

NINTH 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 10, 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: With fear dominating our society, it's important that we remember God's promise that the Holy One wants to give us all good things. Fear has no power over us if we embrace this promise.

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: "Gloria from Twelfth Mass" - Wolfgang A. Mozart

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Processional Hymn: "God is Truly With Us" (p. #68)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: Savior God, we believe; help our unbelief.
Shepherd God, we follow; correct our wanderings.
Creator God, we trust; calm our anxieties.
Holy God, we are obedient; forgive our lapses.
Caring God, we love; forgive our coldness.
Sovereign God, we have faith; forgive our doubts.
In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with chords D, Asus4, A, and D indicated above. The second staff continues the melody for the second line, with chords Em, A7, D, and D7 indicated above. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line, with chords G, A, Bm, F#m, Em, A7, and D indicated above. The lyrics are written below the corresponding notes.

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

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

Prayer of Illumination

**All: 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.**

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (p. #225)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:32-40 (p. #75) – **Reader**

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Special Music, Duet - “Here I Am to Worship” - Tim Hughes, arr. by
Douglas Wagner
Sandra Mengle, piano / Sharon Luyben, organ

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: “Priere” - Robert J. Powell

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response *(Unison)*

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a 4-part setting. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The score ends with a double bar line.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (p. #493)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Festive March in D" - W. Rebikoff, art. By David Paxton

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, August 10

9:30AM Worship

Monday, August 11

9:00 AM Exercise Group – Fellowship Hall

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

1:30 PM Bausman House Cleaning – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 12

8:30 AM Bausman House Cleaning – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 13

9:00 AM Exercise Group – Fellowship Hall

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

2:00 PM Generosity/Finance Committee – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 14

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

Friday, August 15

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

Sunday, August 17

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 Debbi Ehrgood who now lives far from Bausman. Stop by the table in the front left corner of the sanctuary to add your name and care to this week's card. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Thank you for joining in the joy and care of others by including the following prayers in your prayer times. Submit your prayer requests by using a Prayer Card, contacting the church office, or the prayer chain coordinator (Mary Moll). Prayer requests are maintained for up to four weeks and can be resubmitted an unlimited number of times. When possible, please check with the person before submitting their name.

Healing & Strengthening: Randy Ulmer; Dr. Corey Jones; Tom Bitner; Lucy Torres; Barry; Jo-Anne Doleva; George S; Nitza

Care & Support: Huff's Union Church, Alburtis & their pastoral search; Drew Warner

Comfort In Time of Loss: Family of Jason Straub; The Holcomb Family; The Schlott Family

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

8/11 Marcia Hinkel

8/12 Robert Glasgow

8/16 Marjorie Miller

8/17 Kristen Doleva

Avery Reardon

Worship Information

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Nevin Hollinger

Ushers: Bonnie Shiner, Lori Moser, Kent Hollinger, Nevin Hollinger

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Cece Wagner

Welcome: Shelby Brunner

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Stewart

Altar Guild: Margie Baer & Deb Brubaker

Welcome Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) Stewart:

Born in Philadelphia, Pastor Stewart has lived in Pennsylvania, Nebraska, and New York. Finally settling in Pennsylvania in 1973 and prior to his pursuit of higher education he was able to learn from a wide variety of work experiences as a department store salesperson, store manager, and professional musician. Dr. Stewart holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religion with a Minor in Psychology from Eastern University, a Master of Divinity from Palmer Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from Drew University. He has attended numerous continuing education events including an extended unit of Clinical Pastoral Education from Penn State University's Hershey Medical Center. Ordained in 1979, Pastor Stewart has 45 years of pastoral experience as a chaplain and parish minister.

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 72

Online: 10

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$8089 Online: \$1128

Disaster Relief: \$616

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
AUGUST 10, 2025**

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

Sunday Fellowship – Today, following worship, stay for a time of connection and light refreshments. This is a great opportunity to build new relationships and strengthen old ones. To ensure accessibility for all, the fellowship time, with its light refreshments, will be held in the sanctuary.

