

THIRTEENTH 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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August 23, 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: Time and time again, scripture calls us to deepen the way in which we see our connection with one another and to more actively live out the truth of our connection. More than just holding the theological belief that we are all created from God and therefore share in the same family, scripture calls us to embrace the reality that we thrive through unity with one another. How have you seen this to be true within your life?

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: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" – Bradbury

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us praise the Lord with all our heart;
before the "gods" of this world, let us sing our praise to the Lord.

People: Before the Lord our God, we bow our hearts.

Pastor: For God's love and faithfulness is true.

People: God's name is exalted above every name.

Pastor: When we call the Lord answers.

People: In God we stand upon solid ground.

Pastor: The Lord will fulfill his purpose.

**People: The Love of God endures forever;
the works of God's hands are never abandoned.**

Pastor: Thus, let us worship, and let us praise.
Let us be found in the hands of our God.

People: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: Saving God, all around us are the temptations to turn inward –
to care for ourselves and for ourselves alone,
to leave our neighbors to their devices,
to harden our hearts to the suffering of those within this world,
to believe that our own good is the greatest good.
Yet you tell us we are our brothers’ and sisters’ keeper,
we are members of the same body,
that in your creation and salvation we have been made one,
as you and Christ are one.
Soften our hearts, broaden our minds, expand our love,
as you cleanse us from the sin restricting our lives.
We pray, in the name of our savior,
who opened his arms to embrace us in your love. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

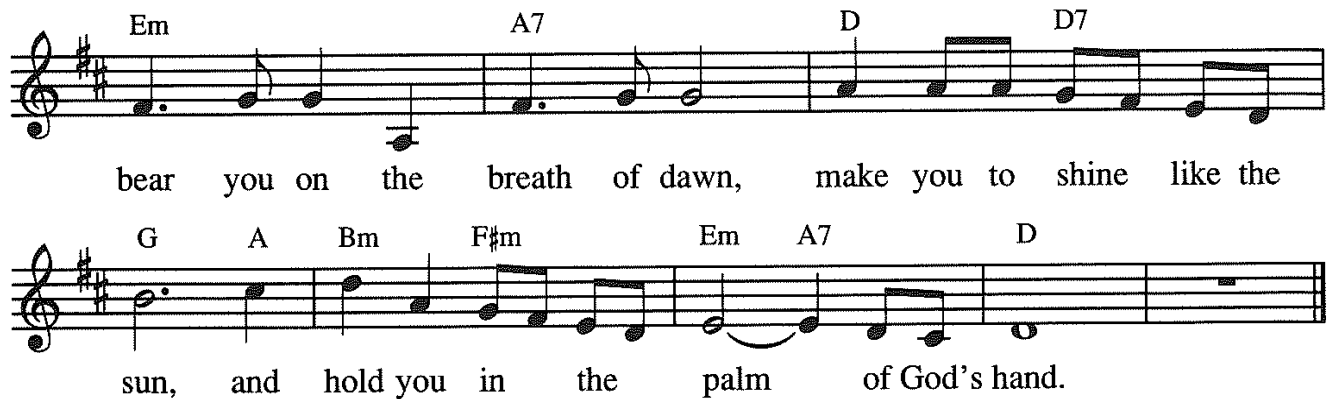
Pastor: In this we are saved to live in the truth and the glory of our God.

People: Thanks be to God, who raises us from our sin,
uniting us each to the body of Christ and to one another.

Pastor: Amen!

Confession Response *(Unison)*





(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Children's Message: Blessing of the Backpacks

(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps.)

Prayer of Illumination

**All: Your Word, O God, is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Let your Word shine brightly before our eyes
that even in our blindness we may see, and know, and follow
in the way that leads to your life.
In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 1:8-21 (p. #49)

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she

shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:1-8 (p. #161)

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

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “We Are Members of One Another”

Special Music: “The Sleeping Beauty Waltz” – Peter Tchaikovsky
Duet – Paige Wentzel & Sue Wentzel

WE RESPOND TO GOD

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Statement of Faith – Preamble for the Christian Church

**All: We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God,
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.**

**In Christ's name and by his grace we accept our mission
of witness and service to all people.**

**We rejoice in God, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in the covenant of love which binds us to God and one another.**

**Through baptism into Christ, we enter into newness of life
and are made one with the whole people of God.**

**In the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are joined together
in discipleship and in obedience to Christ.**

