

PALM SUNDAY



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 29, 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: There is something invigorating about praise – full throated praise. The type of praise that lifts us from our seats, that fills our lungs and takes on the voice of every muscle of our body. Where the praise becomes who we are in that moment. And when it passes, we still feel its tingle. It is not something you encounter much in the contemplative practices of liturgical worship. And yet it is the praise that met Jesus on the road to Jerusalem. “Hosanna to the Son of David!” Let our bodies cry out!

Prelude – Polished Brass

Canzona #1.....Gabrieli
Galliard Battaglia.....Scheidt
Fugue in g minor.....Bach
Concerto.....Vivaldi
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.....Bach

*Polished Brass Members: Trumpets - Doug Werner & Mike Gumpert;
French Horn - Sally Heist; Trombone - Ken Mease; Tuba – Skip Miller*

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of Christ's Peace

(Rise in body or spirit to share Christ's peace)

(Remain standing – Joining in singing as directed by the Minister of Music)

Processional Anthem: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” - arr. by Lloyd Larson (p. #213)
Chancel Choir, Polished Brass and Congregation

(Youth process with palm branches to the altar and the acolyte carries the light of Christ into our presence, calling us to worship)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing out, O people. Sing out for the Lord your God.

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Pastor: Sing out, young and old, wealthy and poor. Sing out one and all.

People: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Sing out for the majesty of God touches upon the earth;
the healing presence of God is at hand.

People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Pastor: For it is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

**People: "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise for yourself."**

Pastor: So let us praise the Lord, our God. Let us worship in Spirit and in truth.

People: For the Lord, God Almighty, has brought us to praise.

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor: Let us pray...

...where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever.

All: Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

**All: We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world
through Jesus Christ.**

He came in peace. He humbled himself and gave himself for us.

Yet even now, we are so blind to see.

We want to cheer a champion, a ruler, a king

that we might be victorious. But you give us the way of the cross.

We want our enemies cast down, evil destroyed,

and the unrighteous cast out. But you speak words of forgiveness.

We want what would destroy us and this world.

But what you give us is the sacrifice of Christ.

Forgive our sin, as you open our eyes, that we may truly see.

Personal Silent Confession

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

Kyrie

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us. (sung)

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us. (sung)

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us. (sung)**

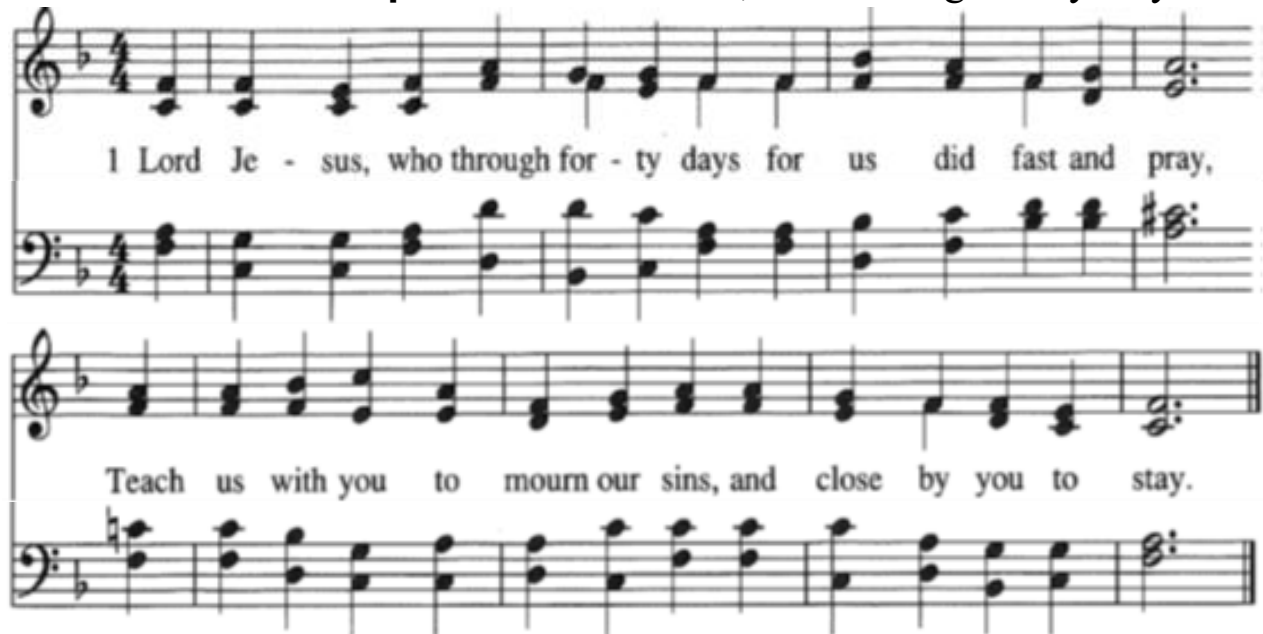
Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...In Christ, we are made new in the Potter's hands!

