

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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July 12, 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: Generally, when asked, Christians know what they have been saved from. Sin and death. But do you know what you have been saved to? In Paul's letter to the Romans, he writes how we have been saved to God's life and peace. Where sin no longer has the power to hijack the goodness God created in each of us. Instead, we are freed to boldly live out God's reality, even as we live within this flesh. Can you imagine it, living each day filled with life and peace? It is in fact God's hope for you.

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: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" – Converse

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise is due to the Lord our God.

**People: It is God who established the mountains
and stands with power to silence the roaring seas.**

Pastor: God makes the gateways of the morning
bringing forth creation's shouts for joy.

People: It is God who gives all life.

Pastor: Happy are those whom you choose, O God,
and bring near to live in your courts.

People: Blessed are those who are satisfied with the goodness of your house.

Pastor: Open our lips, O God, and we shall declare your praise.

People: O God of our salvation, you are the hope of the ends of the earth.

-Inspired by Psalm 65

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: Saving God, we do not understand our own actions.
We do not do what we want, but the very things we hate.
We can will what is right, dream what is right, pray for what is right
and still not do it. For sin dwells within us.
In shame, we hide away the truth – we cannot save ourselves.
Yet, what we hold in darkness, you bring to the light.
Not to condemn us, but to save us to your life and peace.
Shine your light within us, O God. Cast out our darkness.
Come and live within us we pray. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

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

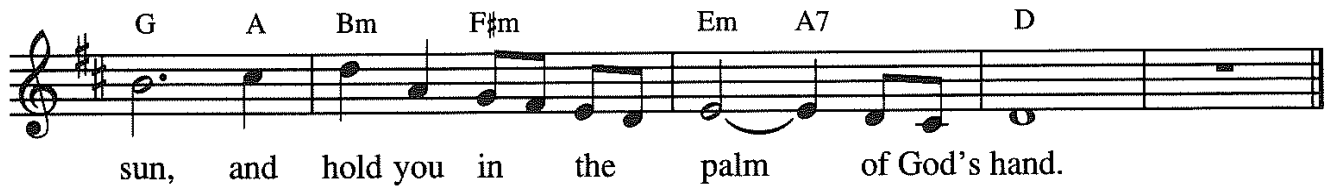
Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...by entering into this flesh, bearing our sin, and nailing it to the tree.
People: Glory be to the God, our Father, who raised Christ from the dead,
giving life to our mortal bodies, through his Spirit,
that now lives within us.
Pastor: Amen!

Confession 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



(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: 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.**

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:1-11 (p. #157)

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 (p. #13)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Freed to God's Life and Peace"

Hymn: "I Need You Every Hour" (p. #517)

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Commissioning of VBS Leaders & Helpers

Annie Harlin, Anthony Donato, Bibba McKimmey, Bob Showalter, Carsten Waetjen, Cindra Payne, Danielle Miller, Emma Stone, Jack Joiner, Krista Strohl, Kyla Andre, Lori Moser, Natalie Motz, Pastor Joe Motz, Patti Shuttlesworth, Ryan Stone, Sally Donato, Robin Brennan, Sue Showalter, Sue Wentzel, Melissa Blickley, Kathy Errich, Tom Reardon, Rod Baer, Chris Warner

Congregational Prayer of Support

All: Receive now the strength of our prayers and the depth of our love,
as you go in the name of Christ and for the sake of God's reign –
revealing the wonders of God's grace, the mercies of God's love,
and the joy of God's salvation.

May your heart be full, and your spirit rejoice, as you seek to share,
and encounter, the living Christ, who is in our midst.

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 Love to Tell the Story" – Fischer

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)

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: "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" (p. #80)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" – Arr. Lopez

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, July 12 - VBS

9:30AM Worship
10:30 AM 40-minute VBS Meeting
5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 13 - VBS

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level
11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 14 - VBS

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 15 - VBS

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level
11:00 AM Office Staff Training - Office
11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 16 - VBS

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM Women’s Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall
1:00 PM SOAR
5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 17

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

Sunday, July 26

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 Angela Wertz, 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.

