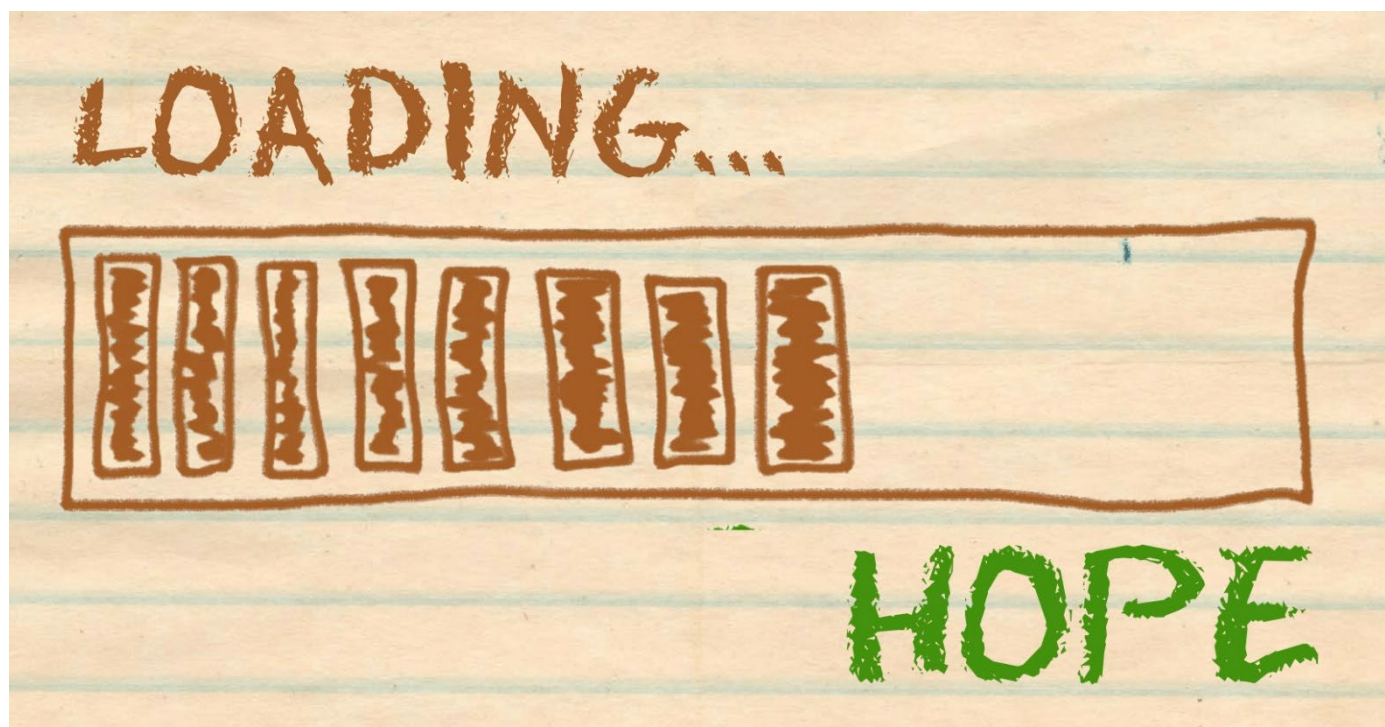


EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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July 19, 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: The apostle Paul writes, “In hope we are saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.” Paul’s words are not about positive or Pollyanna thinking. Instead, they are born out of suffering and struggle. He speaks of the deep hope that knows pain and bitter disappointment and yet continues because in there is a greater truth. When has hope sustained and guided you through the pain, the struggle, and the disappointments too readily present in this life?

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: “Grand Triumphal Chorus” - Alexander Guilmant (1837-1911)

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart.
Let us glorify God's holy name.

**People: For great is the steadfast love of our God,
who delivers us from death, leading us to life.**

Pastor: Let our minds to be opened to learn of God's way
that we may walk in God's truth.

**People: God speaks to our heart,
inviting us to share in the fullness of God's love.**

Pastor: Great and wonderful are the works of God.

