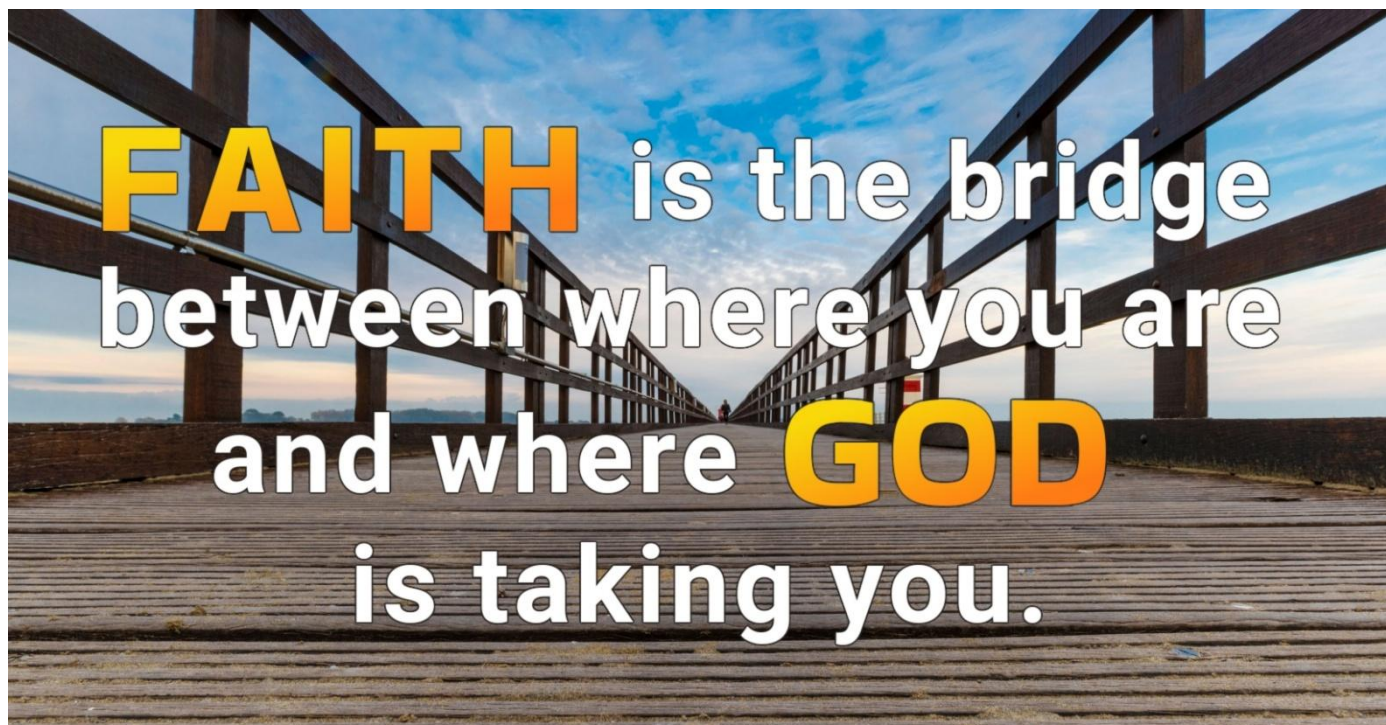


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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June 21, 2026

9:30am Worship

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

1ST 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: During the summer, the space is available for use with parental/guardian supervision. No attendant is present. Live audio of the worship service is broadcast to the nursery. The nursery is past the office, to the right. See an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Is on summer break till September 20th.

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

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: Faith is the bridge between where you are and where God is taking you. - Anonymous

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: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" -
ST. ANNE tune, George Th. Miles

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 86)

Pastor: Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

People: **Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

Pastor: You are my God; be gracious to me O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.