**At the table of the Lord, we celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.**

**Within the universal church, we receive the gift of ministry
and the light of Scripture.**

**In the bonds of Christian faith, we yield ourselves to God
that we may serve the one whose kingdom has no end.**

Blessing, glory, and honor be to God for ever. 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: "I Got Peace Like The River" – Arr Keveren

(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

All: God our Provider, all good gifts come from you.
Every richness we have begins with you.
Thus what we give is already yours,
yet filled with fullness of our hope and our heart.
Receive us and these our gifts, we pray, that we may be blessed
to share in the truth of your presence
and the joy of your salvation.
Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "God the Omnipotent" (p. #577)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Sing the Mighty Power of God" – Arr Lopez

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, August 23

- 8:30AM Worship & Blessing of the Backpacks
- 11:00 AM 'Going Deeper' Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 24

- 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 Committee – Conference Room

Tuesday, August 25

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 26

- 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, August 27

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

Friday, August 28

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

Sunday, August 30

- 9:30AM Worship
- 11:00 AM 'Going Deeper' Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

PRAYERS & CARES

Congregational Cards of Care

God invites us to share life-giving love through our faith. One way to do this is to weekly join in our “Cards of Care” ministry. This week we are uplifting 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: Trinity UCC, Mt Penn & Rev Thomas Adil; Dara Wentzel

Healing & Strengthening: Marcia Hinkle; Shirley Rickenbach; Pat Ori

Care & Support: Marie; Alexander; Lisa Adams; Zachary & Kelly Naylor

Comfort In Time of Loss: The Family & Friends of Sue Lewis; The Family & Friends of Kathy Bailey; The Friends & Family of Matthew Iovino

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

8/23 Krista Strohl

8/24 Toula Miller

8/25 Barbara M. Johnston

8/25 Carver Murphy

McQuillin Murphy

8/27 Anne Anders

8/28 Maureen Longenecker

8/30 Gary Rhoads

8/30 Pieter Miller

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: Happy 1st Birthday Evelyn Rose Shiner by Bonnie Shiner

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Mike Ritter

Ushers: Tom Wentzel, Sue Wentzel, Bruce Longenecker, Maureen Longenecker

Acolyte:

Reader: Debbie Weinhold

Welcome: Bob Showalter

Guest Pianist: Debbie Weinhold

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Livestream: Kyla Andre

Sound: Rod Baer

Altar Guild: Margie Baer & Debbie Brubaker

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 63 Online: 19

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund (8/9/2026): In person \$7215 Online: \$689

General Fund: In person \$2055.76 Online: \$140

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
AUGUST 23, 2026**

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

New Bible Study Group Starting - Are you looking for an opportunity to dive deeper into scripture, to wrestle with what Jesus is saying and what it means for our lives? The "Going Deeper" Bible Study Group might just be right for you. The Bible Study will meet in the fellowship hall and will run roughly from 11:00am - 11:50am. No registration is needed, and yes, coffee & snacks will be provided.

ISAAC'S Fundraiser for Reading-Berks CROP Hunger Walk – The 2026 CROP Hunger Walk KICKOFF starts August 27 at Isaac's in Wyomissing. Show the flyer (on the side table in the sanctuary) and 15% of all proceeds from Dine-In, Take-Out, or Catering orders will go to Reading-Berks CROP Hunger Walk to help to feed the hungry. Thanks for your support!



Bausman Grounds Fall Clean Up – Fall is just around the corner, and a fall cleanup is being planned for the outside of the church. We are looking for volunteers to help on **Saturday, September 12 from 9am-2pm**. Projects will include weeding, edging, landscaping, trimming shrubs, cleaning concrete, and a painting project. There will be something for everyone to do. Along with volunteers from Bausman, we will be reaching out to the community groups that use the building and inviting them to volunteer along with us. **Volunteer registration is open and 18 people have signed up so far. Registration will be capped at 50 people.** To sign up, please use the QR code or the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary. For more information about the planned projects, please contact Annie Harlin (484) 926-0308.

Bausman Choirs “Just the Good Stuff” Party for Current Choir Members, Spouses, Friends, and Prospective Choir Members - Saturday, September 12 / 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM / Bring an Appetizer or a Dessert -78 Cheltenham Drive, Wyomissing Hills / Home of Sharon Luyben RSVP – call or text - 610-334-6479

Bausman Choir News - Come and join our dedicated group of volunteers of all ages gathering to sing and ring, growing in music skills and faith, and serving our church in leading our worship. New Members are welcome to all of our choirs! First Choir Rehearsals will be held on September 10!