**People: Thus we lift our voices in praise,
glorifying the one who is our Lord, our God, and our hope.**

All: Amen!

Processional Hymn: “Let Me Enter God’s Own Dwelling” (p. #67)
(verses 1-4 only)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

**All: Faithful God, you have created this world with goodness.
You have sown seeds of bounty, blessing, and beauty
that proclaim of your glory. For this we give you thanks.
Yet, we struggle God, because we also see the seeds of evil
that bloom in the midst of your blessing;
that at times threaten to choke off life within us.
Though you tell us to have faith in you, to not fear,
and to be assured of your perfect victory won through Christ,
our hope withers, our faith wanes, and we fall away from you.
Have mercy upon us God.
Restore within us the hope that leads to your peace
and the joy of your salvation.
Give us eyes to see what cannot be seen
and faith to believe what is foolishness to wise,
as you renew your Spirit within our being.
Through Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

**Pastor: ...Though we stumble and fall, every time we lift our voice to God,
we are heard, healing is poured out, and we are made new.**

**People: Thanks be to the love of God
that comes to us through Christ, our Lord.**

All: Amen!

Confession Response (*Unison*)

And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with chords D, Asus4, A, and D. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with chords Em, A7, D, and D7. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, with chords G, A, Bm, F#m, Em, A7, and D. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

VBS Presentation

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps.)

Prayer of Illumination

**All: Your Word, O God, is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Let your Word shine brightly before our eyes
that even in our blindness we may see, and know, and follow
in the way that leads to your life.
In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:14-25 (p. #158)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30 (p. #14)

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Hope With Eyes Wide Open”

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)

Special Music - "Lord, Here Am I" - John Ness Beck
Robert Showalter, tenor solo

William N. Luyben Memorial Scholarship Presentation

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: "Aria" - Domenico Scarlatti
(1688-1757)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. 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: God our Provider, all good gifts come from you.
Every richness we have begins with you.
Thus what we give is already yours,
yet filled with fullness of our hope and our heart.
Receive us and these our gifts, we pray, that we may be blessed
to share in the truth of your presence
and the joy of your salvation.
Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Ask Me What Great Thing I Know" (p. #49)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Praise Ye the Father"

(Marche Romain) - Charles F. Gounod (1818 - 1893)

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, July 19

9:30AM Worship

Monday, July 20

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level

11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM Worship & Music

Tuesday, July 21

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Consistory

Wednesday, July 22

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level

11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM Making Sauerkraut - Kitchen

Thursday, July 23

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM Women's Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall

1:00 PM Staff Meeting - Nursery

Friday, July 24

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 26

9:30AM Worship

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 Hayley Wertz, 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.

Praise & Celebrations: Salem/Belleman's and Pastor Kevin Fruchtl

Healing & Strengthening: Tom Bitner; Mike Ritter; Pam Daniels; Peggy Riley

Care & Support: Sue Wentzel; The Chandler Family; Storm Ravaged Communities of Missouri

Comfort In Time of Loss: The Family & Friends of Rev. Dr. Robert G. Aregood; The Family & Friends of Jack Crewswell

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

7/19 Elaine Meinhart

7/23 Bob Shuttlesworth

7/24 Mr. Brandon Epting

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

7/22 Chad & Megan Rutherford

7/24 Barry & Debbie Weinhold

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: Happy 6th Birthday to Nordica Shiner from Bonnie Shiner

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Gary Rhoads

Ushers: Bob & Sue Showalter, Lori Moser,
Bonnie Shiner

Acolyte:

Reader: Sue Showalter

Welcome: Cece Wagner

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Livestream: Kyla Andre

Sound: Rod Baer

Altar Guild: Mary Moll

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 63

Online: 10

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$4551 Online: \$140

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
JULY 19, 2026**

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

New Bible Study Group Starting - Are you looking for an opportunity to dive deeper into scripture, to wrestle with what Jesus is saying and what it means for our lives? The "Going Deeper" Bible Study Group might just be right for you. Each Sunday, starting August 16, this Bible Study group, led by Pastor Joe, will dive deeper into that Sunday's scripture readings to explore more of the history, meaning, nuance, calling, and challenge present in the texts. The Bible Study will meet in the fellowship hall and will run roughly from 11:00am - 11:50am. No registration is needed, and yes, coffee will be provided.

