

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

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



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September 13, 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. We're glad you are here!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

RESTROOMS: Are available near the Vally Road park entrance.

OFFERING: Electronic giving is available by texting "bucc" to 73256 or online at www.bausmanucc.org. No offering will be received during the worship service. However, before, or immediately after, the service, you can place physical offerings in the designated basket.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Weekly staffed nursery care resumes next Sunday for children kindergarten aged and younger.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Returns next Sunday. Classes will be held during worship for 1st – 7th graders, each Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month).

PICNIC & CAKEWALK: Immediately following the worship service, you are invited to share in a time of food and fellowship! Then, following lunch, join in a light-hearted intergenerational "cakewalk" to win a cupcake.

THANK YOU: A special thanks goes out to the Worship & Music Committee who helped create this special day of worship and celebration!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: Our culture is filled with mottos of seizing the day and living in the moment, as though it is the highest good and best way to live. But is it? Certainly, there's value to being fully present to the moment. And yet, we are so much more than moment to moment experiences of life. In the story of the exodus, Pharaoh's moment to moment response leads him to set the Israelites free in one moment and then running after them in the next. In the Gospels, Jesus tells of a slave filled with gratitude in one moment for the forgiveness of his massive debt, only to become violently consumed by greed in the next. Beyond the moment, who are you seeking to be?

Opening Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: "Variations on Amazing Grace" -Haan

Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us sing to the Lord, our God.

People: **For God is highly exalted.**

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my song.

People: **God is the source of our salvation.**

Pastor: I will praise the Lord;

I will exalt him above all the heavens and all the earth.

People: **There is no god above the Lord our God.**

Pastor: Then let us worship and give praise. Let us call upon the name of God.

Let us be found in the Holy One who has created all that is, was,
and evermore shall be.

People: **Amen!**

Opening Hymn: "Sing Praise to God"

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

Pastor: O God, we come to you confessing our sin,
yearning for a life grounded in you
and the powerful presence of your Spirit.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: In Christ you have shown us what it is to live for a higher purpose –
for the ushering in of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Yet, we get consumed in the moment,
in the day-to-day tasks and obligations,
failing to live for your greater purpose
as your vision fades from our sight.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Through your Spirit, you gift us with life every day –
the greatest of treasures we could ever know.

Even now, in this place, we are surrounded by your glory,
found in every blade of grass, every rustling leaf,
and the notes of every bird song.

Yet how often we fail to grasp the gift or celebrate the Giver.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: God, in the silence we now offer to you,
we humbly and fearfully come before your throne, aware that you,
and you alone, are Lord, whom we owe everything to.

People: Hear our prayer. Forgive our sin. Redeem us to your life.

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...Believe in the good news of Jesus Christ,
letting it deep within your heart, and you will be saved.

People: We believe in the way, the truth, and the life of Christ! 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
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 it. The second staff continues the melody for the second line, with chords Em, A7, D, and D7 indicated above it. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line, with chords G, A, Bm, F#m, Em, A7, and D indicated above it. The lyrics are written below the corresponding notes on each staff.

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.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

(All youth are invited to come forward.)

Rally Day Celebrations

Prayer of Illumination

**All: God of light and truth, move now in power among us
that we may hear and see and know of your will;
that we may faithfully respond by following in your way.
Speak Lord, for your servants are listening. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 14:5-14

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him; he took six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Living Beyond The Moment”

Special Music: “For the Glory of the Lord” -Twila Paris, arr. by Tom Fettke
Lori Moser, vocal soloist

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Dedication of Electronic Keyboard & Portable Speaker

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 giving is available on the Realm App, by scanning the QR code, texting “bucc” to 73256, or at www.bausmanucc.org. An offering basket is available following the worship service for physical offerings)



(Please rise in body or spirit)

Statement of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 32, 34 (Adapted)

**All: We are called Christian because by faith we are members of Christ
and so we share in Christ’s anointing as one body together.
We are anointed to confess Jesus’ name,
to present ourselves to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,
to strive with a good conscience against sin and evil in this life,
and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.
We call Jesus “our Lord” because—
not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—
he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the evil one,
and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.
Glory and Praise be to our God for now and forevermore. Amen.**

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Blessing of Meal

Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude: "Praise" - Martin

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, September 13 – Worship in the Park

- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship in the Park & Picnic – Wyomissing Hills Playground
- 4:30 PM Girl Scouts 192 – Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 PM Scout Troop – Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 14

- 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 Worship & Music - Library

Tuesday, September 15

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Consistory – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 16

- 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, September 17

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Women's Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 PM SOAR
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, September 18

