

FIFTEENTH 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 6, 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: What are you grateful for? When asked the question, we can begin to rattle off a whole list of things we appreciate. Kids, house, food to eat, air conditioning, etc. But for what are you profoundly grateful? What, if it had never been, would mean your life would be a shell of what it is today. Ironically, when you delve to this level of gratitude, both points of extreme joy and sorrow tend to rise to the surface. Both remind us that we are not in charge of this life. Rather, this life is a gift we have been given, which too easily can slip through our hands. As such, our deep gratitude comes to teach us how to live a life that is fully alive.

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: "Fantasia on 'Mit Freuden Zart' (Sing Praise to God)"

- Robert J. Hughes

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name.

People: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Pastor: Make known God's deeds among the people.

People: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Pastor: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people.

People: God adorns the humble with victory.

Pastor: Let the faithful exult in their God,
let the peoples sing praises to the Holy One.

People: As one body, we seek the Lord and his strength;

we seek the presence of the living God who is with us now.

Pastor: ...as by your grace, we put on the Lord Jesus Christ for our sake
and the sake of all whom you love.

People: Amen!

Processional Hymn: “O Grant Us, God, a Little Space” (p. #516)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

**All: Bountiful God, so easily we forget the true depth
of all we have to be grateful for.**

We count what we don't have, rather than what we do.

We long for future success, blind to the joy to be known now.

We fear what there is to lose, unable to open our hands in trust of you.

**Forgive us, O God, for failing to live in the truth of your joy,
the bounty of your hand, and the richness of your love.**

Forgive us the poverty of minds and the depravity of our love.

**In your mercy, birth us anew to all you have provided for our sake,
through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...No matter your sin, in Christ you are set free to a new life,
founded in mercy and overflowing with God's love.

People: Praise and glory be to God, the One who saves and redeems.

All: Amen!

Confession Response (*Unison*)

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And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

Em A7 D D7

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

G A Bm F#m Em A7 D

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.)

Prayer of Illumination

**All: O Lord, our God, guide us in the path of your righteousness,
turn our hearts to your decrees, open our hearts 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.**

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14 (p. #58)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They

shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:8-14 (p. #162)

...the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Are You Shaped by Gratitude?”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

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: “Adagio” - Baldassare Galuppi

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response *(Unison)*

The musical score is for a unison offering response in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word "Ghost".

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: “Jesus is Here Right Now” (p. #348)

Invitation

Pastor: Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle
and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

People: We come as those hungering for the Lord;
longing to be made new through the living presence of Christ.

Great Communion Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: ...Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth,
we worship and glorify you, Lord Most High.

Seraphic Hymn *(Unison)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor: ... that we may be renewed within the covenant of your calling
to love and serve you, and our neighbor as ourselves.

**All: Lord, we are not worthy to come before you
or to even call upon your name.**

But only speak the word and we shall be healed. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sharing of Elements – Communion by Intinction

(All who desire to unite their lives in discipleship to Christ are welcome to receive communion. Starting with the front pews, ushers will invite you to come forward to receive a piece of bread – gluten free option in the center - to dip into the chalice of red wine or white grape juice. After consuming the dipped bread, continue to the side aisle to return to your seat. To have the elements brought to you, inform the usher who will direct the pastor once all others have come forward.)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We thank you God for filling us with your peace.
For our eyes have seen the salvation that you have made ready
in the sight of the nations; a light of revelation for the Gentiles
and glory for your people Israel.
Send us now in your peace, to your glory and praise.
For the sake of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing" (p. #303)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Fanfare for a Festival" - Carl Simone

*(As the postlude concludes, go in peace to love and serve at the calling of God.
Light refreshments will be served at the front of the church. All Are welcome!)*

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, September 6

9:30AM Worship, Communion, First Sunday Fellowship
1:00 PM Wyo Girl Scouts – Room 22

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day – Office Closed

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 8

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 9

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, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

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

Saturday, September 12

6:30 AM Wyomissing Football Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 13

9:00 AM Choir
9:30AM Worship in the Park – Wyomissing Hills Playground
6:45 PM Scout Troop – 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 Carol Golbey, who now lives far from Bausman. Stop by the table in the front left corner of the sanctuary to add your name and care to this week’s card. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