Sauerkraut Making! We will be making sauerkraut on Wednesday, July 22, starting at 5:30pm. This is always a lot of fun and many hands make light (and quick) work! If you're interested in helping, contact Ron Keller at 484-332-6789.

Mark your Calendars...Bausman Oktoberfest returns on September 26, 2026!! Oktoberfest is one of Bausman's largest fund-raising events of the year, and the planning team is currently offering several event sponsorship opportunities to both businesses and individuals. Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$500 and provide the sponsor with advertising on all promotional materials and social media, signage at the event, and meal and beer vouchers.

If you know of a business/organization/individual that may be interested, please help us connect! Take a copy to work or hand out to any business owner you may know. Responses are due back by August 15, as the advertising event will begin shortly thereafter. For additional details and Sponsor Commitment Forms, please contact Stephanie Tremble at 484-345-1523 or <mailto:stremble0202@gmail.com>.

Thank you for helping make Bausman's Oktoberfest a huge success again this year.

Oktoberfest – September 26 – Oktoberfest planning has begun! If you would like to participate or find out in what you can help, please contact Ron Keller at 484-332-6789.



Reading Phillies “Stand Up to Cancer” Night – The S.O.A.R. committee has secured 25 seats for the Wednesday, August 12 Reading Phillies “Stand Up to Cancer” game against the Chesapeake Baysox. *As of today, there are 8 seats remaining.* The game starts at 7pm with doors opening at 5pm. Price per ticket is \$13. You can sign up using the QR code or the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the library.

Become a Bulletin Sponsor – Thank you to everyone who has participated as a 2026 bulletin sponsor. It is a great way to recognize friends, loved ones, life events, or show support for something you care about, while helping to defray the cost of weekly bulletins.

The 2026 sponsorship calendar has just a few dates available. If you are interested, bulletin sponsorship is \$15 each or 2 for \$25 and the sign-up forms and calendar poster are located on the doors by the church office. Dates that are still available November 1, 15, 22, 29 and December 6, 24, 27.



The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

July 07, 2026

Members and Friends of Keystone Conference,

"For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." – Romans 8:24-25 NRSV

On a cold, rainy day this past December, I went outside to do an unwelcome task. The rhododendrons that I had been trimming since we moved into our house had been growing into electrical wires outside. I kept thinking that I could put off doing anything drastic with them, but last summer, I realized that they were becoming too risky to trim. I hate cutting down trees, but I also hate getting electrocuted, so I cut them down.

In their place on that December day there was nothing but barrenness. I remember feeling sadness that day, but oddly, my sorrow was also tempered by hope. My former neighbors had told me that they had to cut down their rhododendrons, too, but they were amazed by how quickly they came back. Looking at the dirt on that December afternoon, it was hard for me to believe that, but despite what my eyes were seeing, I still held out hope that they might.

The photo accompanying this article is what that same space looks like seven months later. When it was Advent, it looked like nothing would grow there, but through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter, things changed. And now in this season of Ordinary Time, we witness the extraordinary. God has this amazing way, not only at Easter, but even in Ordinary Time and at all times, of bringing joy out of sorrow, good out of evil, life out of death, and hope out of despair.

Beloved in the Keystone Conference, may we continue to hope and trust in the God who gives us growth, joy, goodness, and life.

David

Rev. David Ackerman

Transitional Regional Conference Minister, Region 3

Keystone Conference

Global Missions

Report on Trip to Inside the Bible Mission School in Zwedru, Liberia

Delegation Date: March 3-18 2026

Luke 24:32 "Were Not Our Hearts Burning Within Us?"

From March 3rd to March 18 of this year, Jackson Pyne, his brother Daniel, and pastor James Gottwald traveled to Liberia to visit Inside the Bible Mission School in Zwedru, Liberia. As we met with students, teachers, parents, and saw the new construction, hearts on were warmed.