People: **Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Pastor: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

People: **For you are great and do wondrous things;
You alone are God.**

Processional Hymn: "I Come with Joy" (vs 1,4,5) (p. #349)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: We confess, Holy God, that we have not done your justice.
We have ignored the cries of those in need
and turned away from opportunities to make things right.
We have not loved kindness as you call us to,
but have held onto judgment, resentment and fear.
We have not walked humbly with you
but have relied on our own understanding and desires.
Forgive us, we pray.

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Confession Response *(Unison)*

And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

(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.)

Prayer of Illumination

All: Holy Spirit,

**just as you came like wind and flame on the day of Pentecost,
come now and open our hearts to your Word.**

Help us to listen, to learn, and to be changed.

**Speak through the scriptures so we may know your truth
and live as your faithful people.**

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11 (p. #156)

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:24-39 (p. #10)

“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the

hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “The Cost of Discipleship”

Special Music- “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” - Brian Doerksen
Nancy Helbig , Soprano

WE RESPOND TO GOD

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Statement of Faith

from the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr. from the United Presbyterian Church

**All: "I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events
which surround us.**

**I refuse to believe that we are so bound to racism and war,
that peace, brotherhood and sisterhood are not possible.**

**I believe there is an urgent need for people
to overcome oppression and violence,
without resorting to violence and oppression.**

I believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace,

a way which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation.
The foundation of this way is love.
I really believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love
will have the final word in reality.
I believe that right temporarily defeated
is stronger than evil triumphant.
I believe that peoples everywhere
can have three meals a day for their bodies,
education and culture for their minds,
and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits.
I believe that what self-centered people have torn down,
other-centered people can build up.
By the goodness of God at work within people,
I believe that brokenness can be healed. '
And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together,
and everyone will sit under their own vine and fig tree,
and none shall be afraid."

(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: "Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast" - Rolf Unkel

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (*Unison*)

The image shows a musical score for a unison offering response. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are for the first line of lyrics, and the last two staves are for the second line. The music is written in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent bass line.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

All: We give you thanks, God,
for the many gifts you have given this congregation.
We thank you for the gifts of hospitality,
the gifts of love and kindness and the gifts
of creating space where all can feel welcome.
Bless the tithes and offerings we bring this day
that they might be used to bless others so that they may, too,
find comfort and safety in God's world. Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (p. #495)

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into the world)

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Classical Postlude" - Franz Joseph Haydn

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, June 21 – Father’s Day

9:30AM Worship

Monday, June 22

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level
11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Property – Conference Room

Tuesday, June 23

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Safe Conduct – Room 23

Wednesday, June 24

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

Thursday, June 25

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM Women’s Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 26

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

Sunday, June 28

9:30AM Worship

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 Jon Scott, who now lives far from Bausman. 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. Peter's/Wilshire UCC, Reading and Pastor Kim Stryjak

Healing & Strengthening: Colin Devlin; Jeanne George; Carol Matz; Marjorie Huyett; David Cappucio; Serena Lozada; Pidge Brown; Kathy Bailey; Rev. Jean Eckrod

Care & Support: Randy Ulmer; Pat Ori; Commander Alison (Derr) Maruca & Family; VBS Planning; Cure to All Cancers; Rev. David Longstreet

Comfort In Time of Loss: The passing of Sharon Stoner; The family of Lorraine Yahner; Family of Rev. Doug Hanson; Family of Rev. Jerry Smith

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

6/23 Bonnie Shiner
6/25 Zachary Hiester
6/25 Diane Hollinger
6/26 Ellis I. Kirk III
6/26 Sherry Griffith
6/27 Gail Freymoyer
6/28 Megan Rutherford

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

6/21 Paul & Lauren Cronin
6/21 Dale & Susie Derr
6/23 Mr. Donald & Nancy Reuter
6/26 Mr. Ellis & Jeanne Kirk III

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: Happy 70th Birthday Bonnie Shiner from Lori & Skeet.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Kent Hollinger

Ushers: Maria Colon, Bob Showalter, Sue Showalter, Kathy Errich

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Lori Moser

Welcome: Shelby Brunner

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Guest Pastor: Rev. Ann Few

Livestream: Rick Shiner

Sound: Rod Baer

Altar Guild: Shelby Brunner

Welcome Rev. Ann Few:

Rev. Ann Few has been an ordained minister in the UCC for 30 years. During that time, she served 5 churches in Pennsylvania as Senior Pastor and Interim Minister. Pastor Ann also served on various association, conference and national committees as well as local ecumenical ministeriums. In retirement, she continues to enjoy preaching, leading worship as supply pastor and leading various retreats. Pastor Ann has been involved with the healing ministry of Gestalt Pastoral Care for 30 years and currently serves on the Board of Trustees.

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 56 Online: 8

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$13,084 Online: \$140

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
JUNE 21, 2026**

(Visit bausmanucc.org and sign up for the weekly e-blasts as well)



Reading Phillies “Stand Up to Cancer” Night – The S.O.A.R. committee has secured 25 seats for the Wednesday, August 12 Reading Phillies “Stand Up to Cancer” game against the Chesapeake Baysox. The game starts at 7pm with doors opening at 5pm. Price per ticket is \$13. You can sign up using the QR code or the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the library.

S.O.A.R. ‘Mission at Work’ – In June, through the generous donations already received from the congregation and friends of Bausman, the S.O.A.R. committee will be able to donate Knoebels Park tickets to the children of Eck Cottage of Bethany Children’s Home as well as shop for food and necessities to go to both the Calvary & New Journey Food Banks. These donations wouldn’t be possible without your generosity. Thank you for helping to make these missions possible!

“Made With Love” - Knit Hat Ministry – We are looking for help to sew the little heart shaped charm that is imprinted with ‘Made with love’ on the beautiful handmade hats that are in the library. Anyone who's interested in helping, please call, text or email Mary Moll. The hats and hearts can be delivered to your home and picked up when finished. Or you can pick out your own hats in the library. The hearts are in a small shopping bag nearby. We need the hats back in early September. Thank you very much for helping with this traditional project that touches SO many lives!



2026 VBS - Rome: Paul and the Underground Church - Our free, five-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) program is a fantastic opportunity for children throughout the community to come together and have a fun, faith-filled experience. Children aged three to twelve years old, who are potty trained, are welcome to register. The VBS program offers a variety of engaging activities, including kid-friendly dinners (starting at 5:20), music, interactive skits, games, crafts, and faith exploration that is grounded in God’s love. It’s a great way for children to grow in their faith, build relationships, and have fun! Even if your child can’t attend every night, no problem. You are welcome to register just for the nights when your child can attend. Please register by June 28 so we can prepare for you!

Oktoberfest – September 26 – Oktoberfest planning has begun! If you would like to participate or find out in what you can help, please contact Ron Keller at 484-332-6789.

Seeking Nursery Attendants - *This is a Paid Position* - We are seeking new nursery attendants to support our nursery ministry starting this fall. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Mary Rebecca Keller to learn more.

Craft Books (free) Available in the Library - In the library there will be books on counted-cross-stitch, knitting, and colonial crafts. Please help yourself. Bags are provided to fill up and take with you. Any questions, please see Annie Harlin. They will be there for a limited time.



The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

June 16, 2026

Members and Friends of Keystone Conference,

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword." Matthew 10:34

About a decade ago, I had the idea to ask the four oldest members of the congregation I was serving about the themes for the four Sundays of Advent. If they were unable to be in worship because of their infirmities, I read excerpts from brief interviews I did with each of them before lighting the candle on the Advent wreath for that week.

For peace Sunday, I interviewed a man who knew war and had fought in the south Pacific during World War II for the U.S. Navy. I visited with him at the Lebanon Valley Home, and I asked him how he would define peace. He said, "It means no friction, no war. You wouldn't need an army or navy anymore."

I followed that up with asking him, what was it like when he and his fellow crewmen heard the war was over, "The first thing we all thought was, it meant that we were going home." I replied, "Maybe peace is like that, going home?" He thought a second and said, "Yes, it would be like going home, because like a family, you need to accept people as they are. Love them and let them know it." He thought a little more and offered, "Jesus wasn't a fighter. He was a person of peace and we should be that, too."