People: **Thanks be to God who shapes and forms us for life this day!**

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 1st-7th 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 118:1-2, 19-29

Reader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

Reader: Let Israel say,

People: “His steadfast love endures forever!”

Reader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Reader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

Reader: This is the Lord’s doing;

People: It is marvelous in our eyes.

Reader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Reader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

People: O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Reader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Reader: The Lord is God and he has given us light.

**People: Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

Reader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

People: You are my God, I will extol you.

Reader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:1-17 (p. #23)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, “It is written,

‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it a den of robbers.”

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read,

‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself’?”

He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Created for Praise”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Statement of Faith – Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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: "Voluntary on Old 100th" – Purcel Polished Brass

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)

The musical score is written for unison in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four staves, two for the vocal line and two for the bass line. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be-low; Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." The music features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with vocal lines that are simple and easy to sing.

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: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (p. #216)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

(Please be seated for the postlude)

Postlude: "Rondeau" – Mouret
Polished Brass

(Go in peace to love and serve others, within this world, in faith of God.)

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday / Polished Brass Quintet

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:15 AM Polished Brass Quintet Prelude
- 9:30 AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
- 6:45 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 1

- 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, April 2 – Maundy Thursday

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Women’s Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship – Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Good Friday Worship - Sanctuary

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday

- 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery

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 Sharon Gery, 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. Luke's Union UCC, Shoemakersville

Healing & Strengthening: Debbie Brubaker; Linnette; Rev. Millard Fisher; Pidge Brown; Kathy Bailey

Care & Support: Randy Ulmer; Commander Alison (Derr) Maruca & Family; Major Jamie Derr & Family; The Middle East, It's Citizens and Foreign Nationals, & the Ongoing War; Jewish Committees Throughout the World; Carly Shuttlesworth Coquoz; Carolyn Fisher

Comfort In Time of Loss: The Family of Les Moll

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

3/29 Paul Farrell
4/2 Jackie Tremble
4/3 Debbi Ehrgood

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

4/3 Rod & Marjorie Baer

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God by Sue Wentink

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Nevin Hollinger

Ushers: Nevin Hollinger, Anne Anders,
Melissa Blickley, Jim Payne

Acolyte: Kate & Jackie Tremble

Reader: Jake Brown

Welcome: Lori Moser

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Nursery: Amalia Cannon

Livestream: Kyla Andre

Sound: Rod Baer

Altar Guild: Mary Moll

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 89

Online: 8

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$4353 Online: \$884 OGHS: \$25

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday | March 29 | 9:30am (*Brass prelude begins at 9:15am*)

A worship of praise that is enriched by the musical accompaniment of the Polished Brass, this service is perfect for inviting friends and family to. As palm branches are uplifted, we glimpse the wonder of Christ that not with overt power, but with compassion's vulnerability, we and this world will be saved.

Maundy Thursday | April 2 | 6:30pm (*No livestream*)

This experiential worship is held in the fellowship hall around candlelight tables. As Jesus gathered with his disciples to celebrate God's Passover, we will join in the journey of handwashing, eating, communion, betrayal, and prayer. This unique service will roughly span an hour and a half as we share in the rich imagery and ritual of the night.

Good Friday | April 3 | 6:30pm

With dimmed lights and the altar stripped, we are confronted by the stark reality of Jesus' death. Filled with storytelling and music to move the heart, this worship stirs the soul with the question, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

Easter Sunday – April 5 | 9:30pm

Join in the proclamation that through God, life will be the victor that overcomes all fear, all evil, even death itself. Let your soul rejoice in this victory God freely births into the world.

**"LOOK AND SEE"
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
MARCH 29, 2026**

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



The Annual Bausman Memorial UCC Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday, April 4 at 10am. 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! ***If you brought candy to donate to the Easter Egg Hunt, please place it in the labeled bin in the Penn Ave Narthex.*

Easter Flower Sale – Please submit your Easter flower order today. Flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter morning worship. This is an opportunity to celebrate or memorialize family members, friends, etc. with these beautiful flowers. Flowers can be picked up following the Easter Sunday service. If you have no interest in taking your flowers, please let us know so they may be shared with Bausman's sick and shut in.

