

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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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February 8, 2026

9:30am Worship

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

1ST TIME GUESTS: Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

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

"BUSY BAGS": Coloring books and crayons are available in the north narthex (lobby) for use during worship. Please return all items following the service for others to use the following week. See an usher for assistance.

NURSERY CARE: Available during worship for children birth-kindergarten. The nursery is past the office, to the right. See an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Is held during worship for 1st – 7th graders, except the first Sunday of the month. Youth meet their teachers after the children's message in the sanctuary. Parents, please pick up your child from the 2nd floor classrooms immediately following worship. Follow signs for the office.

RESTROOMS: Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

GET CONNECTED: Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share contact information, ask questions, and more. Once completed, place it in the offering plates during the offering time.

WIFI & DEVICES: Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: "gladurhere!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: What is the bedrock of your faith? For most people, the bedrock of their faith is an experience with God's presence. It is a moment in time when God became real, when the Spirit flooded in, or when Jesus unmistakably stood by your side. In the vastness of the biblical accounts, the foundation of faith comes back to these experiences that give us reason and hope to live out our faith for the sake of this world. What is your bedrock story?

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: "I Will Exalt Thee" - Cynthia Dobrinski ~ Bausman Bells

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Happy are those who stand in awe of the Lord,
who greatly delight in God's commandments.

**People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the world;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Pastor: For the righteous will never be moved;
their foundation is in the Lord of heaven and earth.

**People: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm,
secure in the Lord.**

Pastor: Thus we call upon the Lord our God, to move in power among us.

**People: To open our eyes, to unstop our ears,
that we may be found in God's way.**

Pastor: So let us worship and proclaim, let us give praise and glory,
let us kneel our hearts in reverence before our God,
whose calling is true and whose way is love.

People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Processional Hymn: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (p. #43)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

Pastor: O risen Christ, you have declared of us, “You are the salt of the earth.”

People: Yet we question if we have enough, if we know enough,
if we are enough.

Pastor: O Christ, you have said of us, “You are the light of the world.”

People: Yet we think you couldn’t possibly be speaking to us.
Certainly, you mean some other church, some other community,
some other people rather than us.

Pastor: O Christ, you have commanded, “Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

People: Yet are we not too sinful? Are we not too broken?
Does not our righteousness fall short of the scribes and Pharisees?

All: Holy God, forgive us all the ways we fail to hear your Word
and respond in faith of Christ,
whose death upon the cross has set us free from our sin,
has unlocked the bonds of our brokenness,
and has gifted us with the power and presence of your Spirit.
Awaken us anew to your truth. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...As we confess of our sin, it is Jesus who raises us up.
It is Christ who makes us whole.

People: It is the Holy Spirit who claims us and empowers us anew.

Pastor: Glory be to our God!

People: Amen!

Confession Response

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in 6/8 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics in Spanish and English. The first system covers the first two lines of the lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. Chord symbols C7, F, C, and F are placed above the treble staff in the second system.

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-que-llos que a - ma Dios. . . .
And on earth be peace to all peo-ple with whom God is pleased.

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps. Those in 1st-7th grades are dismissed to Sunday School or back to their guardians following the message.)

Prayer of Illumination

**All: Holy One, open now for us the gift of your revelation,
through ancient word and spoken reality.
Set free your Spirit in our souls
that we may be numbered among your flock –
those who hear their master and follow at your call. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-13 (p. #166)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20 (p. #4)

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Bedrock Faith”

Chancel Choir Anthem: “The Gift of Love” - arr. by Hal Hopson

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: “Prayer” - Robert J. Powell

(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: Bountiful God, you have provided the richness of your Son,
whose very humility led him to die for us on the cross
so that we and this world might be set free to the fullness of life.
May our acts of giving unite us to his sacrifice and his glory,
so that our lives might proclaim of peace, share of blessing,
and be sources of your mercy.
Therefore, bless all that we give in service to you. Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" (p. #307)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Praise!" - Dennis Eliot

