

EIGHTEENTH 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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September 27, 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: 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 1st – 7th 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 2nd 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

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: What do you think stands at the cornerstone of our relationship with God? As you can imagine, the answer to this question has a wide range of possible responses. Even in Jesus' time, the same was true. It is one of the reasons why Jesus was regularly questioned about his authority. It is also why Jesus so often taught by parables, because of how they force us to reflect on what we truly believe. Like in this week's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks of two sons told to work in their father's vineyard. "Which" asks Jesus, "did the will of his father?" The implicit question being, which are you? Upon what have you built your relationship with God?

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: "The Archbishop's Fanfare" - Francis Jackson

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: To you, O God, we lift up our souls.

People: To God, we lift up our hearts.

Pastor: It is God who leads us in the way of truth.

People: God leads the humble in what is right.

Pastor: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: Make known your ways, O Lord, teach us your paths.

Pastor: For in the Lord, our God, is our salvation.

All: O God, draw near to us. Remember us in your great mercy.

For here we call upon your name, that we may be saved. Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

**All: Almighty and most merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
According to your promises declared unto all creation,
spare those who confess their sins; restore those who are penitent.
And for the sake of our crucified and risen Savior,
grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and true life,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

**Pastor: ...by the authority and in the Name of Christ,
your sins are forgiven, you are set free,
to walk in the will and the way of our God.**

People: Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen!

Confession Response (Unison)

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And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

Em A7 D D7

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

G A Bm F#m Em A7 D

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. Those in 1st-7th grades are dismissed to Sunday School or back to their guardians following the message.)

Prayer of Illumination

**All: O Lord, our God, guide us in the path of your righteousness,
turn our hearts to your decrees and open our minds to your will.
Let your steadfast love come to us,
in the hearing and proclaiming of your word.
Through Christ, your Incarnate Word, we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 (p. #64)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses,

“Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32 (p. #23)

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “What is A Right Relationship With God?”

Chancel Choir Anthem: “Halle, Halle, Halle” - African Folk Song

WE RESPOND TO GOD

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Statement of Faith – Philippians 2:5-11

**All: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

(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: “Pastorale” - E. Silas

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (*Unison*)

The musical score is written for a unison voice part in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." The music is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

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 & Blessing of Books

All: Bountiful God, receive these gifts of our labor, given in steadfast love.
Use them according to your purposes,
to further your mission through the ministries of this church.
And in your blessing, embolden us to more faithfully walk in your way
and live by your truth. Amen.

Pastor: We further pray...
...Through Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Children of God" (p. #533)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Allegretto" - Boyton Smith

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, September 27

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
- 11:00 AM 'Going Deeper' Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 PM Girl Scouts 174 – Room 21

Monday, September 28

- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Room 22
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Reading Community Players – Room 22
- 6:30 PM Property Committee – Conference Room

Tuesday, September 29

- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 30

- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Room 22
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Reading Community Players – Room 22

Thursday, October 1

- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Women's Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Reading Community Players – Room 22
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, October 2

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

Sunday, October 4 - World Communion Day

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Communion & First Communion, Sunday School, Nursery,
First Fellowship Sunday
- 11:00 AM 'Going Deeper' Bible Study
- 1:00 PM Wyo Girl Scouts 1693 – Room 22
- 4:30 PM Girl Scouts 192 – Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 PM Scout Troop 413 – Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

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 Jeffrey Heffner, 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.

Healing & Strengthening: Peggy Riley; Chuck W.; Dean Heffner; Elise Kiefer; Drew Warner; Janet LeLacheur; David Cappuccio

Care & Support: UCC of Robesonia and Pastor Mary Etta Mest; Dave Riley; Bausman's College Students; Teachers, Administrators, Custodians; Amy Moll; Nicole; Caroline

Comfort In Time of Loss: The family and friends of Patrick Barrett; The Family & Friends of Carol Warner

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

9/28 Lori Moser

Jeanne Kirk

9/29 Kenneth Fisher

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

9/27 Jack & Amy Smedley

10/2 Gianna Carlino

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God by Barbara Voelker

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Nevin Hollinger

Ushers: Mary Moll, Sue Wentink, Max Spayd, Joe Strohl

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Shelby Brunner

Welcome: Cece Wagner

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Nursery – Joan Kellenberger & Margie Baer

Livestream: Kyla Andre

Sound: Rod Baer

Altar Guild: Michele Wolfskill

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 71

Online: 8

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$4988

Online: \$644

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026**

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

Yarn Collection –Yarn is now being collected for our Knit Hat Ministry. Receptacles will be placed at both entrances to the sanctuary. Our greatest need is for 4 and 6 ply yarn; however, 5 ply yarn is also appreciated. In lieu of purchasing yarn, donations of cash and gift cards are also welcome. For additional information, please contact Bonnie Shiner.