Inside the Bible Mission School is a mission partner with the Keystone Conference that began in 2023 through our predecessor Penn Northeast Conference. The school currently has 120 students, five teachers and a principal. Our hearts were warmed by meeting the students. When we arrived at the school on Tuesday March 10, classes were in session. We went into each class beginning with the ABC class of Naomi George. There are about 35 children in the class. The children are seated at about five-foot-long plywood desks that seat 3 to 4 children each. The children sang a welcome song. We overcome by the joyful welcome.

The children also warmed our hearts with their dreams. When asked about their dreams, many of the students at this rural school with few textbooks and access to the wider world said that they want to be doctors and teachers. These students have dreams. Many of them are performing well on exams. If they graduate from High School, they will have an opportunity to continue because post-secondary education is free in Liberia.

The teachers also warmed our hearts. The teachers make between fifty and seventy-five dollars a month depending on their experience. The material from a few textbooks is shared on the board or the students work together in groups and share material. The teachers requested more textbooks and uniforms for soccer. At least one of the teachers is still a student himself. Our hearts were warmed by the talent, dedication and care of the teachers.

Our hearts were also warmed by the parents. The parents were grateful to the teachers for the progress their children are making. They also encouraged one another to get their children to school on time so the classes do not have to backtrack.

Our hearts were also warmed by the new construction. We visited the site of the construction for the new building. The first five or six class room along with rooms for administration and bathrooms are almost completed to ceiling level. Once they are completed to ceiling level, it can be roofed. With a roof, they can work in the rainy season and finish the floors. The hope is to have enough of the new building completed by September.

For more information about Inside the Bible Mission School, contact Daniel Pyne JDueh55@gmail.com or James Gottwald Pastor@stjohnslaurys.org.