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, February 8

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
- 4:00 PM Brownie Troop 1159 – Room 23

Monday, February 9

- 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 Faith Legacy - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 10

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Worship & Music

Wednesday, February 11

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 PM Generosity – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 12

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Women's Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 PM Staff Meeting - Nursery
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, February 13

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

Sunday, February 15 – Transfiguration Sunday

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery, Burning of Palms (*following worship*)
- 1:00 PM New Members Class – Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 PM Scouts – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Scouts – Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

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, 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: St. Luke's Union UCC, Shoemakersville

Healing & Strengthening: Thomas Corrado; Gene Aulenbach; Becky Wright

Care & Support: Randy Ulmer; Commander Alison (Derr) Maruca & Family; Major Jamie Derr & Family; The people of Venezuela & wisdom for the US government; The Keystone Conference & those leading its beginning; Soup Fundraiser; SOAR Clothing Collection; The people of Minneapolis

Comfort In Time of Loss: Susie Bates (loss of husband); The Family of Dr. Corey Jones; The Family of Renee Good; The Family of Alex Pretti; The Family of Robert Cappuccio (David Cappuccio's father)

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

2/9 Bruce Longenecker
Chad Rutherford
2/11 Anita Matz
2/13 Fred Schwerdt
Reagan Stone
2/15 Paxton Fetherolf

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

2/9 Mike & Barbara Johnston

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God by Gail Freymoyer.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Gary Rhoads

Ushers: Margie Baer, Rodney Baer, Gary Rhoads, Kathy Errich

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Emma Stone

Welcome: Bob Showalter

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Nursery: Amalia Cannon

Altar Guild: Shelby Brunner

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 130

Online: 12

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$6722

Online: \$140

Disaster Relief: \$150

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

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

Lenten Food Collection - Looking for something to give up this Lent season? The SOAR committee will be collecting food for the Calvary UCC Food Pantry, New Journey and Spartan Station from **February 22nd through Palm Sunday, March 29th**. All three missions could use the following items: canned foods, whole meals such as soups, chili, Chef Boyardee, Mac and cheese, peanut butter jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, instant oatmeal etc. Non-food items such as shampoo and conditioner, soap - hand and body, deodorant, laundry products are also needed. Collection containers will be in the front and east narthex of the church. Questions? Contact Mike Ritter at (610) 781-5946.

"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." Proverbs 22:9

Opportunity House Meal – February 22 - Bausman UCC is scheduled to make and deliver a meal for Opportunity House on Sunday, February 22, 2026. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meal. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bonnie Shiner at (610) 488-1671.

Family Promise Meals – February 23 - Three times a year, Bausman volunteers make and deliver three meals to families in the Family Promise of Berks County program. Our first date for 2026 is Monday, February 23rd. Please contact Kathy Errich if you are able to make and deliver a meal.

Bring Last Year's Palm Branches to Worship February 15 - Did you save your palm branches from last Palm Sunday? If so, bring them to worship on February 15. They will be included in the children's message and then burned following worship to make Ash Wednesday's ashes. The burning of the palms reminds us that our ultimate hope is the victory of Jesus on the cross, who raises us with him from death to life. All are invited to participate in the brief outdoor burning service following the morning worship.

Ash Wednesday Worship – February 18, 6:30pm - Ash Wednesday is an opportunity to intentionally step into the spiritual journey of Lent through the receiving of ashes and a special altar communion. It will also mark the beginning of our Lenten focus. Look for the February newsletter & Eblast for more information.

In the Hospital? Who have you asked to call? - It is always helpful to call the church when you are admitted to the hospital. Even better, plan ahead by letting a friend or family member know you would like them to call the church if you are admitted to the hospital. St. Joe's provides no information to congregations. With Reading Hospital, make sure your patient record reflects you are a member at Bausman and you would like the church notified. This information has been known to be dropped from the hospital's system. Regardless, giving the church a call (or having a family member know to do so) will help ensure you receive intentional care from your congregation.