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

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

Care & Support: Trinity UCC, Rehrersburg & Pastor Linda Meredith; Alexander; Lisa Adams; Zachary & Kelly Naylor; Dave Riley; Bausman's College Students; Teachers, Administrators, Custodians; Amy Moll; Nicole; Carol Warner

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

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

9/6 Skeet Moser
9/11 Joe Strohl
9/12 Eric Miller

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

9/9 Keith & Joan Kellenberger
9/10 James & Peggy Mathis
9/12 Nevin & Diane Hollinger

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: Happy Birthday, Skeet Moser, Love Lori.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Mike Ritter

Ushers: Anne Anders, Shelby Brunner, Sam Brown, Peggy Brown

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Jane Bitner

Welcome: Bob Showalter

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Livestream: TBD

Sound: Gary Rhoads

Altar Guild: Michel Wolfskill & Marjorie Huyette

Fellowship Host: Lori Moser

Elders: *Anne Anders (direct worshippers), Shelby Brunner (assist pastor during intinction) (*These Elders uncover and cover the elements.)

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 57

Online: 8

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$4915 Online: \$936.26

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**

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

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic – Next Sunday September 13 – Wyomissing Hills Playground -

Bausman’s annual outdoor worship and picnic is finally here! Friends and guests are warmly welcomed! This is a great time to share in worship, food, fellowship and fun! Worship starts at 9:30am with a fried chicken luncheon following the service. Members, who are able, are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. A “cakewalk” will be held for all attendees, with a chance to win a cupcake. In the event of severe storms, high winds, or downpours, an announcement (by email, Facebook, and church voicemail) will be made to relocate the event to the church. Things to bring: Lawn Chair (limited picnic table seating) / Water bottle, hat, sunglasses, games (optional) / Non-Salad Side Dish (Members with last name beginning with A-G) / Salad Style Side Dish (Members with last name beginning with H-O) / Dessert (Members with last name beginning with P-Z)

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.

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.

Berks Remembers – 9/11 25th Remembrance Ceremony - Friday, September 11, 2026 from 10-11am in front of Berks County Services Center (33 Reed Street, Reading, PA). All members of the community are welcome to join in as we remember, reflect, and stand together in hope and unity. There will be a Presentation of Colors & National Anthem, Fire Department Brass Bell Ringing, and several Guest Speakers, including Pastor Joe Motz. For more information, contact Jay Ostrich, Berks County VA Office at 610-378-5601. (in case of inclement weather, event will take place in the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Services Center)



Bausman Grounds Fall Clean Up – Next Saturday September 12 from 9am-2pm –

Bausman’s Fall Cleanup is scheduled for this Saturday. Projects will include weeding, edging, landscaping, trimming shrubs, cleaning concrete, and a painting project. There will be something for everyone to do.

Along with volunteers from Bausman, we have reached out to the community groups that use the building and have invited them to volunteer along with us. **21 volunteers have signed up so far.**

Registration will be capped at 50 people. To sign up, please use the QR code or the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary.

****The QR signup also has a section to include tools you may be able to bring with you for the day. For more information about the planned projects, please contact Annie Harlin (484) 926-0308.**

Bausman Choirs “Just the Good Stuff” Party for Current Choir Members, Spouses, Friends, and Prospective Choir Members - Saturday, September 12 / 4:00pm – 7:00pm / Bring an Appetizer or a Dessert -78 Cheltenham Drive, Wyomissing Hills / Home of Sharon Luyben RSVP – call or text - 610-334-6479

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! First Choir Rehearsals will be held on September 10!

- **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 - Register by September 13, 2026 - 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. The 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. Participation is fully at the discretion of one's parents. To participate, contact Pastor Joe, by September 13. The class will run for one hour and will be scheduled based upon participants' availability. Note: 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 – September 24 – 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 (45/120 - 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.

Oktoberfest - Join us Saturday, September 26 from 12-7pm for Bausman's annual Oktoberfest!!!

A day full of great food, fun, music, and fellowship! Featuring authentic German food, beer, and music, with the return of the Egerlander German Band. There will be fun for the whole family, including face painting, a coloring station, and yard games. This is always a fun afternoon and admission to the event is free. All are welcome to attend!

Help Us in the Nursery - A Call for Nursery Volunteers – Thank you to those who have reached out. We currently have 6 volunteers but would like to add 2-4 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 appropriate age-industries, 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



The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

OFFICIAL CALL



FALL MEETING 2026

Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ
Robert Ames, Board Secretary



November 14 2026
Online Attendance Only

**Registration link: click “Fall Meeting” on the homepage of
keystoneucc.org**

Welcome to the 2026 Fall Meeting of the Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ!

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.

2027 Clergy Compensation Guidelines have been updated. Learn more by visiting keystoneucc.org/resources/compensation-guidelines/

The only change of note from 2026 in the guidelines is at the bottom of page two where the 2027 Cost of Living Adjustment is listed. For clergy in existing calls, the recommendation is an increase to salary and related benefits of 3-3.5%.

Early next year, we anticipate revisiting the guidelines. Clergy and lay leaders will be surveyed to find out if this model is working and how the Conference Compensation Guidelines can best serve as a helpful resource for both churches and clergy.

"Where Teens Find Their Stories": Seminars on Youth Culture

Our young people are spending more time in online worlds than ever before, and those spaces are shaping how they think about identity, belonging, relationships, and even faith. This fall, we're offering three seminars to help clergy and youth leaders understand the digital cultures influencing the teens we serve.

We'll take a closer look at the virtual spaces young people gather, such as, fandom communities. We will also dive into the mission, ethics, and identity of influencer spaces like the manosphere and trad wives. We'll discuss why these spaces matter, how they're impacting our youth, and what role the church has in these conversations.

The sessions are designed to be practical, honest, and accessible. You don't need to be tech-savvy or "in the know" to benefit. You just need a heart for young people and a willingness to learn.

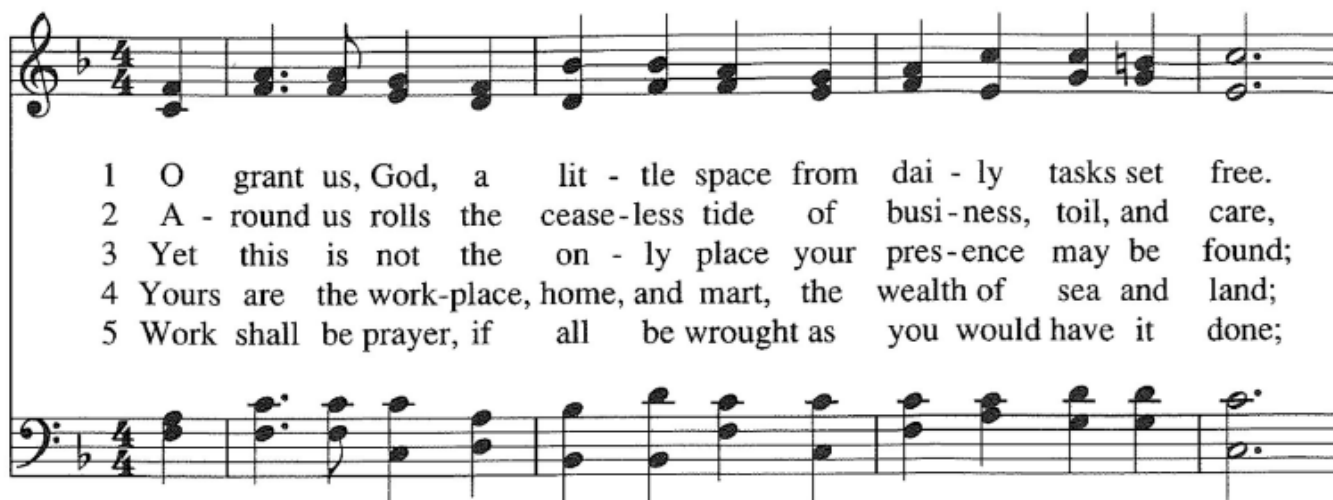
More details and registration information will be shared soon. We hope you'll join us for these important conversations.