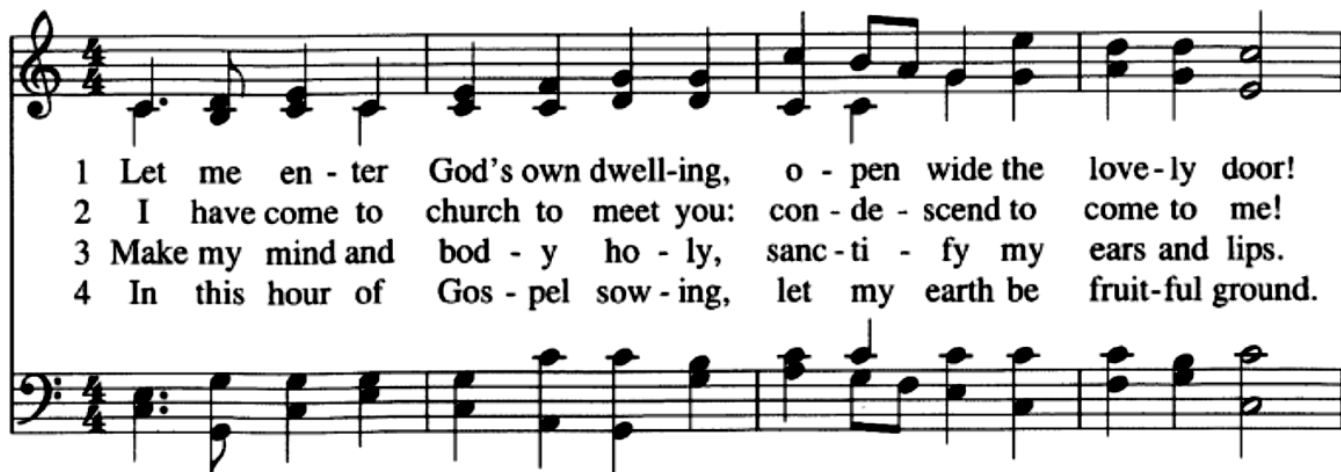


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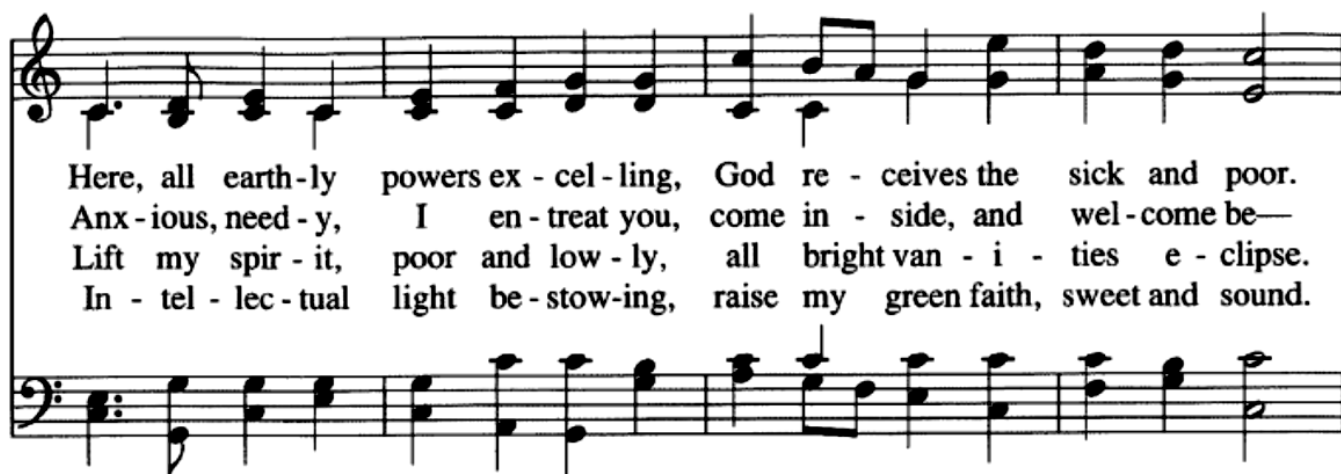
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Benjamin Schmolck, 1732

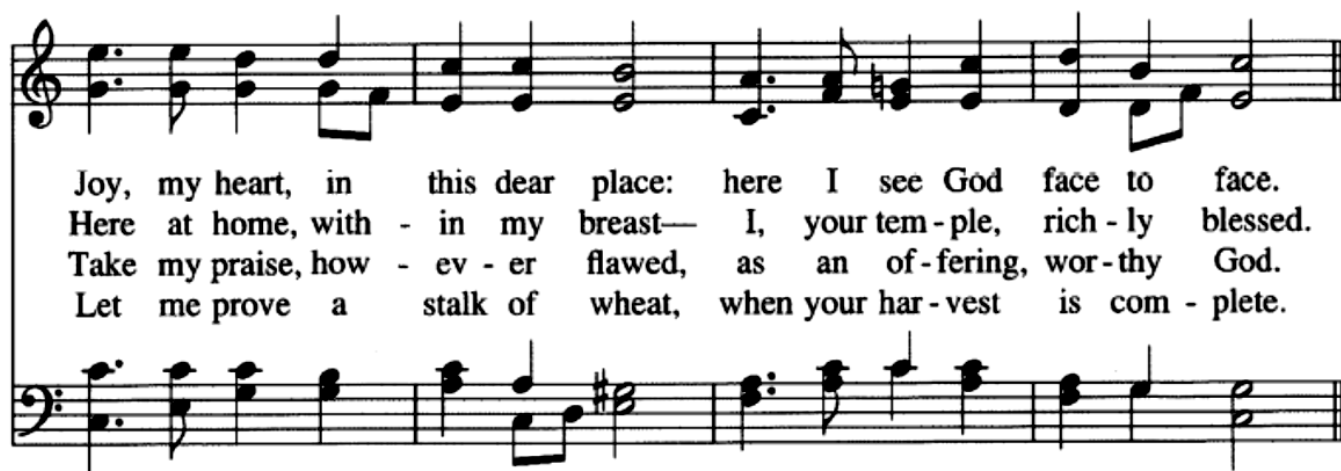
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993



1 Let me en - ter God's own dwell - ing, o - pen wide the love - ly door!
2 I have come to church to meet you: con - de - scend to come to me!
3 Make my mind and bod - y ho - ly, sanc - ti - fy my ears and lips.
4 In this hour of Gos - pel sow - ing, let my earth be fruit - ful ground.