Neighbors in Need - is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The collection will start on Sunday, September 20 and run through Sunday, October 4. Special envelopes will be available in the sanctuary, or you may write NIN in the memo line of your check. You may also contribute online, choose Neighbors in Need fund. Thank you for donating to this worthy cause.

Confirmation Class Forming - Youth, entering 8th grade and older, are welcome to explore Bausman’s confirmation program by participating in this fall’s Confirmation Exploration Gathering. The gathering will be held the first week of October, with the specific date and time scheduled based upon registered participant availability. During the Exploration Gathering you will learn about this transformative program, deepen your understanding of the meaning and purpose of confirmation, learn about the new mission trip class experience, receive answers to your questions, and establish the date and times for upcoming confirmation classes. Contact Pastor Joe today to participate in this one-hour exploration gathering.

Help Us in the Nursery - A Call for Nursery Volunteers –The commitment is approximately an hour and a half (9:15–10:45 a.m.) on Sunday morning, and you will always serve with another adult—no one will work alone. Volunteers will need the required Pennsylvania child-protection clearances (all free for volunteers) and will receive a brief orientation before serving. If you already have your clearances on file in the office, even better!

A vibrant nursery ministry is one of the most meaningful ways we can welcome young families into our church. When parents know their children are safe, loved, and well cared for, they are able to participate fully in worship and become more connected to our church community. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Sue Wentzel, tswentzel@yahoo.com or Maureen Longenecker, mb1109@comcast.net

Seeking Nursery Attendants - Part-Time / Hourly (Sundays 9:15am - 10:45am) - Bausman Memorial UCC is seeking dependable, caring adults to provide a safe and welcoming environment for infants and young children, newborn through kindergarten, during Sunday morning worship.

Nursery Attendants will supervise and care for children, attend to their basic needs, engage them in age-appropriate activities, and communicate with parents as needed. Applicants should enjoy working with young children, be dependable and responsible, and be willing to comply with church policies and required Pennsylvania clearances.

If you are interested or know someone who is, please visit <https://www.bausmanucc.org/job-opportunity-nursery-attendant> for additional information and application. Questions? Contact Sue Wentzel, tswentzel@yahoo.com or Maureen Longenecker, mb1109@comcast.net

The 2026 CROP Hunger Walk / Gring's Mill, Sunday, October 11 at 1:00pm - We here at Bausman have supported this fundraiser to address worldwide and local hunger for several years. It has proven successful for us to offer three ways to support this worldwide program:

- Pick up a donation envelope from Kathy Errich, then collect donations and participate in the walk at Gring’s Mill
- Support the Bausman exercise women by donating to them as they walk during one of their hourly exercise routines
- Place money or checks (payable to CWS/CROP) in the donation jug on the table at the front of the sanctuary

All collections will be calculated and delivered locally to the CWS treasurer on Monday, October 12. Please choose one of the alternatives above to support the Crop Hunger Walk which supports organizations worldwide and our local Helping Harvest to help those in need. Thank you.



Being an Acolyte Isn’t Just for Kids – That’s right! – Being an acolyte is an opportunity for people ages 8 and up who are interested in serving an important role in worship by symbolically bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary and carrying it out into the world, through the lighting and extinguishing of the altar candles. If you are interested and have served as an acolyte previously, we encourage you to sign up. If you are interested in being an acolyte but have no experience, a brief instruction/training can be arranged.



The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

September 22, 2026

Members and Friends of Keystone Conference,

“We would rather die alone than live together.” I spoke those words at a gathering of the Upper Bucks in the North Penn Association this past Saturday. True, it’s not true for all of us, as humans or as churches, but it is a phenomenon present in our country’s long history and has certainly infected Christian churches. I spoke on Saturday with churches hoping to think outside the box about how to proclaim the Gospel and help their community in practical ways. The tradition of American individualism can be a gift, especially when one needs the courage to speak out an unpopular word about justice, but it also lies to us, as if we didn’t really need each other, as if our enemy wasn’t also our neighbor, whom we are commanded to love by Jesus. And love isn’t a command to feel something but to do right by the other, if stranded on the side of the road, brutalized by thieves, abandoned by others (Luke 10:25-37).

I did a version of this workshop three years ago, but the second version, with additional new figures around pastoral searches in our Conference, felt more urgent. If God still has ministry for us to do in our communities, it’s time to think about sharing and going back to a model from our American past. That past includes sharing a pastor between two churches, sharing a building with another congregation, merging with another congregation, or creating a “Co-Op” of multiple churches sharing pastors and ministry. In every work we do for the Gospel in word and deed, we should be asking ourselves, “Why are we doing this by ourselves? Who can we seek out as a partner in living out our ministry together?” Even Jesus, who I believe to be God given flesh and bone, needed fellow travelers, needed others, to do his work. And if there is change about to happen in the next few months or few years in your church, the time to start asking those questions above is now, not tomorrow. We have work to do in a world that is changing, sometimes for the good, sometimes for the bad, but our unique expression of faith in a world divided by politics and theology is sorely needed. I would rather live with others than die alone, personally. How about you?