This dear man was not thinking of this week's gospel lectionary passage where Jesus seems to contradict his own blessing for peacemakers. I'm sure the man from my congregation had encountered this gospel passage in worship or in bible studies at some point. But even amid our present day toxic societal and familial divisions that Jesus may have prophesied, even a WW II veteran can come back to Jesus as a peacemaker as the prevailing image for his life for his Savior.

Some may point to this Sunday's passage as a sign of the end times or a sign that our division is divinely ordained. Those may be valid interpretations. I would say that when we're met with an edge of Jesus' teaching that cuts us, we should strive to hold in tension multiple images of the same Savior: One who will ask us to strive for peace, and one who knows that the message of the gospel is one that can also strain relationships. Many of us do this every day: we try to walk in the way of peace, but the core of the gospel can divide us from those whom we love who think much differently.

Following Jesus is both striving to hold an olive branch out to the world while at the same time being cut with the sword of the gospel. Jesus doesn't promise us a way that is easy. He promises that following him carrying a cross and the peace of going home are not opposites.

Dwight

Rev. Dwight Hein
Coordinator for Leadership Development
Keystone Conference UCC

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/

**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

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. Registration is now open—check hcspiritcamp.org for more info and registration.

Urban Service Camps Throughout the year, Old First UCC (Philadelphia) welcomes volunteer service groups from colleges and churches for a few days up to a week. Service campers volunteer around Philadelphia, while learning about the challenges facing those living in the city and the joys and rewards (and challenges) of hands-on work in agencies that are making a difference in Philly. The work of service campers is critical to our partner sites, as one-in-four Philadelphians are food insecure and the city's poverty rate is more than 20% – almost double the national average.

The urban service camp experience also includes time for participants to reflect on the spiritual, social and political implications of their experiences. Members of Old First work with group leaders to help groups unpack the structural realities that create and perpetuate homelessness, combining hands-on experience with learning and spiritual growth. And there is usually time for some good, old-fashioned fun, too – such as sight-seeing in the historic district!

We welcome Service Camps for just one day, or up to a week. And if schedules allow, Old First encourages service camps to volunteer with our Saturday Breakfast and/or worship with us on Sunday morning.

Learn more here: <https://oldfirstucc.org/serve/volunteer/> and click "Urban Service Camps"

I Come with Joy

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994

Unison

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will

free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that
 stay, And go with joy to love the world and

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.
 live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

One of Brian Wren's most widely published texts, this hymn was originally written to "sum up a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. It tries to use simple words to suggest important theological themes."

Tune: DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6.
 Southern Harmony, 1835
 Arr. Austin Lovelace, 1977

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



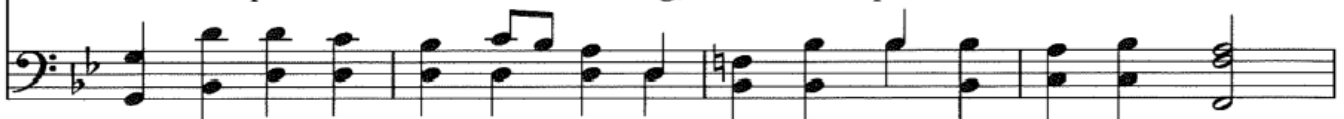
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



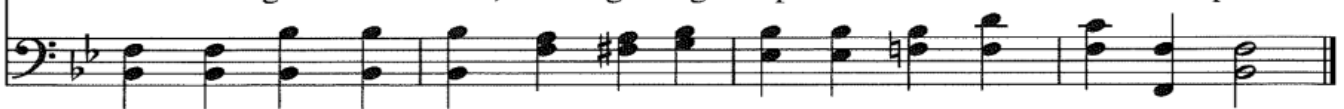
We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855
 For another key, see 43, 368