- **Bausman Bells** - All are welcome to join us - No experience is necessary – we will show you what to do! We ring during worship about once per month. Rehearsals held most Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the church sanctuary. Directed by Mrs. Sharon Luyben, our Minister of Music.
- **Chancel Choir** - Members are from high school age through adult. The Chancel Choir leads worship on Sunday mornings, and at special services. Rehearsals are held most Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 PM, and/or Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the choir room. Directed by Mrs. Sharon Luyben, our Minister of Music.
- **Children's Choir** - Come join our children's choir, grades k-8! This choir performs on Christmas Eve and Easter as well as for other special Sundays.

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic – September 13 – Wyomissing Hills Playground - Bausman's annual outdoor worship and picnic is finally here! Friends and guests are warmly welcomed! This is a great time to share in worship, food, fellowship and fun! Worship starts at 9:30am with a fried chicken luncheon following the service. Members, who are able, are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. A “cakewalk” will be held for all attendees, with a chance to win a cupcake. In the event of severe storms, high winds, or downpours, an announcement (by email, Facebook, and church voicemail) will be made to relocate the event to the church. Things to bring:

- Lawn Chair (limited picnic table seating)
- Water bottle, hat, sunglasses, games (optional)

- Non-Salad Side Dish (Members with last name beginning with A-G)
- Salad Style Side Dish (Members with last name beginning with H-O)
- Dessert (Members with last name beginning with P-Z)

Oktoberfest - Join us Saturday, September 26 from 12-7pm for Bausman's annual Oktoberfest!!! A day full of great food, fun, music, and fellowship! Featuring authentic German food, beer, and music, with the return of the Egerlander German Band. There will be fun for the whole family, including face painting, a coloring station, and yard games. This is always a fun afternoon and admission to the event is free. All are welcome to attend!



Oktoberfest – September 26 Volunteer– The success of Bausman's Oktoberfest year after year is made possible by the dedication of our volunteers. We need your help again this year! We're asking volunteers to sign up for at least one 2-hour shift. Currently, 10 shifts have been filled, and our goal is to fill 120 2-hr shifts. Giving just a couple of hours of your time helps make this event a success and supports the ministries and mission of our church. Thank you for

considering being part of another great Oktoberfest! Questions? Please contact Jodi Reardon (570) 449-4965.

First Communion Class - Register by September 13, 2026 - If you have a child that is in 1st grade or older, who would like to share in communion or receive a renewed understanding of communion, they are invited to share in this fall's First Communion Class. The class focuses on the practical steps of receiving communion (pew & intinction) and the theological beliefs around communion. It is designed for those who are receiving communion for the first time or have not been confirmed and are seeking a refresher. Participants will celebrate their first communion on October 4, 2026, during the 9:30am worship service. Participation is fully at the discretion of one's parents. To participate, contact Pastor Joe, by September 13. The class will run for one hour and will be scheduled based upon participants' availability. Note: Baptism, or an intention to be baptized, is a requirement for the first communion class. Parent(s) are expected to participate in the class with their child(ren).

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 by September 27 to participate in this one-hour exploration gathering.

Help Us in the Nursery - A Call for Nursery Volunteers – Beginning **September 20**, Bausman Memorial UCC will need adult volunteers for the nursery as we work to hire a team of qualified nursery attendants. During this transition, we are asking members of our church family to help provide a safe, caring, and welcoming environment for our youngest children, visitors and members.

Currently, 4 people have signed up, and we would like to have 8 more volunteers join so that we have enough volunteers for a rotation without overwhelming anyone. The commitment is approximately **an hour and a half (9:15–10:45 a.m.)**, and you will always serve with another adult—no one will work alone. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, retired teacher, former Sunday School teacher, or simply someone who enjoys children, your willingness to serve will be a tremendous blessing to our church. Volunteers will receive a brief orientation and will be asked to **complete the required Pennsylvania child-protection clearances before serving.**

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. Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to share your time and gifts in this important ministry. Even serving occasionally can make a significant difference. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Sue Wentzel, tswentzel@yahoo.com or Maureen Longenecker, mb1109@comcast.net

Thank you for considering this request for helping us care for the youngest members of God's family.



