

# PENTECOST SUNDAY



## **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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**May 24, 2026**

**9:30am Worship**

# WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

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**1<sup>ST</sup> 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. The last Sunday for staffed nursery coverage is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Will return Sept. 20 for children in 1st – 7th grade.

**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

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## WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

**Centering Thoughts:** Pentecost is often celebrated as the day on which the Christian church was born and the day in which God set free the power of the Holy Spirit. Viewed from such talking points, you'd think Pentecost is a day that divided up the world between those who have and those who don't have the Holy Spirit. Ironically though, Pentecost is the polar opposite of division and any sense of superiority. In the readings from Acts and from Paul, the primary role of the Holy Spirit is that of uniting people to one another and to God. Yet it shouldn't be a surprise, because isn't that the core of Jesus' ministry?

### 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:** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" -  
Thomas Chesterton, arr. by John B. Dykes

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

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

### Call to Worship

Pastor: Jesus said, "you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

**People: Let the heavens open and the Spirit descend.**

Pastor: When the Spirit comes into you,

"Out of your hearts shall flow rivers of living water."

**People: Fill our cups to overflowing with the waters of life.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

**People: In Christ, our hearts are not troubled.**

Pastor: Today we rejoice in the coming of the Spirit

upon the fullness of creation – men and women, young and old,  
insiders and outsiders.

**People: The Spirit is poured out among all to unite all.**

Pastor: Breathe upon us your Holy Spirit, O God,  
make us one in Spirit and in body as we worship you now.

People: Sanctify us in your truth, O God Most High! Amen.

**Processional Hymn:** “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” (p. #267)

## WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

### Call to Confession

#### Corporate Confessional

**All:** Almighty and most merciful God,  
we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us! Spare those who confess their sins.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared through Jesus Christ.  
And for his sake, fill us with the indwelling of your Holy Spirit  
that we may live in faithful witness to your glory  
made known in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior.  
Amen.

#### Personal Silent Confession

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

#### Assurance of Grace

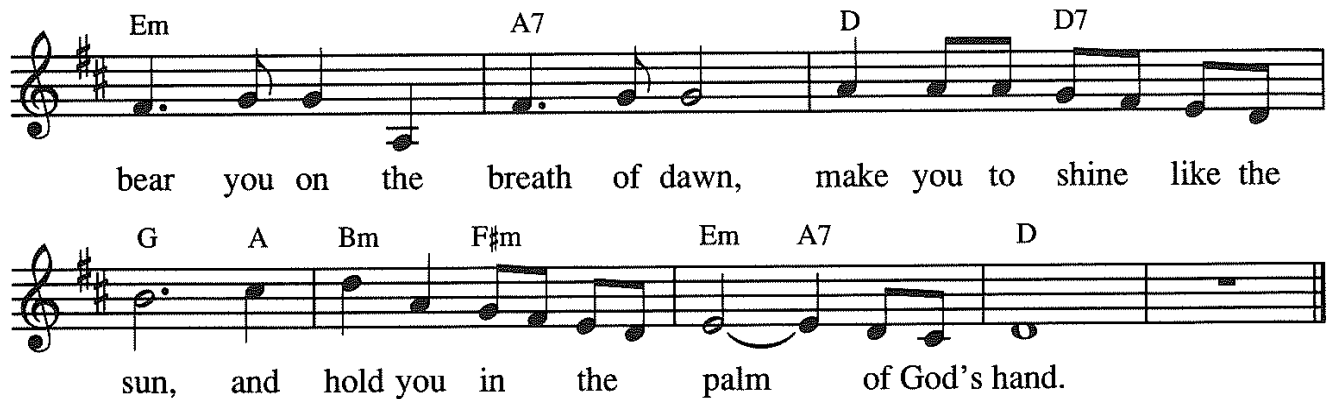
Pastor: ...There is no other power that binds you.

People: Praise and glory be to our God for now and forevermore. 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. No Sunday School today.)*

### Prayer of Illumination

**All: Spirit of the living God,  
 you come bursting through doors and breaking down barriers  
 as you set God's truth free within this world.  
 We tremble to call upon you, for we have no control over you.  
 And yet we need you to open our eyes, to free our hearts,  
 and to break down our barriers as you bring us into God's truth.  
 As you did on that first day of Pentecost,  
 pour out your Spirit upon us now, we pray. Amen.**

### First Epistle Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 (p. #119)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes,

Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

**Second Epistle Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 (p. #174)

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** “Gifted For the Common Good”

**Chancel Choir Anthem:** “Send Down the Fire” -  
Marty Haugen- choral setting by Mark Hayes

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

### Memorial Day Remembrance Prayer

#### 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:** “Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire”- arr. by Michael McCabe

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

### Offering Response (Unison)

The musical score is written for unison in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one sharp, a 4/4 time signature, and various note values and rests.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## Prayer of Dedication

**All:** Gracious God, you are the one who has given every good gift.  
We give because of you and the goodness of the vision  
you have set upon this earth.  
Bless the gifts we now offer for the furtherance of your will,  
for the care of this world,  
and the deepening of our walk with our Savior,  
who even now pours out the Spirit upon us. Amen.

### Communion Hymn: "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" (p. #342)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system has two verses of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

1 Be known to us in break-ing bread, but do not then de - part;  
2 Here share with us in love di - vine, your bod - y and your blood;

O Sav - ior, stay with us and spread your ta - ble in our heart.  
That liv - ing bread, that heav-en-ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

**Pastor:** Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**People:** People will come from the east and the west,  
from the north and the south,  
and will sit at the table with Christ in the kingdom of God.

**Pastor:** This is the Lord's Table,  
which he has prepared through his body and blood.  
inviting all who trust in him, to share in the feast of his life.

**People:** In company with all who hunger to be fed with the food of life,  
we come to this table to know the risen Christ  
and to be renewed in the power and presence of God's Spirit.

## 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: ...Thus we lift our voice in song, witnessing to the glory of our Savior,  
who continues to set us and all people free this day.

### **Communion Hymn: "A Communion Hallelujah" (Unison)**

The night before our Savior died, a Seder meal was set aside

And friends of Jesus came with him to eat it.

The bread was passed, the wine was poured, and everybody, praised the Lord

With a glorious and a gracious Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

And when the Seder meal was through, the Lord took bread and raised it to

Our God above and gave a blessing for it.

He broke the bread and said to all, "Each time you eat, you will recall,

It was me that gave my body for ya."

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Then Jesus took his cup in hand, He raised it up to God and then

He asked his God to place a blessing on it.

He passed the cup for all to drink. He said, "remember me and think

Of this wine as the blood I'm shedding for ya"

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Holy Spirit come upon, these gifts, and those here looking on,

As we commit our lives to you in service.

Bless these gifts and bless our lives; we lift our hearts, we lift our eyes,

To new life in your grace and peace and justice.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

*(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 inviting us to this table  
where we are made alive through the presence of Christ  
and receive the gifts of the Spirit to live out your call upon us.  
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,  
and let us show forth your praise in the humility of our lives  
and the mercies of your church. Amen.**

## **WE GO WITH GOD’S CALLING**

**Recessional Hymn: “On God the Spirit We Rely”** (p. S #38)

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

## **Commissioning & Benediction**

### **Chimes**

**Postlude: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” - Robert W. Thygerson/  
Atkinson**

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

## THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

### **Sunday, May 24 – Wear Red for Pentecost / Memorial Day Recognition**

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Communion by Intinction, Nursery
- 8:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting - Library

### **Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day / Office Closed**

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

### **Tuesday, May 26**

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, May 27**

- 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, May 28**

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Women’s Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, May 29**

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

### **Sunday, May 31 – Trinity Sunday**

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Nursery

# 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 Sue Lewis, who is one of our 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.

**Praise & Celebrations:** St. Peter's UCC, Topton & Pastor Crystal Angstadt

**Healing & Strengthening:** Helen Fisher; Kathy Bailey; Eileen G.; Michael W.; Colin Devlin

**Care & Support:** Randy Ulmer; Commander Alison (Derr) Maruca & Family; VBS Planning; Peaceful resolution to conflicts in the Middle East; Carolyn Fisher

**Comfort In Time of Loss:** The Family of Rev. Millard Fisher

## **Birthdays Celebrated this Week**

5/24 Amy Smedley  
Caitlyn Motz  
5/25 Vickie Warner  
5/25 Jack Joiner  
5/26 Marc Waetjen  
5/27 Caroline Lee

5/28 Barbara Beringer  
5/29 Marcelino Colon Jr.  
5/31 John Nickey  
Finley Rutherford  
Dale G. Derr

## **Anniversaries Celebrated this Week**

5/29 Jason & Shelby Brunner

# Worship Information

## Sponsorships

**Bulletins:** In Honor of Memorial Day by Susie & Dale Derr

## Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Nevin Hollinger

Ushers: Nevin Hollinger, Renee Dietrich,  
Mary Moll, Joe Strohl

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Marjorie Miller

Welcome: Lori Moser

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Nursery: Amalia Cannon

Livestream: Ryan Stone

Sound: Gary Rhoads

Altar Guild: Michele Wolfskill

Elders: \*Nevin Hollinger (direct worshippers), \*Renee Dietrich (assist pastor during intinction) (\*uncover and cover elements)

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## Last Week's Worship

**Worship Attendance:** In Person: 83                      Online: 10

## **Offerings Received for God's Ministry:**

General Fund: In person \$6252      Online: \$141.40                      Special Offering: \$100

**“LOOK AND SEE”**  
**WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!**  
**MAY 24, 2026**

(Visit [bausmanucc.org](http://bausmanucc.org) and sign up for the weekly e-blasts as well)



**Strengthen The Church Offering** - From May 3-31, 2026, we will be collecting for our 2<sup>nd</sup> UCC offering. The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church Offering.



**2026 VBS - Rome: Paul and the Underground Church** - Our free, five-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) program is a fantastic opportunity for children throughout the community to come together and have a fun, faith-filled experience. Children aged three to twelve years old, who are potty trained, are welcome to register. The VBS program offers a variety of engaging activities, including kid-friendly dinners (starting at 5:20), music, interactive skits, games, crafts, and faith exploration that is grounded in God's love. It's a great way for children to grow in their faith, build relationships, and have fun! Even if your child can't attend every night, no problem. You are welcome to register just for the nights when your child can attend. Please register by June 28th so we can prepare for you!

**VBS: Teachers & Actors Wanted** - We've had a great response for craft, decorating, and meal volunteers for this year's VBS. Thank you!! We are still in need of actors, game leaders, and group leaders. To help share God's love through this summer's VBS, please speak with Pastor Joe in the next two weeks. VBS will be held July 12-16, 5:20-8:00pm. (Note: PA criminal history and PA child abuse clearances less than 5 years old are required for all volunteers except the decorating team. Clearances are free for volunteers and easily completed online).

**Looking for Summer Musicians** - Bausman is asking our members – children and adults – to play for Sunday Worship during the months of June, July and August. Instrumentalists, pianists and singers of all abilities are invited to play for the Special Music segment of our church service during the summer months. Please contact our Minister of Music, Sharon Luyben (610-334-6479) to choose a date to share your talent.

**Summer Nursery** - *No Nursery Attendants Available* - Starting June 7 there will not be paid or volunteer attendants in the nursery. Parents and guardians are welcome to use the nursery so long as they provide supervision for their children while they are in the nursery. The worship service audio is directly broadcast into the nursery so parents can continue to be connected to the worship service. Nursery attendants are tentatively planned to resume on September 20.

**Seeking Nursery Attendants** - *This is a Paid Position* - We are so thankful for the service provided this past year by Amalia Cannon and Ella Anders as our paid nursery attendants. With both of them graduating this spring, they will not be returning this fall to serve in this role. Therefore, we are seeking new nursery attendants to support our nursery ministry starting this fall. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Mary Rebecca Keller to learn more.

**Mark Your Calendars / Annual Church Picnic** - Mark your calendars now for the September 13, outdoor worship and church picnic at the Wyomissing Hills Playground.

**Special Congregational Meeting** - Last Sunday after the worship service, those attending the congregational meeting in person(49) and online(4) voted 44 in favor and non-opposed to the motion to proceed and accept the proposal from MG Architects to do an evaluation of the building, its structure and various systems.



# The Keystone Connection

## A Message to the Conference

**May 19, 2026**

**Members and Friends of Keystone Conference,**

*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.” – Acts 2:1-3*

In the summer of 1991, a pastor and church north of the city of Pittsburgh gave me an opportunity to preach my first series of sermons. They were gracious teachers, showing patience with me as I navigated the text I'd meticulously typed and printed from my Brother word processor. For this reason and for many others, Trinity United Church of Christ in Dorseyville will always hold a dear and special place in my heart.

So, my heart sank when I heard the news of the fire that had devastated the church's sanctuary. I am deeply grateful for the leadership of the Rev. Dave Mears and for the people of Trinity who are showing great resilience in the face of this trial. I know that the church will have challenges ahead of it, but I am confident that the Spirit will continue to move among the congregation of Trinity as it has so faithfully in the past.

Reading the Pentecost text with this in mind unsettles me, as the image of “tongues, as of fire” accentuates the destructive blaze of flames. But for those early disciples, the ecstatic gift of tongues and the image of the fire that they bore witness to reveal a power that is more creative than destructive. Not wanting to minimize the tragic damage that flames can do, it seems to me that the text is also a reminder of the power of God to bring something new out of something that at first glance seems only to be destructive.

As the Easter season closes, the message that God brings life out of death, joy out of sorrow, hope out of despair, and good out of evil, remains true for us as Christians not only at Easter but in every season. The Keystone Conference itself is a witness to the truth of the Resurrection and the power of the Spirit. May God's life-giving work be revealed in your life, at Pentecost and always.

**David**

**Rev. David Ackerman**

**Regional Conference Minister, Region 3**

**Keystone Conference UCC**

### **50 Days of Easter Food Challenge**

A People of the Table Mission Project for Keystone Conference's 1st Annual Meeting

The Challenge: Churches across the Conference are challenged to donate non-perishable food to a local food bank between Easter (04/05/2026) and Pentecost (05/24/2026) and to report the quantities of their donations.

Each church will report its totals (by category) via a web link, and the Conference-wide total will be revealed at the 1st Annual Meeting, June 5–7, 2026. Using categories such as canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, pasta and rice, toiletries, and more will provide an easy-to-visualize picture of the breadth of donations.

Learn more at [keystoneucc.org/people-of-the-table/](https://keystoneucc.org/people-of-the-table/)

### **Attention Youth Campers and Families,**

Please read the following information carefully, as the Conference policy for supplementing youth summer camping has changed.

For the 2026 summer season, the Keystone Conference will campership or reimburse 30% of the cost for one youth to attend one summer camping experience. If a youth attends more than one camp during the summer, only one camp will be eligible for the 30% reimbursement. Please use the application for additional camps if this creates a hardship.

Learn more and download the application under the campership section of [keystoneucc.org/mission-grants-committee/](https://keystoneucc.org/mission-grants-committee/)

### **Living Waters Camp & Conference Center Schellsburg, PA**

Trustin' Jesus! Summer Camps

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

Learn more at [livingwaterscamp.org](https://livingwaterscamp.org)

**HC Spirit Camp** is hosted at Hartman Center Campground, Milroy, PA . The theme for HC Spirit 2026 is "In the Wilderness." Camp runs from July 26 - August 1, 2026. Registration is now open—check [hcspiritcamp.org](https://hcspiritcamp.org) for more info and registration.

## Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

*Acts 2:1-36; Exod. 13:18-22; Ps. 118:19-29**Janie Alford, 1979; alt*

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -  
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of  
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,  
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,  
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm four - da - tion,  
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney  
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is  
 you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence  
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

*Janie Alford is often described as "the Grandma Moses of hymnody." In her nineties, this retired medical secretary and Nashville, Tennessee, shop owner remained an active church worker and wrote many hymns. Nine of her texts were published*

Tune: EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL) 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Thomas J. Williams, 1890

# On God the Spirit We Rely

*Para. of the*  
*United Church of Christ "Statement of Faith"*  
*Mary Louise VanDyke, 1973*

TRURO L.M.  
*Thomas Williams'*  
Psalmody Evangelica, 1789

1. On God the Spir - it we re - ly; To his great  
2. His love shall guide, his judg - ments stay, His righ - teous  
3. Thus bound in cov - e - nant, we search For ways to  
4. His help we seek to face our time; Through trial we

deeds we tes - ti - fy; All worlds are his, all  
will di - rect our way. He shares our hum - ble,  
serve him through his church; By serv - ing man wher -  
trust his grace di - vine; Man's jus - tice, peace, O

man - kind shares Cre - a - tion's pow'r and the choice it bears.  
hu - man frame; His res - ur - rec - tion we pro - claim.  
e'er is need, Our lives from self and death are freed.  
Church, de - fend; Help shape God's king - dom with - out end.