SOAR – Special Appeal - Disaster Relief – Special Disaster Relief envelopes will be in the sanctuary for the entire month of August. The SOAR committee will match up to \$1,000 donated through these envelopes from Bausman's Disaster Relief Fund (amount donated so far \$616). These monies will be sent to the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference for "Severe Storms". For additional information, please contact Mike Ritter at ritwyo@aol.com or (610) 781-5946.

Backpack & Luggage Collection for CONCERN – Bausman is collecting new and gently used backpacks and luggage for the children on the move. CONCERN is a multi-service human services organization out of Fleetwood that provides foster care and adoption services. 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 items will be held on August 24. For more information, contact Sue Wentink at (610) 374-1524.

Calling All Youth: Aug 24 – Blessing of the Backpacks - We invite all youth to bring a school bag to be blessed during the worship service on August 24. Every child will receive a keychain keepsake to remind them of the love of God, the presence of Christ, and the prayers of this congregation. In this way we pray every child never feels like they walk alone.

Bausman Annual House Cleaning – Over the course of the next 3 weeks, our Sextons will be doing the deep cleaning of the church building along with the regular weekly cleaning. They will be starting on the lower level, this week; moving to the upper floor and the nursery, next week; then finishing off in the sanctuary, the final week. This is a very big project and they are asking for patience while they work to get everything completed.



Oktoberfest 2025 is just around the corner! Make sure to save the date for Sat, Sept. 27, noon to 7pm. The committee still needs some help to make this event a success- if you are interested in sponsorships, please contact Steph Tremble at stremble0202@gmail.com. We will also need lots of volunteers to help make the day run smoothly, so please consider signing up for a timeslot here [Oktoberfest 2025 Volunteer Sign Up](#) on SignUp Genius. Be on the lookout for more details as we get closer to the event. Thank you for your support of Oktoberfest!

Church Picnic, Rally Day Blast, & Ministry Fair, September 14 - Mark your calendars for the September 14 outdoor worship, church picnic, and Rally Day celebration at the Wyomissing Hills Playground. Fun events and great food are being planned for all ages. Plus, there will be an opportunity to learn about Bausman's various ministries and how you can make a difference through this amazing congregation. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

New Adult Faith Formation Class – It is one thing to learn about God. It is another thing to explore an intimate relationship with God. This six-session faith formation class will focus on the practical ways to

intentionally build intimacy with God. Utilizing ancient prayer practices of Lectio Divina, Faith Imagination, Centering Prayer, Prayer Walks, and Praying the Psalms, you will gain tools to go deeper in your personal relationship with God. Classes will be held the second & fourth Tuesdays of September, October, and November from 7-8pm. (Note: the 11/25 class will be held 12/9). Classes are independent of one another. Therefore, you are welcome to participate in the classes you can attend, while missing the ones you can't attend.

New Members Class – Starting September - If you have been worshipping with Bausman and are looking to explore membership in this growing vital congregation, we invite you to check out this fall's new member's class. It is more than a class to attend. It is an opportunity to intentionally deepen your faith and form new relationships. The four classes cover a range of topics from faith journeys, understanding and using the bible, why we worship like we do, discipleship, the UCC, and more. If you would like to participate, or to learn more, please speak with Pastor Joe by September 1.

Pastoral Care Coverage - We have a team of volunteers and clergy to ensure congregational care coverage while Pastor Joe is on vacation this August. 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.

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August 10, 2025

A Message from our Associate Conference Minister for Search & Call

I'm currently serving on three different teams working on creating new guidelines or systems for the new Keystone Conference. One of the challenges each of these teams face is taking under consideration different ways of being a conference found in different parts of the state and then creating something that will hopefully meet the needs of all our churches across the state. That means there are more people in the room with different experiences and expectations of what a conference does and does not do.

More people in the room requires more listening, more relationships to attend to, and more experiences that need to be honored and considered. For some, that is challenge and God knows it's certainly a challenge for our country right now. More people are excising other people from their lives or letting less people into their lives, simply because they don't want to listen to anyone other than those they agree with.

I'm not saying that there aren't times when we need to decide to step back from a toxic relationship or from hearing toxic words, but my general instinct is that God wants us to widen the circle to include more of God's children, as challenging as that might for some of us.

That may be one of the great gifts from this merger – or at least I hope it is.