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

Saturday, September 19

6:30 AM Wyomissing Football Breakfast – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Sunday, September 20

8:30 AM Chancel Choir
9:30 AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
11:00 AM ‘Going Deeper’ Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM Girl Scouts 1159 – Room 22
6:45 PM Scout Troop 413 - Sanctuary

PRAYERS & CARES

Prayer Requests

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

Healing & Strengthening: Peggy Riley; Chuck W.; Pat Ori; Joe G.; Dean Heffner; Elise Kiefer; Drew Warner

Care & Support: Trinity UCC, Rehrersburg & Pastor Linda Meredith; Dave Riley; Bausman's College Students; Teachers, Administrators, Custodians; Amy Moll; Nicole

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

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

9/15 Laura Waetjen
Ron Hatt

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

9/14 Chris & Dena Wertz
9/19 Lori & Skeet Moser

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God by Barbara Voelker

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Gary Rhoads

Ushers: Sunday School Children

Acolyte: Sunday School Children

Reader: Melissa Blickley

Welcome: Shelby Brunner

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Livestream: Pastor Joe

Sound: Rod Baer

Altar Guild: Michele Wolfskill

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 66

Online: 6

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$5301.50 Online: \$14,671.00

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026**

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

Mother's and Father's Voice - SOAR will be collecting new and gently used books for the Berks County Prison's Mother's and Father's Voice program. This program provides books for inmates to read & record. The book & recording is then given to their children. Book donations will be collected September 6 - 27.

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

Sunday School Classes & Staffed Nursery Resume's next Sunday, September 20 -Sunday School classes begin on September 20 for students in grades 1-3 and 4-7. Classes are held immediately following the children's sermon. Also, starting next week, volunteers will be available in the nursery.

Plan to attend this year's Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 26 from 12-7pm. There are some exciting things happening this year at Oktoberfest! The Egerlander German Band will be here to provide authentic German music throughout the afternoon. There will be fun for the kids, including face painting, a coloring station, and yard games. When you're hungry, grab a Brat dinner or sandwich, German potato salad, a hot dog, homemade apple strudel, and more! It doesn't matter what you choose - they're all great! Thirsty? We'll be featuring traditional Oktoberfest lager! This is always a fun afternoon and admission to the event is free. All are welcome to attend!

Oktoberfest Promotional Handouts - Help us spread the word about Oktoberfest! Fliers and small handouts are available for pick-up on the tables in the narthex and sanctuary. Share them with your friends, family and neighbors or hang them up on a public bulletin board. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and any help with advertising would be appreciated!

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!

- **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 - 7:30pm 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 - 8:30pm, and/or Sunday mornings at 8:30am in the Sanctuary. 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.

First Communion Class - 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. This 1-hour 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. The class will be scheduled based upon parent's & participants' availability. 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.

**Oktoberfest – German Potato Salad Prep – Thursday, September 24 | 5:30-8:30PM –**

Oktoberfest is only a few weeks away and we're looking for volunteers to help prepare the authentic German potato salad that has become a staple of Oktoberfest.

The potatoes will already be cooked, so we just need some helping hands to peel and thinly slice them for the potato salad. The more volunteers we have, the quicker and easier it will be! And, of course, pizza will be provided for all our potato peelers! Let us know if you're able to help and sign up via the QR code. Come lend a hand, enjoy some pizza, and help make Oktoberfest a success!



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 (**53/120 - 2hr shifts have been filled**). 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.

Help Us in the Nursery - A Call for Nursery Volunteers – Thank you to those who have reached out. We currently have 4 volunteers but would like to add 8-10 more volunteers to the rotation so that volunteers only need to serve in this role for a few Sundays while we continue the search process & training of new hire attendants. The commitment is approximately an hour and a half (9:15–10:45 a.m.) on Sunday morning, and you will always serve with another adult—no one will work alone. Volunteers will be asked to complete the required Pennsylvania child-protection clearances (all free for volunteers) and will receive a brief orientation before serving. If you already have your clearances on file in the office, even better! **The nursery will need attendants beginning September 20.**

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. 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.

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

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

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



Acolytes Needed – Consider signing up to acolyte for the remainder of 2026. If your child is interested and has served as an acolyte previously, we encourage you to sign them up. If your child is interested in being an acolyte but has no experience, or would like a refresher, please contact Stephanie Tremble and instructions/training can be arranged.

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

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

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



The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

Members and Friends of Keystone Conference,

"As far as the east is from the west..." Psalm 103:12

I love a psalm of thanksgiving. It positions my heart well. It reminds me of my place in the midst of it all. These psalms generally cause me to pause, reflect, and compose my own prayers of gratitude.