Flowers will be purchased from Penny Hill. Orders can be placed in the offering plate or given to Bonnie Shiner or Lori Moser. All proceeds from the sale will go to the music ministry at Bausman. Thank you very much for your support.

Today is the last day for the Lenten Food Drive & the collection for One Great Hour of Sharing. - Thank you to everyone who donated.

Easter Endowment Offering – Next Sunday, please consider a special donation for Easter to one of Bausman's Endowments. 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!



William N. Luyben Memorial Scholarship - Applications are currently being accepted for the William N. Luyben Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is to be presented to members of Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ seeking further education following graduation or enrolled in a post-secondary education program. For the full list of qualifications and the application, please scan the QR code or contact Jodi Reardon.

Knit Hat Yarn Drive - April marks the Knit Hat Ministry yarn drive and donation of gift cards to purchase supplies needed. Last year our team of knitters and loomers made 1,112 hats that were given to 12 area organizations including the Lakota Native Americans in South Dakota. Usually, one skein of yarn can complete 1-2 hats. That is a lot of yarn. We are looking for donations of #4 and #6 yarn. If interested in joining us with knitting or looming hats, please contact Bonnie Shiner at 610-823-6701. It is easy to learn how to make the hats and we can assist you with instructions, and supplies. If knitting or crocheting is not your thing, please consider helping us with a donation of yarn or gift card. Any yarn donation can be left in the bins in the East Narthex or in the library. We greatly appreciate your help.

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. Several dates are available in August, October, November & December. June, July & September have 1 date available, each.

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 24, 2026

Dear Keystone Members and Friends –

I grew up in a family that loved parades. I've been fortunate to have seen in person two of the most popular holiday parades. I've been to the Rose Parade on New Year's Day in Pasadena, CA, and got to witness the incredible artistry of those floats to which seeing them on TV can't compare. I also got to see the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in NYC, but from an unusual vantage point. When we couldn't find a spot on the street, my brother took us to a conference room in his company's office building, and we watched the parade through the 25th floor windows! We were actually looking down upon the famous balloons of that parade.

By now, most everyone is familiar with the scholarship on the two parades of Jerusalem on what we call Palm Sunday. Many believe that the peasant parade of Jesus, the disciples, and others was planned mockery and a counter-parade to the parade of power of Pontius Pilate and his Roman guards. The Romans were entering the city on the west side, Jesus and company on the east side.

This coming weekend in our country there will be two days of parades, if you will. The "No Kings" gatherings and marches will happen on Saturday and in many churches the Palm Sunday parade(s) will be remembered and in some even reenacted.

The parades this coming weekend can be compared to the tension of that first Palm Sunday in Jerusalem: Parades can be statements of power and/or protest. Sometimes, we need a 25th floor view to see the true scope and effectiveness of such gatherings. Jesus mocking Roman power in the occupied holy city of his faith made a statement that his power was not of this world. Pilate's Parade, and many ruling-party parades since, filled with swords, weapons and shows of loyalty are statements of authority of this world.

Nearly 2000 years later, we may still love a parade, especially those with artistry, passion, or the power of community at their hearts. Other parades hit differently.

So, it makes me wonder in a decade or two how the two parade days of this coming weekend will be viewed in terms of their power? I suppose the participants and viewers will decide the answer to that question in time.

Rev. Dwight Hein

Coordinator Leadership Development

Keystone Conference UCC

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/

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. Keep checking in at hcsprittcamp.org for the upcoming brochure and registration links

Ideas for Earth Month from Keystone Climate Justice Team:

Fifty six years ago on April 22nd, Earth Day was born, an expression of the American public's desire that we take better care of our environment. Our national church office of Environmental Justice Ministry has called for churches celebrate the whole month of April as Earth Month. Check out the Environmental Justice page on the UCC website for more suggestions for Earth Month.

- 1). While the children's art contest has passed, you could hold an in-house art contest on the environment, or more ambitiously invite artists in the community to participate.
- 2). Celebrate Creation Justice Sunday! There are worship resources at the link.
- 3). Start a Green Team.

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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*Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.**Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15*

1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
 "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
 Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

Jennette Threlfall of England, who was disabled by two accidents, wrote hymns that inspired hope and courage in others. This text was published in her collection Sunshine and Shadow.

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
 Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Württembergischen
 katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

Matt. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
 2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al line,
 3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
 whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's successor. According to legend, he was released when the king, Louis the Pious, heard him sing this hymn from prison.

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
 (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)
 Melchior Teschner, 1615
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