Praise & Celebrations: Salem UCC, Oley and Pastor Robert Allen

Healing & Strengthening: David Cappucio; Serena Lozada; Pidge Brown; Tom Bitner;
Mike Ritter; Pam Daniels; Peggy Riley

Care & Support: VBS Planning; Sue Wentzel

Comfort In Time of Loss: The Family & Friends of Rev. Dr. Robert G. Aregood; The
Family & Friends of Jack Crewswell

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

7/13 Kim Rank
7/14 Ian Brunner
7/15 Rick Shiner

7/17 Linda K. Shultz
7/19 Elaine Meinhardt

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

7/14 G. Thompson & Leslie Bell

7/18 John & Linda Nickey

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: Happy 70th Birthday Rick Shiner from Lori & Skeet Moser.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Mike Ritter

Ushers: Jim & Cindra Payne, Sam Brown,
Peggy Brown

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Bob Showalter

Welcome: Bob Showalter

Guest Organist: Debbie Weinhold

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Livestream: Rick Shiner

Sound: Rod Baer

Altar Guild: Mary Moll

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 50

Online: 8

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$3105 Online: \$3115.50

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
JULY 12, 2026**

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

A 40-minute VBS leadership meeting will be held following worship today.

Kick off to this Summers VBS Program beings tonight and runs through Thursday – 18 youth, 25 volunteers. The set design team has already done an amazing job. After worship, we invite you to check out the rest. You can find the underground church in the library – Paul’s prison cell is on basement level game room – and the fellowship hall gathering area is its own creation.

Safe Berk’s Christmas in July - Safe Berks is having its annual Christmas in July this Saturday, July 18 and Bausman will once again be supplying them with cookies for the event. **If you would like to provide cookies, they will need to be dropped off at the church by this Thursday, July 16.** Please drop them off during church office hours, if possible. They will not be able to be stored in the church library due to VBS, this week.

Safe Berks is the domestic violence and sexual assault center for Berks County. They provide temporary emergency shelter, counseling, education, community outreach and legal services for survivors of domestic/sexual violence and their children. Please help with this extremely worthwhile organization.

Flash Collection for Spartan Station – Runs July 12-19 - As part of this week’s VBS we are doing a food and toiletries collection for Spartans Station. Items will only be collected until next Sunday, July 19. If you would like to participate, below is a list of suggested items that are needed.

Cereal, Shelf stable milk, Macaroni and cheese cups, Snack size bags of assorted snacks
Shampoo, Conditioner, Bodywash, Deodorant

The **Spartan Station** is a free school-based pantry run by the **Wyomissing Area School District (WASD)**. It provides students and local families in need with non-perishable food, school supplies, clothing, and other daily necessities.

Presenting the 2026 William N. Luyben Memorial Scholarship Award Recipients - Next Sunday, July 19, The Scholarship Committee will present their 2026 recipients, Ella Anders and Natalie Motz, with their scholarship award. Please join us in celebrating with them!

2026 Graduates - We would love to celebrate your child’s graduation in the August Newsletter by having a section to highlight all Bausman's graduating seniors. To participate, please email the office at office@bausmanucc.org, **by July 15** with any of the following items you would like to include in the graduate celebration section: School they graduated from; Date of graduation; Honors received as a graduate; Post Graduation Plans; Graduation Picture - Thank you for helping us celebrate their success!

Sauerkraut Making! We will be making sauerkraut on Wednesday, July 22, starting at 5:30pm. This is always a lot of fun and many hands make light (and quick) work! If you're interested in helping, contact Ron Keller at 484-332-6789.

Mark your Calendars...Bausman Oktoberfest returns on September 26, 2026!! Oktoberfest is one of Bausman's largest fund-raising events of the year, and the planning team is currently offering several event sponsorship opportunities to both businesses and individuals. Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$500 and provide the sponsor with advertising on all promotional materials and social media, signage at the event, and meal and beer vouchers.

If you know of a business/organization/individual that may be interested, please help us connect! Take a copy to work or hand out to any business owner you may know. Responses are due back by August 15, as the advertising event will begin shortly thereafter. For additional details and Sponsor Commitment Forms, please contact Stephanie Tremble at 484-345-1523 or <mailto:stremble0202@gmail.com>.

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

Oktoberfest – September 26 – Oktoberfest planning has begun! If you would like to participate or find out in what you can help, please contact Ron Keller at 484-332-6789.



Reading Phillies “Stand Up to Cancer” Night – The S.O.A.R. committee has secured 25 seats for the Wednesday, August 12 Reading Phillies “Stand Up to Cancer” game against the Chesapeake Baysox. *As of today, there are 8 seats remaining.* The game starts at 7pm with doors opening at 5pm. Price per ticket is \$13. You can sign up using the QR code or the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the library.

“Made With Love” - Knit Hat Ministry – We are looking for help to sew the little heart shaped charm that is imprinted with ‘Made with love’ on the beautiful handmade hats that are in the library. Anyone who's interested in helping, please call, text or email Mary Moll. The hats and hearts can be delivered to your home and picked up when finished. Or you can pick out your own hats in the library. The hearts are in a small shopping bag nearby. We need the hats back in early September. Thank you very much for helping with this traditional project that touches SO many lives!



The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

July 07, 2026

Members and Friends of Keystone Conference,

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion," says my soul, therefore I will hope in him," Lamentations 3:22-24

When I served as an Associate Pastor at First Congregational Church of Houston, Texas, many years ago, I asked LaVerne Melrine, the church secretary, how she survived the brutal Houston summers before the age of inexpensive air conditioning. I had spent most of my high school years in Hemphill, Texas, so I had experienced the kind of heat Houston was experiencing that particular summer, but she grew up in the 30's and 40's, without being able to dive into air-conditioned indoor spaces to escape the relentless, humid heat. She laughed at me and said, "I don't really know – we just did because we had to."

Not surprisingly, I thought of her this past week, with the heat being what it was, and our long-ago conversation, and I couldn't help but be reminded of how resilient human beings are, how they seem to be able to survive awful, painful things that most of us couldn't imagine surviving. Admittedly, Texas heat is mild compared to the other ways human beings survive the worst things, ones we can see in Ukraine, the Middle East, and the earthquake devastation in Venezuela. But some things must be gotten through, or, as LaVerne said better than I ever could: "we just did it because we had to."

What keeps many of us going forward through the "what must be gotten through" is the steadfast love of God, which the writer of Lamentations speaks of in the passage quoted above. He writes this amid the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 BCE, amidst the rubble and the grief that forms the heart of this beautiful book. I don't know what you must get through in your own life, but I offer two pieces of traveling advice: lean heavily on the love and mercy of God, which is as dependable as the sun coming up every morning, and know that you can get through this, because others have done so before you, including Jesus, who has the scars in his hands and feet to prove it.

Rev. Kevin J. McLemore

Transitional Regional Conference Minister for Region I

Keystone Conference UCC

Does your church have a community garden? The People of the Table Ministry Team is convening people involved in gardening ministries from across the Keystone Conference for a conversation about your efforts. Join us on Zoom at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14 at the link below. Share your experience starting and maintaining a community garden, ask questions, and support one another. Watch for more conversations about other ministries coming soon!

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83148858599?pwd=CPgbrHliexshBcPdImQ6eldU3ElPDL.1>

Meeting ID: 831 4885 8599

Passcode: 224685

Funeral Fraud & Bereavement Scams

July 20, 2026

Two one-hour Zoom sessions available: 10AM or 7PM

Led by Mr. Dana Neely, Education & Outreach Specialist, Office of Public Engagement, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General

1 hour of Continuing Education for authorized ministers, but open to clergy and lay people.

Losing a loved one is one of life's most difficult experiences – and sadly, it's also a time when scammers may try to take advantage of grief and vulnerability. This workshop sheds light on common funeral fraud and bereavement scams, from overpriced or unnecessary services to identity theft of the deceased.

Find the registration link at <https://keystoneucc.org/events/>

Outdoor Ministries

Learn more about our summer camp partners and the campships available by visiting

<https://keystoneucc.org/outdoor-ministries/>

Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

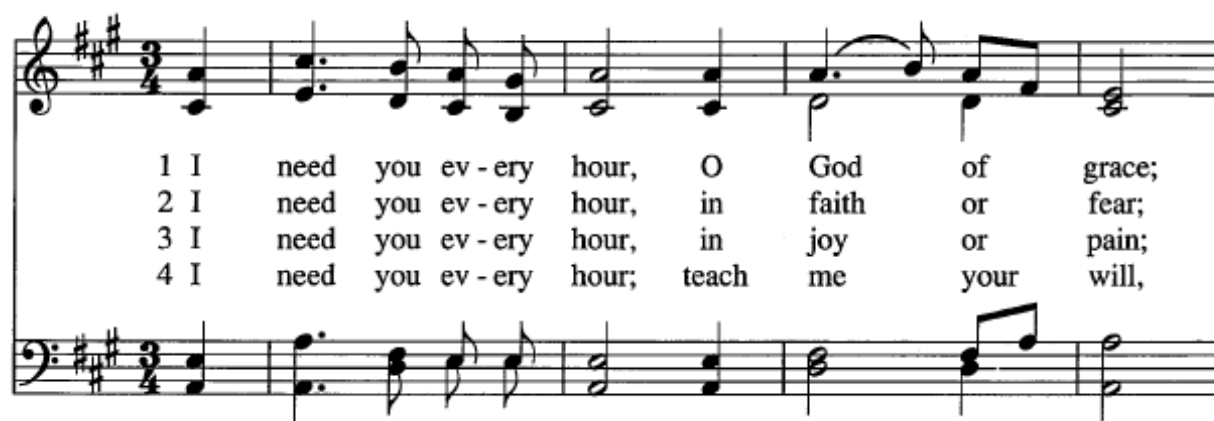
Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

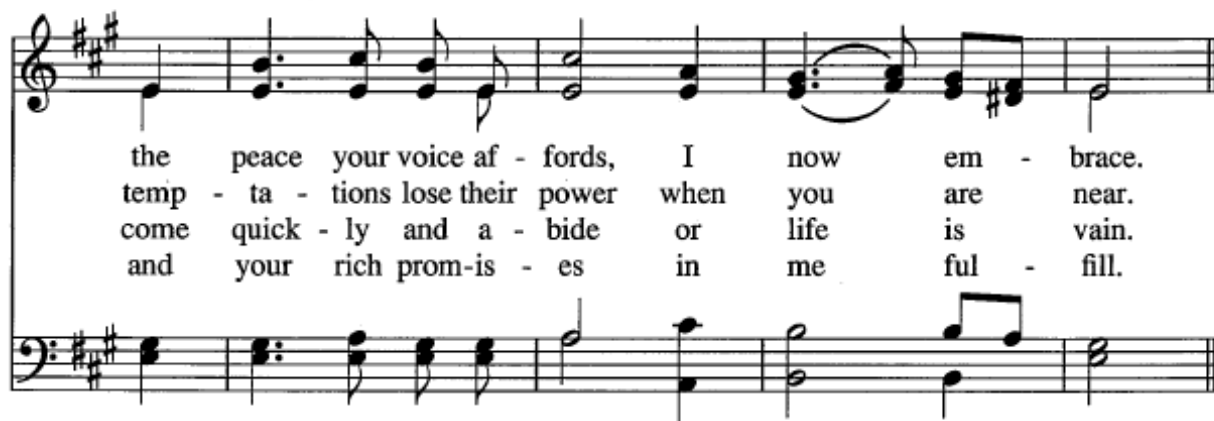
Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored *The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning*.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

I Need You Every Hour

*Annie S. Hawks, 1872; alt.**Refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872; alt.*


1 I need you ev - ery hour, O God of grace;
 2 I need you ev - ery hour, in faith or fear;
 3 I need you ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;
 4 I need you ev - ery hour; teach me your will,

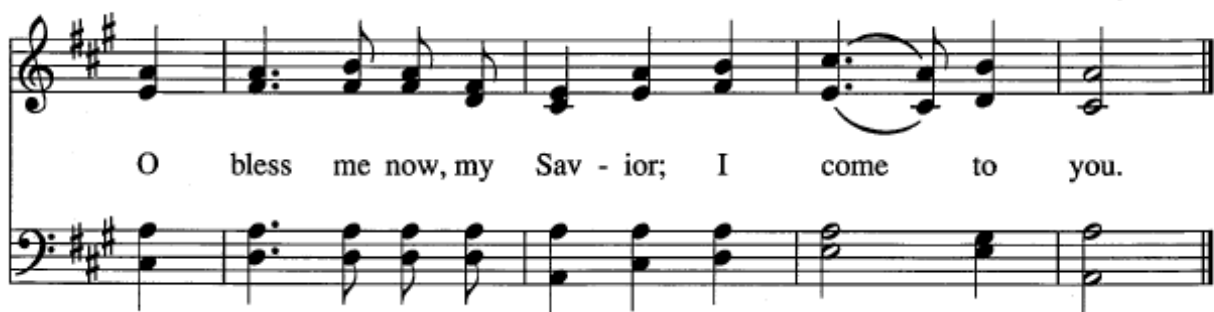


the peace your voice af - fords, I now em - brace.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when you are near.
 come quick - ly and a - bide or life is vain.
 and your rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

Refrain



I need you, how I need you! Ev - ery hour I need you;



O bless me now, my Sav - ior; I come to you.

First sung at a convention of the National Baptist Sunday School Association, this hymn was used by Dwight Moody and Ira Sankey in both England and the United States. Annie S. Hawks, a Baptist, was the author of some 400 hymns.

Tune: NEED 6.4.6.4. with refrain
 Robert Lowry, 1872

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

*Ps. 141:3-4a; 139:11-12; John 14:27**John Ellerton, 1866; alt.*

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home-ward way;
 3 Grant us your peace, as day turns in - to night;
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
 stay with us till the com - ing of the light;
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

We join to bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 Keep safe all those who call up - on your name,
 Then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

then, in the si - lence, wait your word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on your name.
 for dark and light to you are both the same.
 call us, O God, to your e - ter - nal peace.

John Ellerton, a priest of the Church of England, wrote this hymn for a choral association festival. The final stanza was sung at his funeral. Ellerton edited and contributed to numerous hymnals.

Tune: ELLERS 10.10.10.10.
 Edward J. Hopkins, 1869