The Psalm for this coming Sunday, Psalm 103 does just that. It begins with an invitation to remember: *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits."* I know we are a little early for Thanksgiving proper, the holiday, but every day is a proper day for thanksgiving to God.

Over these past few weeks, I have found myself returning again and again to the mystery of God's steadfast love in a couple of preaching texts, as well as a book I am reading. In Romans 11, Paul calls us toward humility, reminding us that we are grafted into a story we did not create and sustained by a grace we did not earn. In Exodus 12, we encounter a people receiving specific instructions for a ritual to remember liberation; to tell the story, to mark the moment, to pass a story from one generation to another. And in reading Grace Hamman's *Ask of Old Paths*, I have been thinking about what it means to receive wisdom from those who have walked the road before us. It feels sometimes like I am a bit all over the place.

But perhaps these are not such different things after all.

Humility reminds us that we did not get here by ourselves. Traditions reminds us that we do not have to carry the whole story ourselves. And gratitude opens our eyes to the astonishing truth that beneath and beyond all of it is a God whose mercy is greater than our capacity to comprehend it.

"As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love."

East from west. Heaven above earth. Images that stretch beyond our ability to measure.

And that is the invitation I will ask you to step into this week: to stop trying to measure grace and simply stand within it. Take a few quiet moments to read Psalm 103. Linger over the words. Remember who and what have carried you. Give thanks for what you have received.

And then, with humility and wonder, bless the Lord, O my soul.

For the love that holds us is deeper than we can fathom, and wider than we can imagine.

Shalom,

Nora

Rev. Dr. Nora Foust

Transitional Regional Conference Minister

Keystone Conference

Fall Conference Meeting

November 14 2026

Online Attendance Only

Registration link: click "Fall Meeting" on the homepage of keystoneucc.org

Delegate Information:

All authorized clergy holding standing in one of our Associations will be entitled to vote.

Churches will also have the following delegates:

Membership up to 100—2 delegates

Membership of 101—300—3 delegates

Membership 301—500—4 delegates

Membership over 500—5 delegates

1 Youth delegate (ages 14-17) with voice but no vote.

**** Our quorum requires that 30% of our churches (152) be represented!**

The only agenda item will be the APPROVAL of the
2027 Keystone Fall Budget

Any questions or issues with registration, please contact Sue at the Keystone office at 717-652-1560 opt. 1 or at sue@keystoneucc.org.

Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

Ps. 68:4, 32; Ps. 105

Joachim Neander, 1680

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993

1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -
 2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -
 3 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -
 4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -

a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -
 rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from
 cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -
 mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - joice— or - gan and
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are
 cour - age and bless us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice— join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.
 al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?
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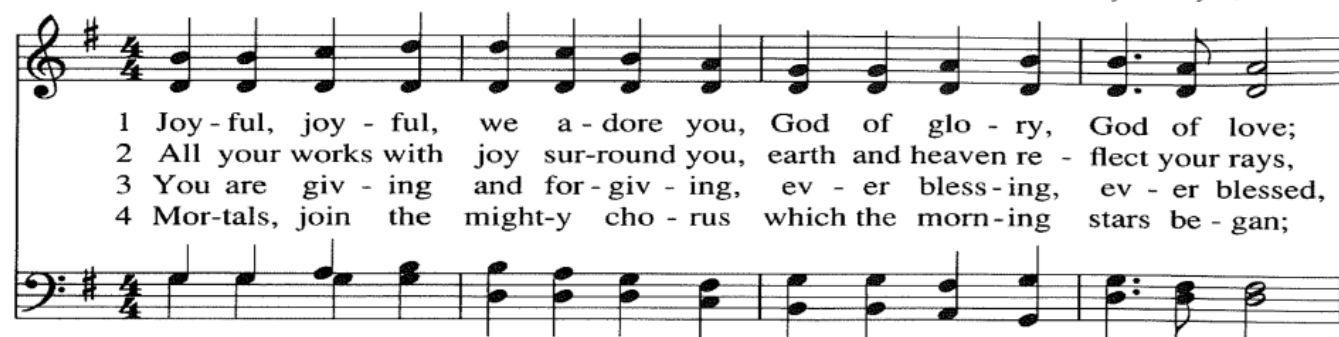
Joachim Neander was a dedicated, caring pastor of the Reformed Church in Düsseldorf, Germany. This was the most familiar of his fifty-six hymn texts, which were published along with many of his original tunes in 1680, the year of his death.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.
 Erneuernten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665
 Adapt. and harm. William S. Bennett, 1863