Would You Like to Be Receiving Home Communion? - Has your life situation changed in the last 6-18 months? Have you discovered it has been a long time since you have been able to physically attend worship? If so, we would love to include you in home communion visits. Communion is a central part of our relationship with Christ and with God's church. With the expanded lay minister care team we are providing quarterly home communion. Contact the church office to be added to the list.



Pork & Homemade Sauerkraut Dinner Sale – The annual Pork and Homemade Sauerkraut Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 from 4-6pm. The dinner will be held as a combination of in-house and takeout. Adult dinners are \$11, Children ages 5-12 are \$6. Dinners will include pork and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, bean salad, apple sauce and a slice of cake. Quart containers of pork and sauerkraut are \$11/qt and quarts of just sauerkraut are \$8/qt. Last day to place an order is Sunday, March 2, 2025. Proceeds benefit property maintenance, improvements & operations of Bausman.

Family Dinner and Bingo Night - Friday- February 20, 2026, 5:30pm -8:30pm – Fellowship Hall doors will open at 5:15pm and a buffet dinner will be served 5:30pm. Water will be provided so please bring your own beverage if you would prefer something else. BINGO will begin at 6:30pm with 20 games to be played. Donations will be accepted this year, at the door, to help defray the cost of food. Please be sure to ***sign up by Sunday, February 15, 2026*** (*sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board*). If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Longenecker.

Celebrate Girl Scout Sunday – March 8! - Join us for worship **Sunday, March 8**, as we recognize **Girl Scout Sunday** and celebrate the courage, confidence, and character of girls in our community. Girl Scouts will be part of the worship experience, and we'll highlight the impact of the Girl Scout program while welcoming young girls who may be interested in joining. Stay after worship for fellowship and refreshments as we continue the celebration!

Remaining Soups for Sale – There are a few containers of soup available to purchase for \$11/qt: Please contact Lori Moser or Bonnie Shiner if you are interested.

Become a Bulletin Sponsor –Become a bulletin sponsor by using the Sign-up forms and calendar poster located on the doors by the church office. Bulletin sponsorship is \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

How to Get Free Money for Bausman Using your Redner's Card - Remember to scan your Redner's Card at checkout. Then submit your full receipt to the church office or place in the East Narthex collection box. Friends and family can support Bausman with their receipts as well! Redner's gives the church 1% for every purchase. But it only applies when you scan your card at checkout.

In Case of Worship Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather - In the case there is a need to cancel worship due to poor weather conditions, cancellation information will be posted on the following platforms:

- The church answering machine message, option 3
- Email sent out through Realm and Posted on the Newsfeed
- Facebook - Bausman's Facebook page
- WFMZ.com - Under Business and School Closings



The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

February 03, 2026

*Lift every voice and sing 'til earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmony of liberty
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on 'til victory is won.*

-Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing, James Weldon Johnson

On February 12, 1900, a choir of 500 children at a segregated school first performed *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing* for the first time publicly song in Jacksonville, Florida to celebrate President Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Brother's James Weldon Johnson and John Rosemond Johnson wrote and composed this song which became known as the *Black National Anthem*. This powerful anthem is deeply rooted in our American story and is included in most hymnals acknowledging the ongoing struggle for justice and liberation.

In February, we often return to this song that has carried generations through struggle and hope rooted in the deep conviction that God walks with those who seek freedom. When we sing it today, we step into a story larger than ourselves. The song remembers the "dark past," the "bitter chastening rod," and the long road toward dignity and equality. It refuses to gloss over suffering. It refuses to domesticate the story. And yet, it rises with a hope that is both courageous and costly.

More than a century after its writing, the song still speaks to where we are as a nation. We continue to witness racial injustice, inequity, and violence that contradict the very ideals we claim to cherish. We continue to see communities grieving losses that should never have happened. We continue to long for a world where every voice can sing in safety and freedom.