The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

August 18, 2026

Members and Friends of Keystone Conference,

This summer, I've taken up the task of rediscovering Psalm 23 through reading unfamiliar translations and allowing the words to breathe new life into my spirit. I have been reflecting on how faith actually feels in the body. Not the polished version we sometimes present on Sunday mornings, but the lived experience of trust, fear, courage, and surprise. Walter Brueggemann's work has been a steady companion in this series, reminding us that faith is not static. It moves, shifts, stretches, and breaks open. It follows a pattern we recognize in our own lives: orientation, disorientation, and new orientation.

Psalm 23 is not simply a comforting poem. It is a map of that movement.

Recently, I found myself living that map in an unexpected place: on the back of a horse. My daughter suggested we go horseback riding while we were away. I had never done it before. I did not grow up around horses. I did not know how to sit, how to hold the reins, or how to trust an animal so much larger than me. Everything in me tightened. My shoulders, my breath, my sense of control. It was a moment of disorientation, small but real.

But then we started moving.

The horse found its rhythm, and slowly, I found mine. The trail opened into a meadow. Sunlight filtered through the trees. My daughter's laughter drifted back toward me. Something in my chest loosened. The fear did not vanish, but it softened. The unfamiliar became a place of unexpected peace. I felt held by the horse, by the moment, and by God.

It was a quiet, surprising experience of new orientation. Not a return to comfort, but a deeper, wiser kind of trust.

Psalm 23 names that movement with honesty. It begins in the groundedness of green pastures and still waters. It moves through the valley of deep shadow. Then, in one of the most daring lines of Scripture, it declares: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

The Hebrew word for enemies here is *tsarar*. It means more than hostile people. It means anything that constricts, tightens, or presses in. Anything that makes life feel smaller. Anything that narrows our breath, our courage, or our hope.

Brueggemann teaches that God's faithfulness is not found in the absence of these pressures, but in God's bold willingness to show up in the midst of them. God does not wait for the enemies to disappear. God does not wait for the valley to brighten. God does not wait for our fear to resolve. God prepares a table in the presence of what constricts us.

This is the heart of new orientation. It is not the restoration of what was, but the discovery of grace in places we never expected.

Just like that horseback ride, where fear gave way to wonder and unfamiliarity opened into peace, Psalm 23 invites us to trust that God is already ahead of us, preparing abundance in the very places that feel tight.

Perhaps that is the invitation of this series: to notice where life feels constricted, to name our *tsarar* honestly, and then to look for the Shepherd's presence right there, in the pressured places, the narrow places, the unfamiliar places, the places where we feel least steady.

These are the places where God is already spreading a table, already anointing us with dignity, and already letting our cups overflow.

May this journey through Psalm 23 open us to the God who leads us through every terrain: the meadows, the valleys, the tight places, and the wide, surprising spaces where grace finds us again.

Rev. Shannon Garrett-Doerge
Coordinator Faith Formation Youth
Keystone Conference UCC

2027 Clergy Compensation Guidelines have been updated. Learn more by visiting <https://keystoneucc.org/resources/compensation-guidelines/>

The only change of note from 2026 in the guidelines is at the bottom of page two where the 2027 Cost of Living Adjustment is listed. For clergy in existing calls, the recommendation is an increase to salary and related benefits of 3-3.5%.

Early next year, we anticipate revisiting the guidelines. Clergy and lay leaders will be surveyed to find out if this model is working and how the Conference Compensation Guidelines can best serve as a helpful resource for both churches and clergy.



O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely soprano and alto or tenor and bass. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a corresponding bass line.

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

God the Omnipotent!

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St. 1-2, Henry F. Chorley, 1842; alt.

St. 3-4, John Ellerton, 1870; alt.

1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! bold - ly or - dain - ing
 2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth has for - sak - en
 3 God the All - righ - teous One! earth has de - fied you,
 4 God the All - prov - i - dent! by your great chas - tening

thun - der and light - ning your strength to dis - play,
 all you make ho - ly, and slight - ed your way;
 yet to e - ter - ni - ty stands what you say;
 earth shall see free - dom and truth hold - ing sway;

Bring forth com - pas - sion where vi - o - lence is reign - ing;
 Bid not your wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:
 False - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side you:
 Through the thick cha - os your reign is still has - tening:

give to us peace in our time, we pray.
 give to us peace in our time, we pray.
 give to us peace in our time, we pray.
 you will give peace in your time, we pray.

Two English hymns, one by Henry F. Chorley, a friend of Charles Dickens, and another by Church of England priest John Ellerton, are combined in this text. The tune was originally written for the Russian national anthem.

Tune: RUSSIAN HYMN 11.10.11.9.
 Alexis F. Lvov, 1833