- Rev. Kevin McLemore

From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Substance Abuse and the Big Beautiful Bill

The "One Big Beautiful Bill" is projected to negatively impact access to Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment, potentially increasing the number of overdoses and deaths.

The bill's Medicaid cuts will cause 7.8 million people to lose their insurance. These cuts would potentially cause 1.6 million people to lose access to SUD treatment, according to the Center for American Progress.

A separate analysis from Penn LDI, projects that this bill could double the rate of overdoses, resulting in approximately 1,000 additional deaths each year.

It also introduces work requirements that could make it more difficult for individuals to access necessary healthcare and treatment.

This bill is expected to have a detrimental effect on the nation's already existing mental health crisis, with potential negative consequences for those with substance use disorders.

The impact that this is expected to have on our churches in the coming months is imminent.

Is your church prepared to support individuals with Substance Use Disorder? Want to know how?

Part 2 to follow next week.



Lay Leadership Support Group NOT MEETING in August



The Lay Leadership Support Group , open to all church leaders is a group that gathers once a month on the fourth Saturday via Zoom. The group will not be meeting in August.

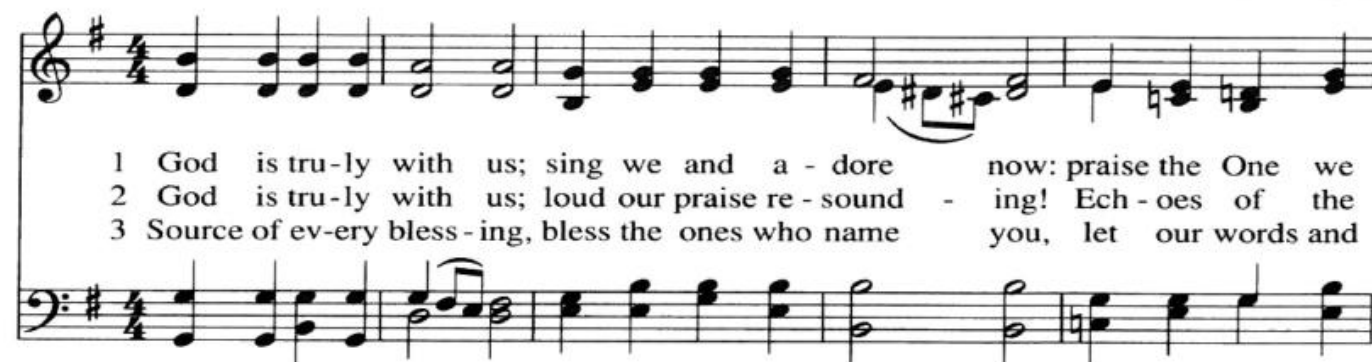
Next meeting will be September 27th!

For information go to psec.org, click on the Events & News tab and click on Calendar. Go to September and click on the event on Sept. 27th for more information.

