is from his collection of hymns titled

Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM L.M.  
 Grenoble Antiphoner, 1753