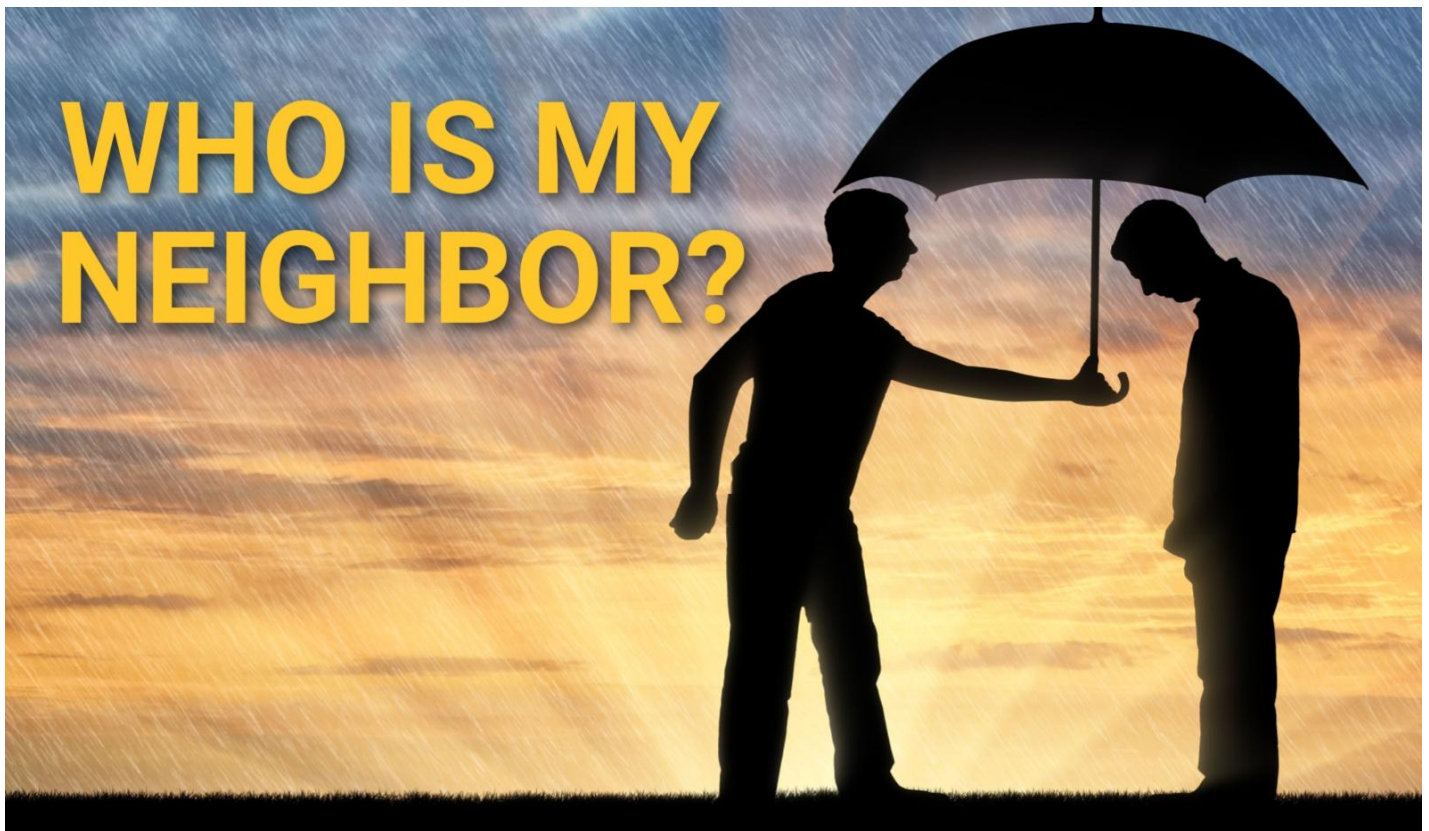


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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July 13, 2025

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 SPACE: 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: Will return Sept. 21st. Classes will be held during worship for 1st – 7th graders, each Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month).

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: In this time of intense division in our nation and in the world, we can easily be swept up into “taking sides” and defending our own positions. With ICE raids and our military being turned against our own citizens, Jesus’ words in Luke’s Gospel call us to a different reality. “Who is our Neighbor?” How are we to treat the “others” among us? The lawyer answered Jesus by saying: “We are to show mercy; treat others with kindness and defend the defenseless.” Jesus tells us “Go and do likewise.”

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 Firm a Foundation” - Traditional American melody arr. By Steven Scott

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

People: Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Pastor: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,

People: Who speak the truth from their hearts,

Pastor: Who honor those who fear the Lord.

**People: Those who do these things shall never be moved
and will praise God's holy name forever. Amen.**

Processional Hymn: “Community of Christ” (p. #314)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that power belongs to you.
You have shared your power with us.
Yet, we confess we have not accepted the power you have given us.
We have allowed others to use power to dominate people and nations,
exploiting them, creating wars, and accumulating wealth.
Today you offer us your power, so that we can help change the world,
announce your kingdom and acknowledge you,
the source of all power.
For yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...Friends, believe the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

Praise 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.
Youth return to their guardians following the message.)*

Prayer of Illumination

**All: Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

Psalm Reading: Psalm 82 *(from The Message by Eugene Peterson)*

Psalmist: God calls the judges into his courtroom, he puts all the judges in the dock.

God's Voice: "Enough! You've corrupted justice long enough, you've let the wicked get away with murder. You're here to defend the defenseless, to make sure that underdogs get a fair break; your job is to stand up for the powerless and prosecute all those who exploit them."

Psalmist: Ignorant judges! Head-in-the-sand judges! They haven't a clue to what's going on. And now everything's falling apart, the world's coming unglued.

God's Voice: "I commissioned you judges, each one of you, deputies of the high God, but you've betrayed your commission and now you're stripped of your rank, busted."

Psalmist: O God, give them their just deserts! You've got the whole world in your hands!

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came

upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Special Music - "Standing in the Need of Prayer" - African-American Spiritual
Peggy Brown, soprano and Jane Bitner, alto

WE RESPOND TO GOD

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Affirmation of Faith

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.**

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

(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.**

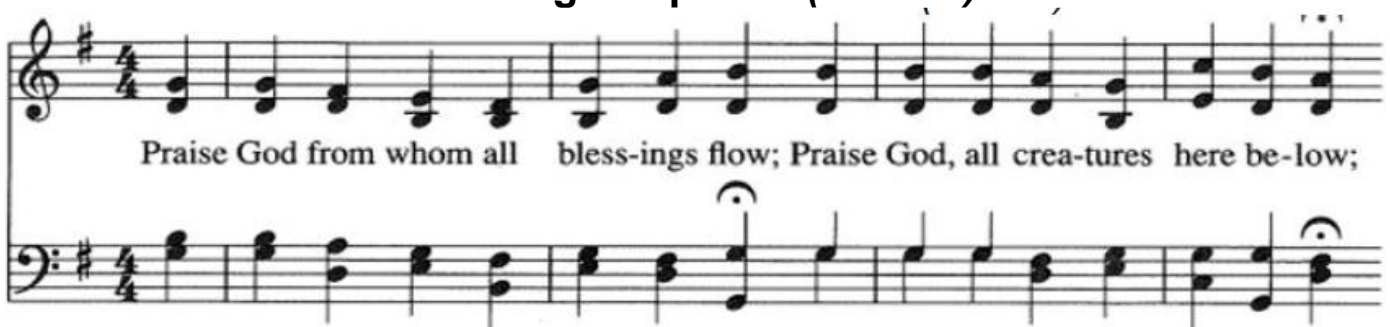
Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*(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: "Largo con Espressione" - G.F. Handel, arr. by Franklin Ritter