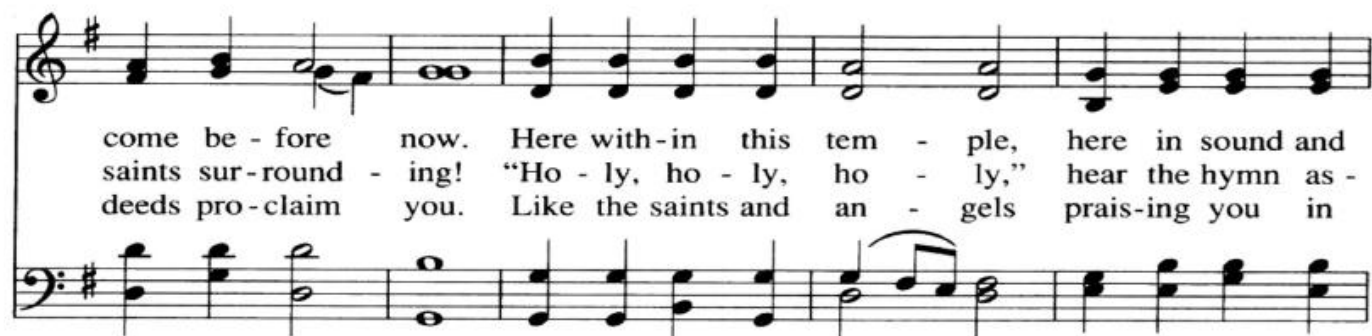
Matt. 1:23; 2 Cor. 9:8; Rev. 4:8-11

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729

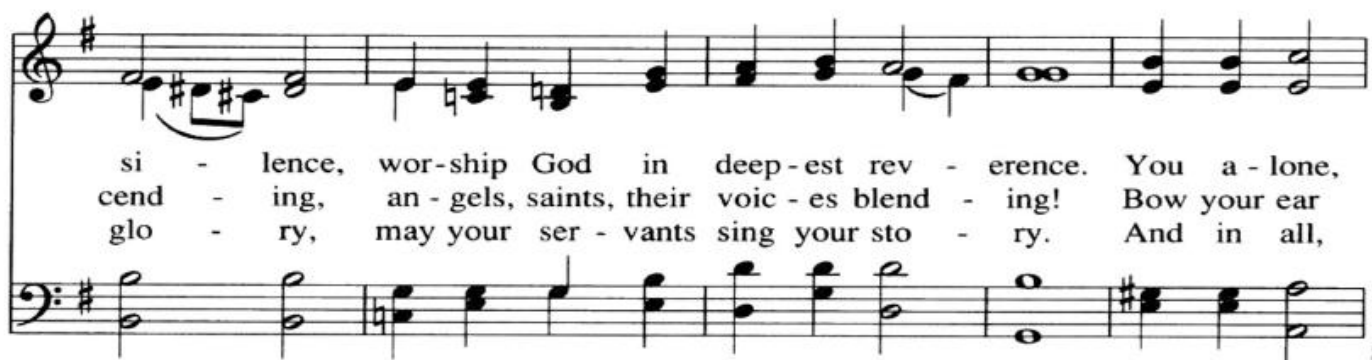
Transl. Frederick W. Foster and others; alt.



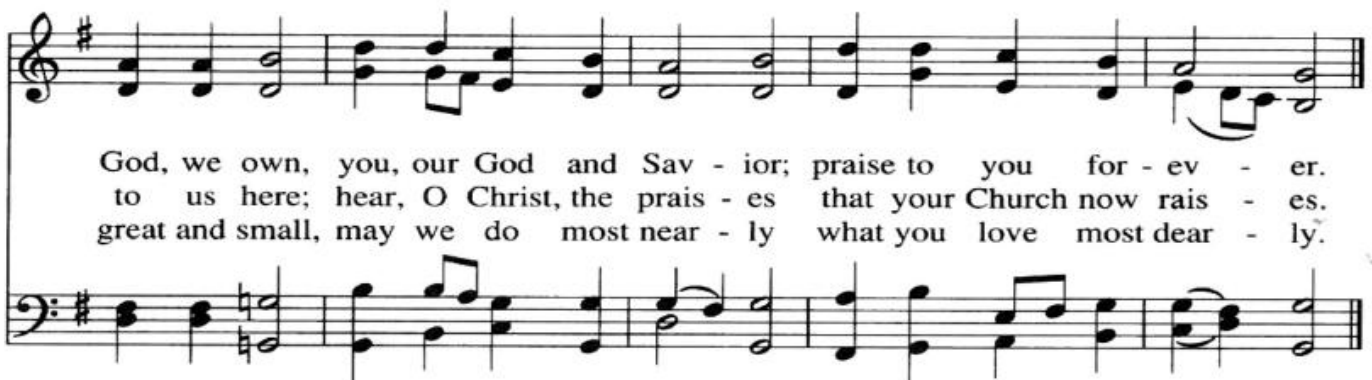
1 God is tru-ly with us; sing we and a - dore now: praise the One we
 2 God is tru-ly with us; loud our praise re - sound - ing! Ech - oes of the
 3 Source of ev-ery bless - ing, bless the ones who name you, let our words and



come be - fore now. Here with-in this tem - ple, here in sound and
 saints sur-round - ing! "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," hear the hymn as -
 deeds pro-claim you. Like the saints and an - gels prais-ing you in



si - lence, wor-ship God in deep-est rev - erence. You a - lone,
 cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es blend - ing! Bow your ear
 glo - ry, may your ser - vants sing your sto - ry. And in all,



God, we own, you, our God and Sav - ior; praise to you for - ev - er.
 to us here; hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.
 great and small, may we do most near - ly what you love most dear - ly.