And still, the song calls us forward. It calls us to lift every voice, not just the comfortable ones, not just the loud ones, not just the privileged ones, but the voices long silenced or ignored. It calls us to remember that justice is not a passive hope but a shared responsibility. It calls us to stay "true to our God" and "true to our native land" which is not defined by borders, walls, or masked ICE officers but by God's will being done. This month, may we hear the song not as vapid wishfulness, but as invitation.

An invitation to remember.

An invitation to reckon.

An invitation to act.

And an invitation for every voice to keep singing until freedom is real for all.

The Reverend Shannon Garrett-Doerge

Coordinator Faith Formation Youth

Keystone Conference

Outdoor Ministry

Summer Church Camp Season is on the horizon. Watch this Keystone Connection for information about camps at Living Waters (June 28 - July 25), the HC Spirit Camp in Millroy (July 26-Aug 1), Camps Kierchenwald and Nawakwa (all summer). The Keystone Conference has set aside some funds for camperships and an application is available here: <https://keystoneucc.org/mision-grants-committee/>

Living Waters Camp & Conference Center

Fishing Camp - June 28 to July 2, for grades 6 to 12

Primary (grades K - 3) - July 5 to 11

Elementary Camp (grades 4 - 6) - July 5 to 11

Junior-Senior High Camp - July 12 - 18

Grandparent / Grandchild Camp is July 12 to 15

College students can also attend the TYC (Trinity Youth Conference) camp planned by the Presbyterian Church - July 19 - 25.

Brochures will be mailed in mid February and registrations open in March.

HC Spirit Camp is hosted at Hartman Center Campground, Millroy, PA, the former camp home of Penn Central Conference. The folks who operate the now-campground welcome us for a week each summer. The camp community can share their treasured memories while making new ones with young and new campers, and experience and celebrate the new mission and growth of the property.

The theme for HC Spirit 2026 is "In the Wilderness." The camp community will be challenged to see wilderness in action not only in nature, but in our relationships, decision-making, discoveries and visions for God's future. Keep checking in at hcspritemap.org for the upcoming brochure and registration links. **COMING SOON!**

Also save the dates for the Mid Atlantic Youth Conference, July 23 - 26, 2026 at Laurelville Retreat Center in Mt. Pleasant, PA. The theme is I AM! Email Rev. Shannon M Garrett-Doerge, Coordinator for Faith Formation for Youth for more information. A registration link and call for volunteers will go out soon!

Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ's first Annual Meeting will be held June 5-7 at Millersville University in Millersville. Overnight accommodations will be on campus as well as the DoubleTree Hilton in Lancaster. Registration will begin in March 2026.

Our theme is "Joy at the Table Together" and our centering scripture is Acts 2:46-47 "Every day they met together, breaking bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God." The meeting will include a Service of Consecration for Keystone Conference.

Speakers will include Rev. Dr. Marcia McFee, author of *Think Like a Filmmaker: Sensory-Rich Worship for Unforgettable Messages*; Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ; Rev. Dr. Mary Luti, author of *Do This: Communion for Just and Courageous Living*; Rev. Greg Edwards, Executive Director of POWER Interfaith, Secretary Russell Redding, PA Secretary of Agriculture, and Rev. Freeman Palmer, Conference Minister for the Central Atlantic Conference.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;

Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;

Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

For another harmonization, see 368, 495

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

Ps. 87:3; Isa. 33:20-21; 60:18; 26:4; Exod. 13:22

John Newton, 1779; alt.

1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal Love,
 3 'Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4 Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y we through grace a part may claim,

One whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for a blessed a - bode.
 Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.
 For a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that their God is near!
 Let the world de - ride or pit - y, we will glo - ry in your name.

On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?
 Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage:
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Fad - ing is all world - ly plea - sure, all earth's boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
 Grace which, like our God, the Giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age?
 Safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures, none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Filled with Old Testament scriptural allusions, this was one of few hymns of praise included among the many subjective, sometimes brooding, hymns in Newton and Cowper's Olney Hymns. It has enjoyed great popularity in many English-speaking countries.

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797
 Alternate tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH