

TWENTIETH 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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October 11, 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: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

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: "Canzona" - Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing aloud people of God! For the Lord of hosts is in our midst.

People: **Our souls rejoice in the Lord our God, who gathers us and calls us.**

Pastor: God calls us from the east and the west, from the north and the south,
to be united in the joy and blessing of God's rejoicing.

People: **To one and to all God calls,**
inviting us to the feast of God's presence and providing.

Pastor: Let us cast aside all that keeps us from our Lord
that we may respond to God's invitation and share in God's joy.

People: **To the Holy Lord our God we come, with praise and thanksgiving.**

Processional Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (p. #277)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp to our feet

and a light for our path, we recognize and confess
 we have failed to adequately respond
 to your gracious invitation to life as gifted to us through Christ.
 We confess that we are captive to our sin. It binds us with false pride,
 blinding us to the truth of your will and your way.
 Have mercy upon us, O God. Cast us not from your presence.
 But reconcile us to you, that we may faithfully live in covenant
 with you and with all people, as you intend it,
 through Christ our Lord and our Savior, we pray. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether;
 the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.
 Friends, Rejoice! Believe the Good News of Jesus,
 who saves and redeems us each this day.

People: In God we rejoice. 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.

(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: O Lord, our God, guide us in the path of your righteousness,
turn our hearts to your decrees and open our minds to your will.
Let your steadfast love come to us,
in the hearing and proclaiming of your word.
Through Christ, your Incarnate Word, we pray. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9 (p. #198)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14 (p. #24)

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was

enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "An Unfortunate Wedding"

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Down to the River to Pray"

Spiritual, arr. by Ken Medema

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

Leader: ...Holy God, you know the truth of this world
and the sin that tears at life each and every day,
here in our community and in every corner of the world.

**People: Hear us God as we pray for your blessing
upon this community's CROP Hunger Walk,
its walkers, its sponsors, and those in need of its success.**

Leader: For when tyrants rule and wars rage
upending the most basic needs of life,

**People: Enable this walk to provide your compassion of food, water,
shelter, safe passage, and the hope for a future.**

Leader: When storms surge, droughts persist, and fires burn across the earth,

**People: Let the steps we take and the gifts shared
produce blessings of your comfort, food, water, shelter,
and the strength to rebuild.**

Leader: Where food is wanting or water is miles away,

**People: Let the compassion we witness to this day,
give the food and the water needed for the moment,
and the tools and the resources needed for the future,
to grow the food and dig the wells.**

Leader: Blessed God, by the gifting of your Spirit, let us sow seeds of hope,
new life, and possibility in solidarity with the peoples of this earth,
and in witness to God's compassion and our shared vulnerability.

**People: Inspire us, we pray, that through our faith in you,
we continue to labor for your purposes of creating communities,
and a world, in which everyone has healthy food, clean water,
secure shelter, tools and education needed for life,
and cherished welcome as your beloved child.**

Pastor: Finally, bless, we pray, our walkers, as they go in our name,
and in your name, for the sake of all those in need this day.

People: Hear our prayers, O God, our Lord.

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: “Fantasia” - Johann Jakob Froberger (1616-1667)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)

The image shows a musical score for a unison offering response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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, receive these gifts of our labor, given in steadfast love.
Use them according to your purposes,
to further your mission through the ministries of this church.
And in your blessing, embolden us to more faithfully walk in your way
and live by your truth.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: “Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” (p. #77)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: “Coro” from Water Music - G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, Oct 11

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30 AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
- 1:00 PM CROP Walk – @ Gring’s Mill

Monday, Oct 12

- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Room 22
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Reading Community Players – Room 22

Tuesday, Oct 13

- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Oct 14

- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Room 22
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group – Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 PM Generosity – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Reading Community Players – Room 22

Thursday, Oct 15

- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Women’s Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 PM SOAR
- 6:30 PM Reading Community Players – Room 22
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, Oct 16

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

Sunday, Oct 18

8:30 AM Chancel Choir
9:30AM Worship, Sunday School (*younger class only*), Nursery
11:00 AM 'Going Deeper' Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM Brownie Troop 174 – Fellowship Hall

PRAYERS & CARES

Congregational Cards of Care

God invites us to share life-giving love through our faith. One way to do this is to weekly join in our “Cards of Care” ministry. This week we are uplifting Ellis & Jeanne Kirk, who are Home Congregants. Stop by the table in the front left corner of the sanctuary to add your name and care to this week’s card. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

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

Healing & Strengthening: Janet LeLacheur; David Cappuccio; Caroline; Peggy Riley; Elise Kiefer; Chuck W.; Jenny; Frances; Peter

Care & Support: Wyomissing UCC, Gouglersville; Dave Riley; 2027 Pledge Campaign

Comfort In Time of Loss: The Family & Friends of Carol Warner; The Family, Friends, & Community of Chris Kaag

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

10/11 Kathy Errich
10/12 Ethan Emkey
10/14 Cindra Payne
10/17 Andrew Miller
10/17 John Meinhart
10/17 Robin E. Brennan

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

10/13 Paul & Karen Oxholm
10/17 Mr. Brandon Epting & Liz Toigo

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: Happy Birthday, Bruce & Renee Dietrich by Renee Dietrich

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Gary Rhoads

Ushers: Sue Rhoads, Nevin Hollinger,

Rodney Baer, Margie Baer

Acolyte: Oliver & Anna Keller

Reader: Renee Dietrich

Welcome: Shelby Brunner

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Marian Shearer

Nursery: Emma Stone and Sue Rhoads

Livestream: Rick Shiner

Sound: Rod Baer

Altar Guild: Shelby Brunner

Welcome Rev. Marian Shearer

After 25 years of parish ministry in New York State and Philadelphia, with a little campus and hospital chaplaincy thrown in, Marian served the New York Conference UCC for 14 years as associate conference minister. It was a genuine blessing to travel around the Hudson Valley, the Adirondacks, the Finger Lakes, to visit our churches and committees and care for our pastors and get paid for it! Marian and her husband Jim retired in 2015 and moved to Exeter to be near the grandchildren. She finds it is also a genuine blessing to be invited to the pulpits of our Covenant Association churches, and worship with folks who trust that this stranger will bring a faithful word.

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 92

Online: 8

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$6305.80 Online: \$5066.50 Disaster Relief: \$222.00

Neighbors in Need: \$140.00

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
OCTOBER 11, 2026**

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

The 2026 CROP Hunger Walk is today - If you have not had a chance to donate through one of the walkers, there is still time to place your donation in the jug on the table at the front of the sanctuary. Crop Hunger Walk supports food organizations worldwide and our local Helping Harvest.



Stewardship Campaign "There Our Hearts Will Be" - An informational packet with a commitment card has been mailed to all households. Pledges can be made by logging into Realm or by submitting a commitment card in the offering plate or by mail. The campaign will end with Stewardship Sunday, next Sunday, Oct 18 when the 2027 giving pledges will be blessed. For additional information, contact Mike Ritter, Generosity committee chair at ritwyo@aol.com / (610) 781-5946. Thank you for your generosity and love for the ministry of Bausman

“Going Deeper” Bible Study will not be held today. We will resume meeting next Sunday from 11:00am – 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Going Deeper Bible Study is a great way to grow in faith of Christ and understanding of the Scriptures. The discussions focus on the scripture and sermon from the day’s worship service. Plus, there will be coffee and snacks!

Harvest Home Collection – October 18 – November 15 - The annual collection for the Calvary UCC food pantry, New Journey Mission and Spartan Station begins October 18. A list of items needed for each mission will be stapled to a bag and will be available in the sanctuary. Bags with a yellow shopping list will go to Calvary UCC Food Pantry; bags with an orange shopping list will go to New Journey Community Outreach; bags with a green shopping list will go to Spartan Station. Please donate only the items on the list and drop them off at the church by November 15 when the donations will be blessed. Thank you for helping care for your neighbors!

Sunday School Classes will not be held next Sunday, Oct 18. Additionally, the older class will not meet on Oct 25.

The Knit Hat Ministry needs 4-ply yarn contributions. Please drop your yarn in the church library. For additional information, please contact Bonnie Shiner at (610) 488-1671 / blshiner@comcast.net.



Bausman’s Annual Chicken Pot Pie Dinner will be held on November 14 from 4-6pm. A full dinner will include homemade chicken pot pie, green beans, pepper cabbage, and a slice of cake for dessert. Cost for dinner will be \$13 for adults, \$8 for children (ages 6-12), and under 5 eat free. A la Carte items that will be sold: Pot Pie \$12/qt, Pepper Cabbage \$5/lb., and Green Beans \$3/lb. This is an eat-in or take-out event. Those who stay have a great time! Pre-orders are due by Sunday, November 8 but walk-ins are welcome until we’re sold out. You can order via the QR code or by contacting Lori Moser (484) 577-5188 / lmoser928@gmail.com or Bonnie Shiner (610) 488-1671 / blshiner@comcast.net.

Christmas at the Valley – Music and Scripture of Advent & Christmas - Bausman members and guests are invited to attend *Christmas at the Valley* on December 6 at 3pm (prelude begins at 2:20pm). This is a free Christmas concert presented by various choral & handbell ensembles and organ students of the Lebanon Valley College Music Dept. 30 reserved seat tickets are available for the pews at Miller Chapel. If you would like to attend, there is a sign-up sheet on the church library bulletin board or contact Bob or Sue Showalter directly at 610-334-8357 / showalterrs@comcast.net. Reservation deadline is November 15, 2026. **Transportation is via personal vehicles**

Top of the Pops: Reading Choral Society pops concert, November 8, 4PM at the Antietam High School. This concert features choral arrangements of classic pops from the Beatles, Billie Eilish, Taylor Swift and more. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Fred Schwerdt of the RCS has tickets. Call 610-374-0173. Also, December 6 at the Scottish Rite, 5:30PM, “Messiah Community Sing”



Being an Acolyte Isn’t Just for Kids – That’s right! – Being an acolyte is an opportunity for people ages 8 and up who are interested in serving an important role in worship by symbolically bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary and carrying it out into the world, through the lighting and extinguishing of the altar candles. If you are interested and have served as an acolyte previously, we encourage you to sign up. If you are interested in being an acolyte but have no experience, a brief instruction/training can be arranged.



The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

October 06, 2026

Members and Friends of Keystone Conference,

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice." – Philippians 4:4 NRSV

Rejoicing doesn't sound like something I'd be doing if I was stuck in a first century prison, but here Paul is, advocating for it to the Philippians. The Philippians were in a bit of a bind themselves, trapped in conflicts and troubles that Paul addresses throughout his letter. But Paul steadfastly calls them, in an imperative voice, to rejoice, and with good reason.

When we find ourselves in conflicts or troubles, typically the amygdala, the flight or fight part of our brains, is what lights up. We can stay there, too, as we wade through emotions evoked by trapped pools of adrenaline and cortisol in our systems. But when we move in our minds and bodies into the neocortical section of our brains, we can tap into creative, higher order thinking that allows us access to feelings of love and joy that are inaccessible to us when we are trapped in fight or flight. I think that one of the greatest aspects of our faith is how it moves us, both individually and collectively, from one way of thinking and being to another. It requires spiritual discipline, self-differentiation, breathing, movement, and in many ways playfulness for us to get there. But when we do, I believe we embody the Gospel.

Even if Paul didn't know the neuroscience of all this, he still knew it. In Philippians 4:8, he writes, "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

When we find ourselves in situations of trouble or conflict in our churches, let's recall this to our minds and bodies, so that we are not trapped in prisons of flight or fight but are free to move toward creative possibilities suffused with love and joy. I think it's one of our greatest callings and opportunities as Christians to do so!

David

Rev. David Ackerman

Transitional Regional Conference Minister, Region 3
Keystone Conference, United Church of Christ

Board Meeting recap

At the September Keystone Transitional Board of Directors meeting, among a number of issues, the following items were addressed:

1. We discussed the proposed 2027 operating budget and recommended it to the Conference for adoption. There will be two town hall meetings to discuss the proposed budget moving toward the November 14 Fall Conference Budget meeting.
2. The Generosity Committee reported that the Annual Report document is nearing completion and will hopefully be available in the coming month.
3. Following the discussion at the August Board meeting, a Search Committee for the Region 3 Conference Minister position has been formed and has begun to meet. A separate Profile Task Force is writing a general profile for the Conference. The Search Committee will be adding the specifics for Region 3.
4. We also began a discussion about how the General Synod delegation will be constituted. We discussed a number of approaches to balance both geographic and demographic representation in the delegation. More discussion will ensue.

Rev. Dr. David DeRemer, Moderator

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.



**Who are the
Saints
in your life?**

Give in honor or memory
of those who shaped your faith.
Celebrate their witness.
Carry their legacy
forward through the ministries
of the Keystone Conference.
Share their names and give generously
to the Keystone All Saints Offering today.

*A portion of your gift goes directly to fund
emergency ministerial support.*

Donate by clicking on "Donate Here" at keystoneucc.org and choosing "All Saints Offering"

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

This hymn by Reginald Heber was published in a book of hymns for Banbury Parish Church in England. Nicaea, one of nearly 300 tunes by John B. Dykes, was named for the famous council that defined the doctrine of the Trinity.

Tune: NICAEA 11.12.12.10.
 John B. Dykes, 1861
 Descant David McK. Williams, 1948

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Luke 2:29; Rom. 1:16

Attrib. to John Fawcett, 1773; alt.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 We give thanks and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the

joy and peace; Let us each your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 world a - way, Fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: Oh, re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey: May we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er live with you in end - less day.

Influenced by George Whitefield's preaching, John Fawcett joined the Baptist church, and served as minister in Wainsgate, England, for fifty-four years. Yielding to the persuasion of his parishioners, he declined invitations to move elsewhere. He wrote more than 160 hymns.

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Sicilian melody, 18th century
 The European Magazine and Review, 1792