Gerhard Tersteegen, an important German hymnwriter of the Reformed Church, began preaching at prayer meetings and gained a considerable following. He devoted his life to praying, preaching, visiting the poor, and writing and translating devotional material.

Tune: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG 6.6.8.6.6.8.3.3.6.6.

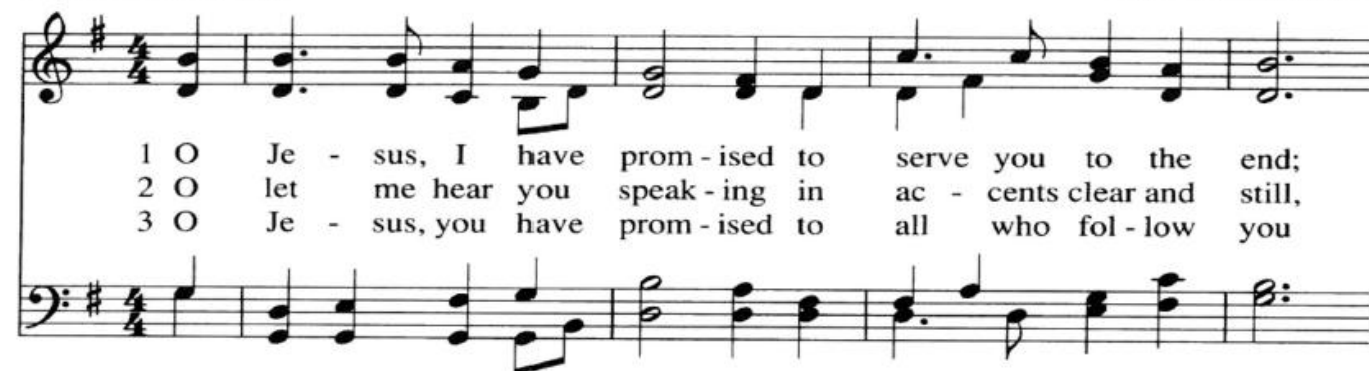
Joachim Neander, in A und Ω,
 Glaubund Liebesübung, Bremen, 1680

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

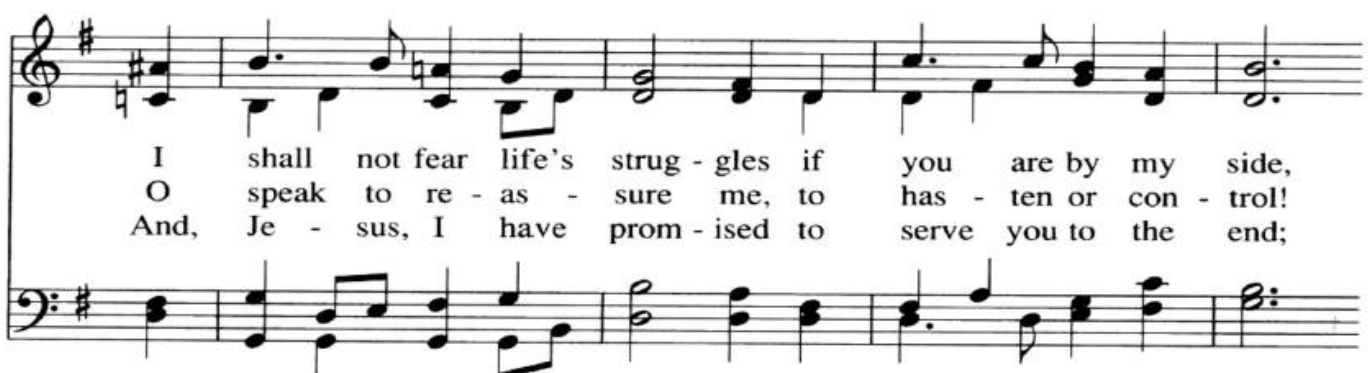
Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;



I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!
 O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

John Ernest Bode wrote these words when his daughter and two sons were confirmed. Although the Oxford scholar and rector wrote books of hymns, this is the only one to achieve lasting fame.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.

A. H. Mann, 1883

Alternate tune: MUNICH