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)





Prayer of Dedication

All: Gracious God, you have given us all things in Christ,
and with thankful hearts we bring these gifts
to further your church's ministry of worship, teaching, fellowship
and outreach, that you may be glorified.
Through Christ our loving Savior, we pray. Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Called as Partners" (p. #495)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Praise" - Gilbert M. Martin

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, July 13

9:30AM Worship

Monday, July 14

9:00 AM Exercise Group – Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

7:30 PM Recovering Couples Group – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 15

6:30 PM Consistory – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 16

9:00 AM Exercise Group – Fellowship Hall

11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

8:00 PM Fundraising - Zoom

Thursday, July 17

10:30 AM Women's Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall

1:00 PM SOAR

Friday, July 18

11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 20

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 Randall Ulmer, 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: Helen Fisher; VBS - Its teachers, leaders, and participants

Healing & Strengthening: Karen L & George S; Jeff B; Doug M; Nitza D; Jason S;
Doug S; Dr. Corey Jones; Chris Lechleitner

Care & Support: Karen L & George S; Jeff B; Doug M; Nitza D; Jason S; Doug S; Dr.
Corey Jones; Chris Lechleitner

Comfort In Time of Loss: The Families of the Texas flooding tragedy

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

7/13 Kim Rank
7/14 Ian Brunner
7/15 Richard Shiner
7/17 Linda Shultz
7/19 Elaine Meinhart

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

7/14 G. Thompson & Leslie Bell

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God, by Gail Freymoyer

Special Flower Dedication

In memory of Evelyn Freeman, she was the founder of the knit hat ministry. She passed July 13, 2019. From her three daughters.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Patti Shuttlesworth

Ushers: Dale Derr, Joe Strohl, Shelby Brunner, Marjorie Huyett

Acolyte: TBD

Readers: Bonnie Shiner & Lori Moser

Welcome: Shelby Brunner

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Guest Preacher: Rev. Ann Few

Altar Guild: Caroline Lee & Mary Moll

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: 43 Online: 5

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$2202 Online: \$1928

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
JULY 13, 2025**

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



Vacation Bible School Registration Is Open – **Today is the last day to register**

July 27 -30, 2025 / 5:30-8pm - Our free, four-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) program is a fantastic opportunity for children in 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 5:30), music, skits, games, crafts, science experiments, and faith exploration. It's a great way for children to grow in their faith in a fun and interactive environment. Even if you can't attend every night, you are welcome to register for the nights you can.

SOAR – Safe Berks Christmas in July - Help SAFE BERKS celebrate “Christmas in July” by baking or purchasing cookies which will be delivered to Safe Berks for this annual event. Cookies must be delivered to the church by Sunday, July 27, 2025.

Safe Berks is the domestic violence and sexual assault center for Berks County. They provide temporary emergency shelter, counseling, education, community outreach and legal services for survivors of domestic/sexual violence and their children. Please help with this extremely worthwhile organization. Monetary donations may also be made in lieu of cookies. Please make checks out to Bausman Memorial UCC and put “Safe Berks” in the memo line. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Backpack & Luggage Collection for Concern – Concern is a multi-service human services organization out of Fleetwood that provides foster care and adoption services. Bausman will be collecting new and gently used backpacks and luggage for the children on the move. Without backpacks and luggage, the children's possessions are often stuffed in trash bags. A collection area will be in the east narthex and blessing of the backpacks will be held at the end of August. For additional information, please contact Sue Wentink at (610) 374-1524.

Transitioning to Digital Communication – *Let us know by July 31* - With postal rates on the rise again and in seeking to be good stewards of the church's financial resources, Bausman will be transitioning to a default digital communication preference starting August 1 for the newsletter, giving statements, and member mailings. If you don't have email, don't worry. We will still mail these items to you. If you do have email, but prefer to receive communications in paper form, you can continue to receive hard copies in the mail. It is important that you receive communications in the format that best works for you. Just contact the office by July 31 to let us know your preference.