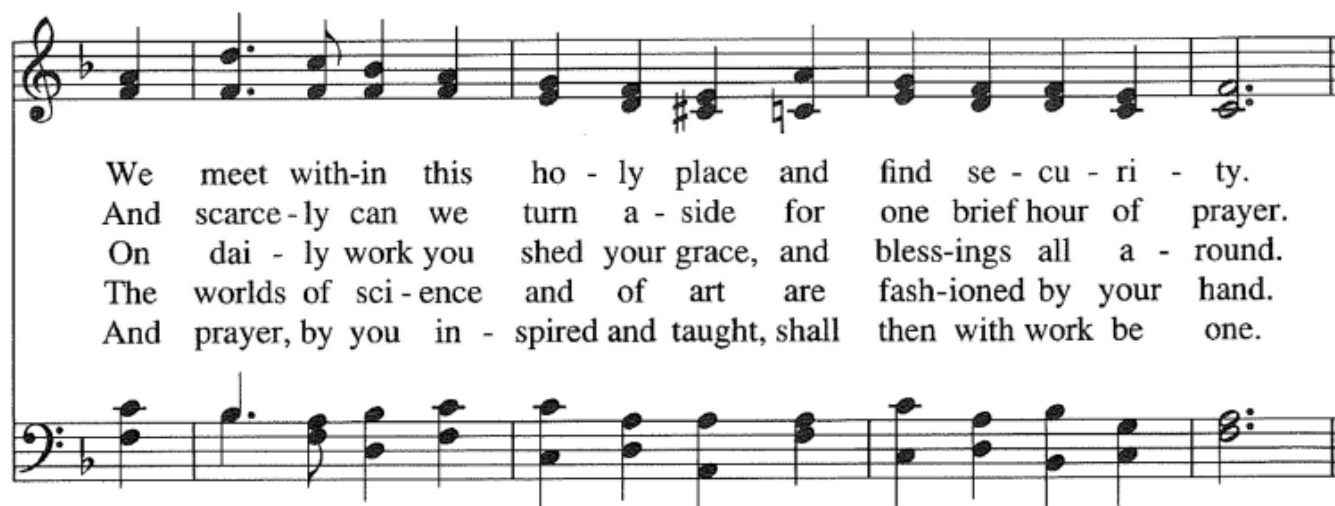
O Grant Us, God, a Little Space

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John Ellerton, 1870; alt.



1 O grant us, God, a lit - tle space from dai - ly tasks set free.
2 A - round us rolls the cease-less tide of busi-ness, toil, and care,
3 Yet this is not the on - ly place your pres-ence may be found;
4 Yours are the work-place, home, and mart, the wealth of sea and land;
5 Work shall be prayer, if all be wrought as you would have it done;



We meet with-in this ho - ly place and find se - cu - ri - ty.
And scarce-ly can we turn a - side for one brief hour of prayer.
On dai - ly work you shed your grace, and bless-ings all a - round.
The worlds of sci - ence and of art are fash-ioned by your hand.
And prayer, by you in - spired and taught, shall then with work be one.

John Ellerton's hymn, written for a noonday service in a city church, is one of the earliest to speak of science and art as part of God's creation. Thomas Este was a famous English printer and music publisher.

Tune: WINCHESTER OLD C.M.
Este's Whole Book of Psalmes, 1592

Jesus Is Here Right Now

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Leon C. Roberts, 1986; alt.
not fast