Here, all earth - ly powers ex - cel - ling, God re - ceives the sick and poor.
Anx - ious, need - y, I en - treat you, come in - side, and wel - come be—
Lift my spir - it, poor and low - ly, all bright van - i - ties e - clipse.
In - tel - lec - tual light be - stow - ing, raise my green faith, sweet and sound.



Joy, my heart, in this dear place: here I see God face to face.
Here at home, with - in my breast— I, your tem - ple, rich - ly blessed.
Take my praise, how - ev - er flawed, as an of - fering, wor - thy God.
Let me prove a stalk of wheat, when your har - vest is com - plete.

A native of Silesia, Benjamin Schmolck was ordained a Lutheran pastor. Although he was one of only three clergy serving thirty-six villages, he wrote more than 1,000 hymns. Joachim Neander, an important Reformed musician, wrote the music.

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7.7.
Joachim Neander, 1680

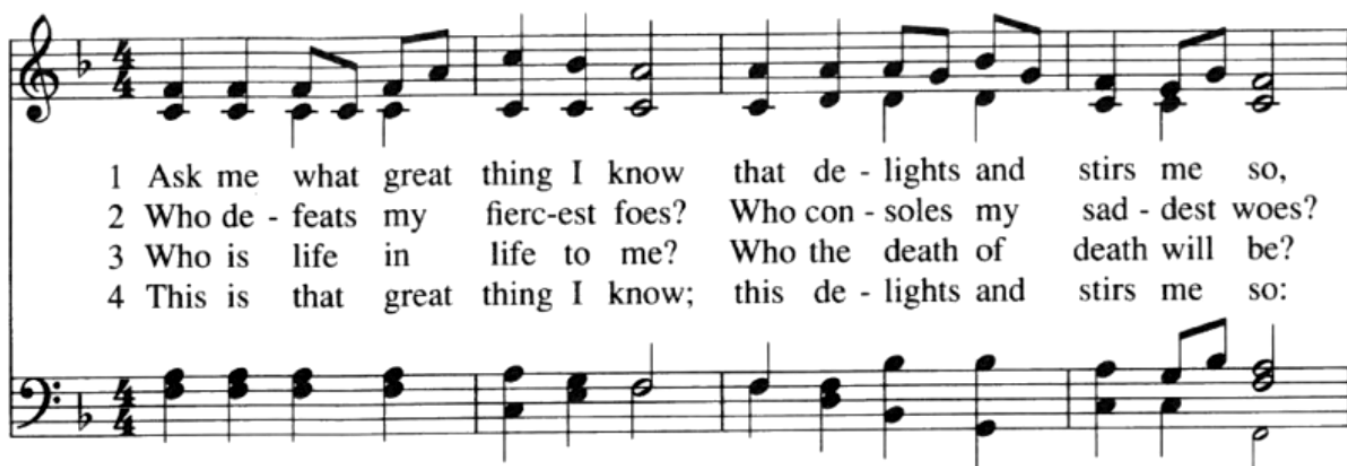
Ask Me What Great Thing I Know

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Johann C. Schwedler, 1741

1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 6:14

Transl. Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1863; alt.



1 Ask me what great thing I know that de - lights and stirs me so,
 2 Who de - feats my fierc-est foes? Who con - soles my sad - dest woes?
 3 Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be?
 4 This is that great thing I know; this de - lights and stirs me so:



What the high re - ward I win, whose the name I
 Who re - vives my faint - ing heart, heal - ing all that
 Who holds all my days se - cure, in God's heart where
 Faith in Christ who died to save, Christ who tri - umphed



glo - ry in: Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
 grief im - parts? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
 love is sure? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
 o'er the grave, Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.

Johann Christoph Schwedler, one of the most powerful preachers of Germany, was author of more than 450 hymns. This hymn was frequently used at funerals in Schwedler's native Silesia.

Tune: HENDON 7.7.7.7.
 H. A. César Malan, 1827