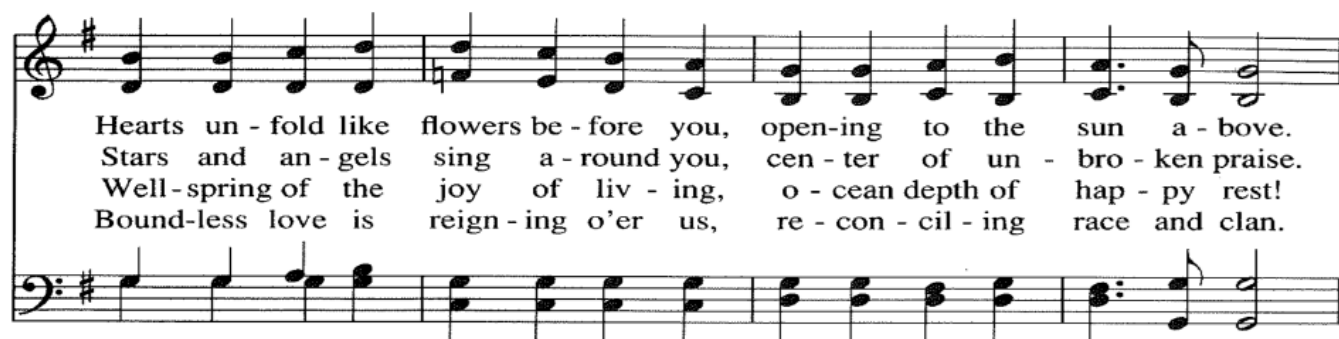
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

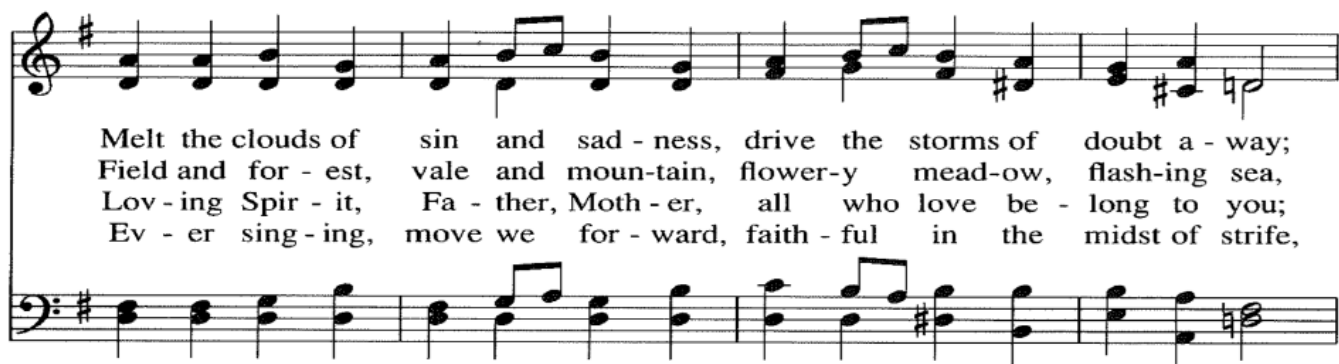
Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.



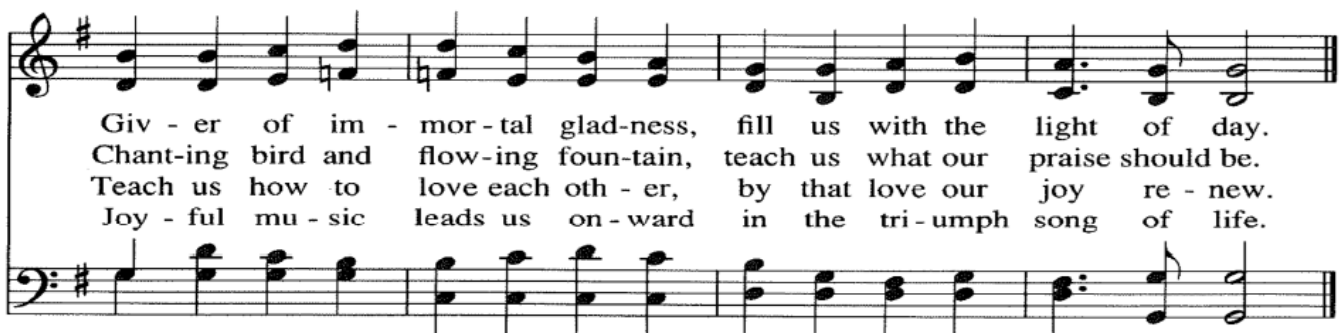
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
 3 You are giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open-ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759–1805) that inspired Beethoven.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846