Rev. Kevin J. McLemore

Transitional Regional Conference Minister for Region I
Keystone Conference UCC

Global Ministries: A Journey of Faith and Fellowship, the Church of South India
by Charles Kuthuru

The partnership between PSEC, PNEC, and the Medak, Karnataka Central, and Karimnagar Dioceses of the Church of South India (CSI) has been deeply meaningful, particularly through our mission visits in, 2020, and

2023.

During our visit, we travelled throughout the dioceses, visiting both urban and rural congregations. Everywhere we went we were received with genuine brotherly and sisterly love. The warmth and hospitality extended to us were deeply moving. We were welcomed with prayer, fellowship, shawls and gifts and with expressions of honor and affection that reflected the gracious spirit of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Yet, beyond the hospitality and beautiful cultural expressions what touched us most profoundly was the faith of the people. This journey gave us an opportunity to recalibrate and renew our own faith by witnessing the faith of the believers in India. We witnessed their passion for Christ, their reverence to utmost God and the commitment to life of the church.

Beyond the hospitality and beautiful cultural expressions, what touched us most profoundly during our journey to India was the deep faith of the people. Witnessing the believers' passion for Christ, reverence for God, and commitment to the life of the Church provided us with an opportunity to recalibrate and renew our own faith.

This was especially evident in the rural communities. Where material resources were limited, we encountered abundant spiritual richness. The genuine, humble, and deeply rooted devotion of these believers reminded us that faith is measured by the depth of one's relationship with God, not by possessions or circumstances.

Our visit transcended a typical partnership trip; it became a true spiritual encounter. While we went to share fellowship and strengthen the relationship between our dioceses, we returned strengthened ourselves. The believers we met served as powerful witnesses to the simplicity, passion, sacrifice, and reverence that should characterize our walk with Christ.

The partnership between the Medak Diocese Karnataka Central Diocese and the Karimnagar Diocese has been a profound blessing both institutionally and spiritually. This journey reinforced that the Body of Christ spans cultures and geographical boundaries as one united family. We are excited to be continuing that relationship into the Keystone Conference.

In connection with our academic and ministry partnerships, I also wanted to highlight the work of Lydia Bujem, who has come this fall to US as exchange student. She is at Lutheran Seminary as a third-year doctoral researcher in Old Testament at United Theological College, Bengaluru, studying under Dr. K. Jesurathnam. Coming from a ministerial family in Nagaland, her research interests stem from observing the limited participation and representation of persons with disabilities in the church.

Her thesis, "The Corporeality of God in the Select Psalms: A Socio-Rhetorical and Disability Reading," examines how the Psalms portray God through body-centered language. The study explores the socio-cultural and ideological factors shaping these representations and addresses whose experiences are included or excluded. By integrating disability studies into Old Testament interpretation.

She is connected with our global team, The Northern Association extended invitation to visit a local church in the month of November 2026. And the Global Ministries team introduced Lydia to the UCC disability ministries for further partnership with promising young PhD scholar.

We give thanks to God for this meaningful fellowship and for the faithful people who welcomed, encouraged, and challenged us to deepen our commitment to Christ. The memories and lessons of this journey continue to remind us of the power of a genuine, Christ-centered faith.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7

Latin, 6th-8th century

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner-stone,
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
 3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, *Urbs beata Jerusalem*, based on passages from *Ephesians*, *1 Peter*, and *Revelation*. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Henry T. Smart, 1867

Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*Eph. 4:31-5:2**John Greenleaf Whittier, 1848; alt.*

1 Chil - dren of God, lift hearts to one an - oth - er;
 2 For God whom Je - sus loved has tru - ly spo - ken:
 3 Fol - low with rev - erent steps the great ex - am - ple
 4 Then shall all shack - les fall; the storm - y clan - gor

where pit - y dwells, the peace of God is there;
 the ho - lier wor - ship which Christ deigns to bless
 of Christ whose ho - ly work was do - ing good;
 of wild war mu - sic o'er the earth shall cease;

To wor - ship right - ly is to love each oth - er,
 Re - stores the lost, and binds the spir - it bro - ken,
 So shall the wide earth seem a ho - ly tem - ple,
 Love shall tread out the bale - ful fire of an - ger,

each smile a hymn, each kind - ly deed a prayer.
 and feeds the wid - ow and the par - ent - less.
 each lov - ing life a psalm of grat - i - tude.
 and in its ash - es plant the tree of peace.

Of Puritan ancestry and Quaker parentage, the American poet and journalist John Greenleaf Whittier was a strong supporter of the abolition of slavery. This hymn is comprised of the final stanzas of "Worship," a poem expressing his views on the life of faith.

Tune: WELWYN 11.10.11.10.
 Alfred Scott-Gatty, 1900