****To note** - Printed copies of the current newsletter are always available for pick-up in the sanctuary.

Keyless Door Entry: New Credentials - If you are currently using a number code to access the church, please contact the church office before August 1 to receive your updated smartphone or fob credential. On August 1 all existing key codes will be deleted from the system and access to the building will be available only through a smartphone or fob access credential. Smartphone access credentials come at no cost. Fob access credentials will require a \$10 refundable deposit. Those primarily eligible for access credentials are individuals who are:

Serving on a Committee/Ministry (Choir, Property, Faith Legacy, Altar Guild, etc.) | Part of a Leadership Team (Head Usher, Livestream Team, etc.) | Serving in Leadership Roles (Chair, Officer) | Staff

If this list doesn't match you and you need access to the building, please complete an application to be reviewed by the Property Committee.

Mark your Calendars...Bausman Oktoberfest returns on September 27, 2025!! Oktoberfest is one of the Church's largest fund-raising events of the year, and the planning team is currently offering several event sponsorship opportunities to both businesses and individuals. Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$500 and provide the sponsor with advertising on all promotional materials and social media, signage at the event, and meal and beer vouchers.

If you know of a business/organization/individual that may be interested, please help us connect! Take a copy to work or hand out to any business owner you may know. Responses are due back by August 1st, as the event advertising will begin shortly thereafter. For additional details and Sponsor Commitment Forms, please contact Stephanie Tremble at 484-345-1523 or <mailto:stremble0202@gmail.com>.

Thank you for helping make Bausman's Oktoberfest a huge success again this year.

"Made With Love" - Knit Hat Ministry – Thank you to all the folks who continue to make knit hats as well as those who have assisted in stitching the heart shaped charm onto the completed hats. We are making a lot of progress in preparation for the blessing and distribution of the hats, this fall.

As we get closer to Fall, we continue to ask for your help to sew the little heart shaped charm that is imprinted with 'Made with love' on each hat. The charm has a small hole that about 10 stitches with a needle and regular thread(doubled), fastens it securely. We'll bring the hats & charms to you and pick them up when you're finished.

If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please call (610-374-7243), email maryles64@comcast.net or text Mary Moll (610-207-2808) & we'll get you started. Thanks so much for your help with this wide-reaching ministry!

Pastoral Care Coverage - We have a team of volunteers and clergy to ensure congregational care coverage while Pastor Joe is on vacation and serving as a delegate at the UCC National meeting this summer. If you have a pastoral emergency this summer, call the church office. The office administrator, Luwaina Baker, will either connect you with Mary Moll and Bob Showalter or with the clergy person on call. Pastor Joe will be out of the office July 10-16 and then again August 4-17.

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July 13, 2025

Gestalt Pastoral Care

Are you sensing a call to deeper healing ministry or spiritual companionship?

Gestalt Pastoral Care is hosting a **Virtual Discernment Event** to help you reflect and listen for what may be next.



GPC
Gestalt Pastoral Care

Training Information Event
How GPC Training Will Support
Your Healing Practice

FREE ONLINE PRESENTATION

- WHAT IS GESTALT PASTORAL CARE
- DESCRIPTION OF THE TRAINING
- VOCATION AND MINISTRY CONTEXT
- WHAT DOES GPCA OFFER?
- BREAKOUT ROOMS
- HOW TO REGISTER
- Q & A

VIRTUAL
JULY 16, 2025
3-4:30 PM

For More Information
Contact
info@gestaltpastoralcare.org



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Not too Late to View Some of the General Synod Plenaries and Worship Being Livestreamed Including TODAY!

As many are currently gathered for General Synod in Kansas City, the United Church of Christ National Setting has special options for people to tune into parts of Synod's work and worship from near and far.

A livestream, is being hosted on a special page of the UCC website (<https://www.ucc.org/gs-livestream/>). Being broadcasted are plenary sessions and worship gatherings of General Synod, taking place now!

The two remaining General Synod worship services will be livestreamed for people to worship together from near and far.

"While much of our focus in planning General Synod goes toward creating the best possible in-person gathering, we also want to invite those unable to come to Kansas City to be attuned to the work of this broader body and joined together in worship," said General Synod Administrator and UCC Chief of Staff, Rev. Joshua Baird.

Many elements of General Synod will not be livestreamed, including keynote speaker Jennifer Butler, workshops, special events, and fellowship times.

The additional steps taken to record plenary sessions and make them broadly available ensure access and transparency for the collective work of the delegate body, Baird noted.

General Synod has two remaining worship services, including a **community worship service TODAY, July 13 at 3:00, featuring General Minister and President Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson as preacher**. Rev. Tony Coleman is the featured preacher for closing worship on July 15.

The General Synod Agenda-at-a-Glance offers times for all plenary and worship sessions, based in local CDT time. The Agenda-at-a-Glance can be found by going to generalsynod.org and clicking on the Program tab.

INTO THE
DEEP
LUKE 5:4

Community of Christ

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Shirley Erena Murray, 1985

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door
3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:
the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;

The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

Shirley Erena Murray has grown up within the Ecumenical Movement and addresses related themes such as Christian unity and social justice in her hymnody. This text was first sung at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

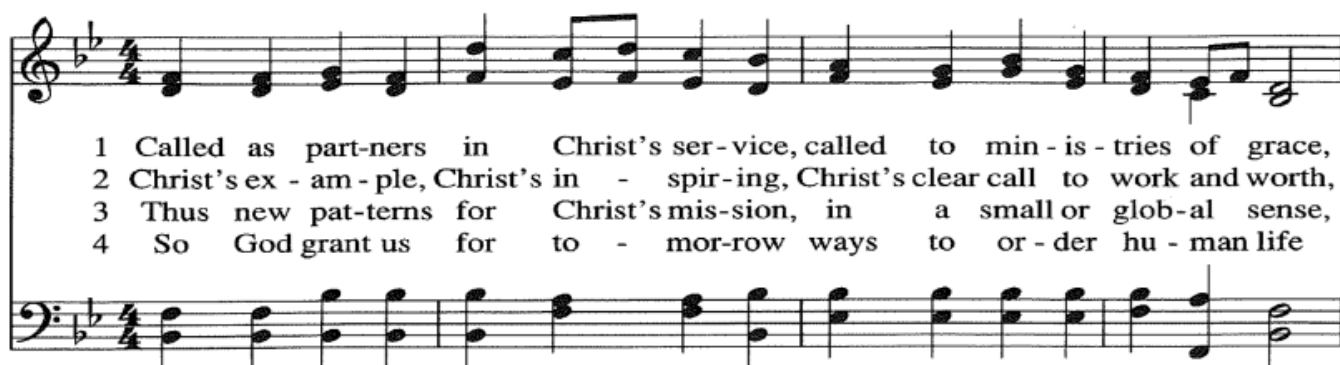
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Traditional Hebrew melody
Adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

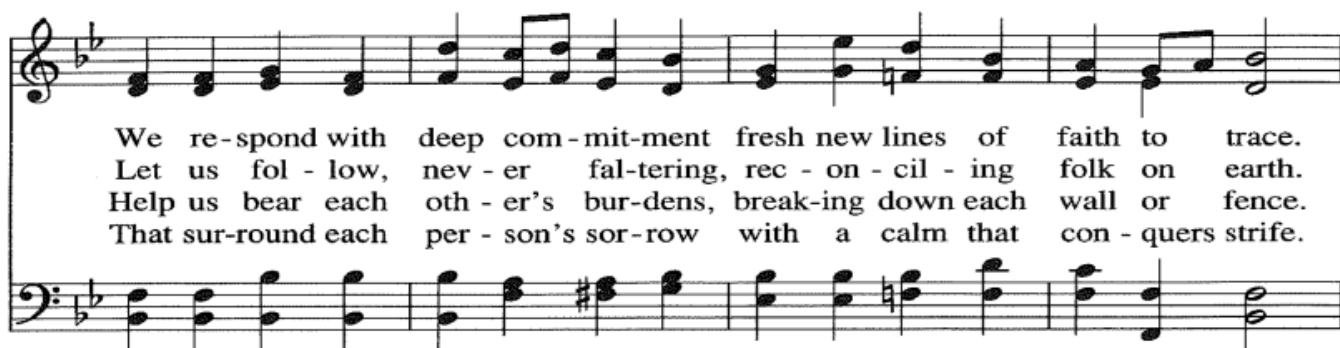
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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

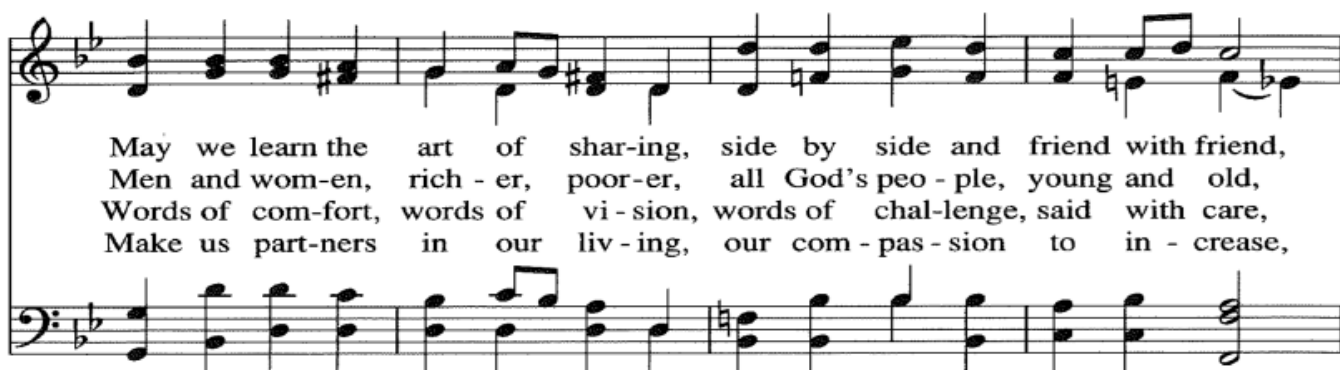
John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



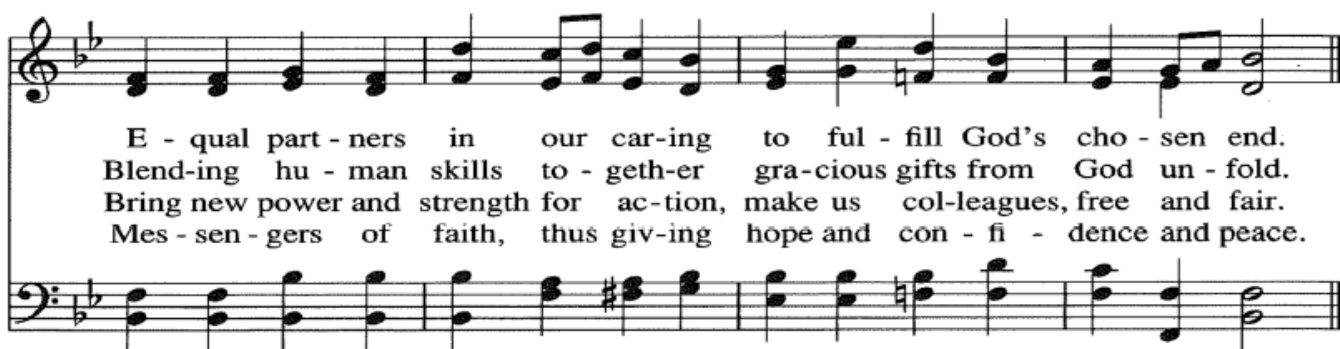
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



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