Je - sus is here right now. Je - sus is

Somewhat detached throughout

here. With this bread and wine true peace you'll

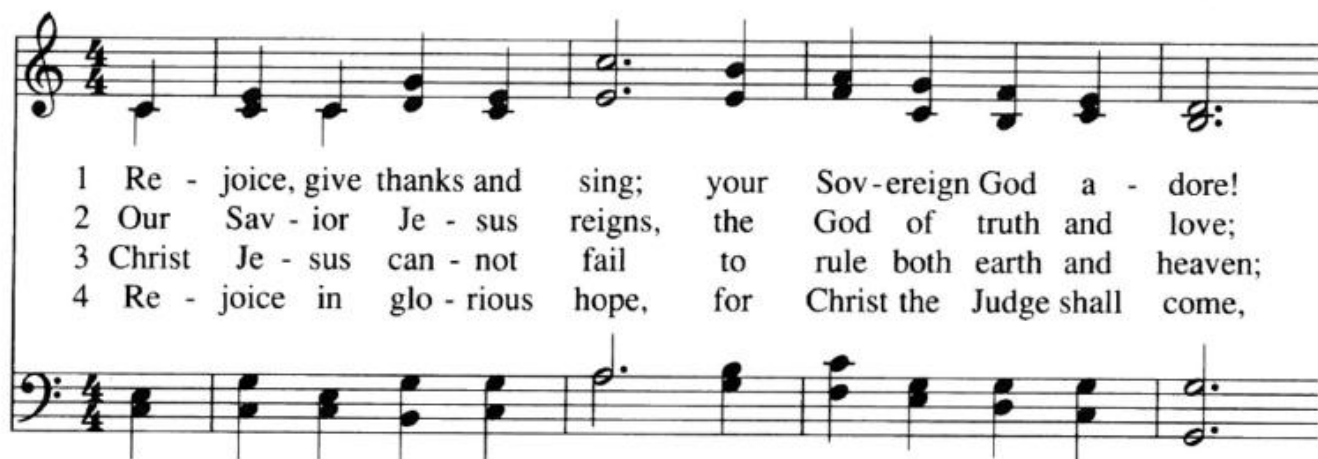
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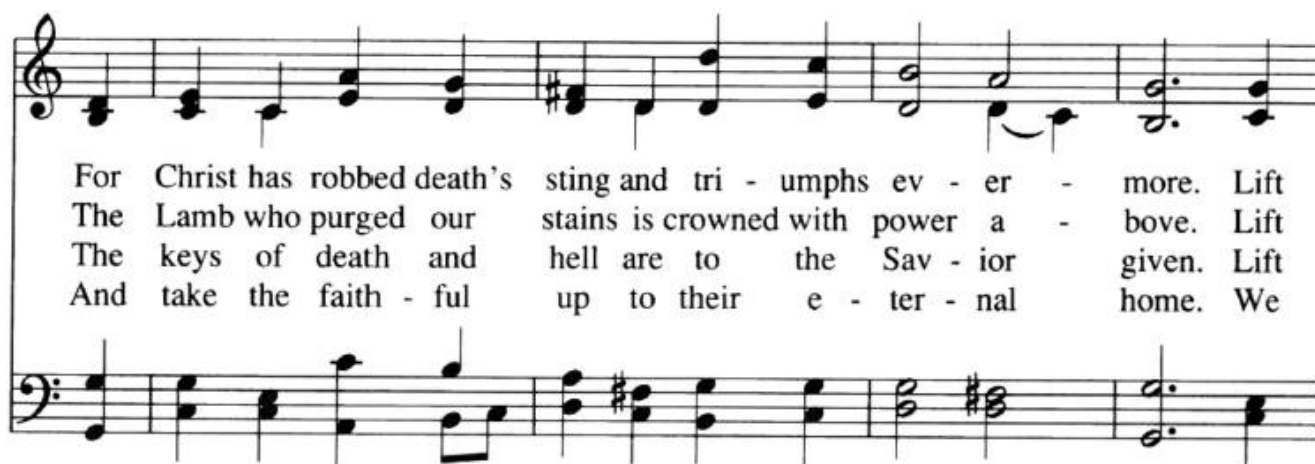
Composer Leon C. Roberts is perhaps best known for his "Mass of St. Augustine" and other liturgical compositions that appear in Lead Me, Guide Me: The African-American Catholic Hymnal. His work is greatly influenced by priest and composer Clarence Joseph Rivers.

Tune: JESUS IS HERE 6.4.5.4.6.
Leon C. Roberts, 1986

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

*Phil. 4:4; Rev. 3:7; 19:6-7**Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.*


1 Re - joice, give thanks and sing; your Sov-ereign God a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 Christ Je - sus can - not fail to rule both earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come,



For Christ has robbed death's sting and tri - umphs ev - er - more. Lift
 The Lamb who purged our stains is crowned with power a - bove. Lift
 The keys of death and hell are to the Sav - ior given. Lift
 And take the faith - ful up to their e - ter - nal home. We



up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 soon shall hear a heaven-ly voice a - bove the trum-pet's sound, "Re - joice!"

This Ascension text, one of the festival hymns by Charles Wesley, was published originally in John Wesley's Moral and Sacred Poems (1744). Somewhat altered, it appeared in this familiar version in Charles' 1746 collection Hymns for Our Lord's Resurrection.

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th 6.6.6.6:8.8.
John Darwall, 1770