

BAPTISM OF CHRIST COVENANT RENEWAL



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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January 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: When was the last time you were changed by God? When was the last time God refused to fit inside the tidy box you had comfortably placed God in? For John the Baptist, it came when Jesus asked to be baptized by him while John felt it should have been the other way around. For Peter, it came when the Spirit told him to proclaim the gospel to a Roman military leader who sought to meet with him. For all of us, what defines these moments is our willingness, or unwillingness, to step into a space of humility, curiosity, and openness to a God who doesn't readily stay in tidy little boxes.

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: "Magnificat 9. Toni." - Samuel Scheidt (1587 - 1654)

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: John the Baptist cried out, "Repent for the Kingdom of God is near."

People: **Not in destructive power,**

but in redeeming humility God's reign comes near to us all.

Pastor: For God's servant has been sent into our midst.

The One who brings forth justice to all the nations.

People: **A bruised reed he does not break;**

a dimly burning wick he does not snuff out.

Pastor: For God's Spirit rests upon God's Chosen One.

People: **And God's Chosen One fully rests in the Spirit of God.**

Pastor: Let us then be joyful, for what is at hand is not our end, but our beginning, through the One who stands as a light to all the nations.

All: Let our eyes be opened, let our spirits be set free,
as we give ourselves in worship to the One
who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn: “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult” (p. #172)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: Righteous God, far too often we have constrained you
by the limitations of our belief.
In this we have given space for division,
fertile soil for the seeds of hate,
we have watered the weeds of ego and pride,
we have surrendered to the ways of violence,
and become complicit with the ways of this world.
We have yet to fully trust our lives to you,
even as we proclaim you as our hope and our God.
Forgive our faltering faith, as you open our hearts to know,
and our minds to see, the truth of your presence
and the eternity of your way.
Through the mercies of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...that we may be shaped more and more in Jesus’ way.

People: Praise be to the Lord God Most High! Amen.

Confession Response *(Unison)*

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

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

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

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

Prayer of Illumination

**All: Holy One, open now for us the gift of your revelation,
 through ancient word and spoken reality.**

Set free your Spirit in our souls

that we may be numbered among your flock –

those who hear their master and follow at your call. Amen

Epistle Lesson: Acts 10:34-47 (p. #129)

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the

living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.”

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-2, 11-17 (p. #2)

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Claimed by the Spirit”

Chancel Choir Anthem: “Hymn of Promise” - Natalie Sleeth

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Covenant Renewal

Pastor: They were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them;
and the disciples rebuked them.

But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

**People: Let the children come to me, do not hinder them;
for to such belongs the realm of God.**

**Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God,
like a child, shall not enter it.**

Pastor: ...As we come to these waters to renew our covenant with God,
let us affirm our faith as we remember the grace that has, is,
and forever will be the source of our salvation.

*(All baptized Christians seeking to affirm their baptism,
please rise in body or spirit)*

Pastor: Do you desire to affirm your baptism
into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Baptized: I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of evil
and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Baptized: I do.

Pastor: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Baptized: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple,
to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil,
to show love and justice, and to witness to the work
and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Baptized: I promise, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given to you,
to grow in the Christian faith
and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ,
celebrating Christ's presence
and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Baptized: I promise, with the help of God.

(Please be seated)

Pastor: Let us pray...

...united us into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

(At your own direction and as determined by the number of people already in line, come to the baptismal font and touch the water in remembrance of your baptism or in hope of the baptism you soon long to receive. You may desire to make the sign of the cross on your forehead, heart, or lips. Then return to your seat by the left side aisle.)

*(Please rise in body or spirit –
All who touched the waters or renewed their covenant)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: Eternal God, we praise you for calling us to faith
and for gathering us into your church –
the body of Christ alive within this world.
We rejoice in our brothers and sisters in faith,
as we have gathered to renew our covenant to you
and to one another.
Together, may we live in the unity of your Spirit,
building up one another in love,
sharing in the life and worship of the church,
as we serve the world in faith of you
and in witness to the mercies of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

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: "Pastorale" - David Schrack (1978)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be-low;



Prayer of Dedication

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

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Arise, Your Light Has Come" (p. #164)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Noel Nouvelet" -
a traditional French Medieval Carol, arr. by Michael McCabe

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, January 11

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
- 1:00 PM Wyomissing Girl Scouts Troop 1693 – Room 22
- 4:00 PM Brownie Troop 1159 – Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 14

- 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, January 15

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Women’s Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 PM SOAR
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, January 16

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

Sunday, January 18 – MLK Remembrance

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30 AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
- 3:00 PM Arrow of Light – 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 Linda Schultz, 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: St. John's UCC Birdsboro and Pastor Bruce Kreisher

Healing & Strengthening: Virginia Buser

Care & Support: Randy Ulmer; Navy Commander Alison (Derr) Maruca; US Marine Major Jamie Derr

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

1/15 Debra Brubaker

1/17 Joan Kellenberger

1/18 Denise Magalotti

Worship Information

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Gary Rhoads

Ushers: Sue Rhoads, Joe Strohl, Max Spayd, Chad Rutherford

Acolyte: Oliver & Anna Keller

Reader: Megan Rutherford

Welcome: Bob Showalter

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Nursery: Amalia Cannon

Altar Guild: Marjorie Huyette & Michele Wolfskill

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 82

Online: 3

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

Christmas Eve Offering - \$2910.00 for SOAR mission

December 28 – In person: \$1564 Online: \$610

January 4 - In person: \$10,456 Online: \$2566.50 2025 Mail in donations: \$306

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

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

Clothing Collection for Hope Rescue and Lighthouse - Since 1894, Hope Rescue Mission has been a place of refuge for the homeless men, women, and children of Berks County, PA. They offer residential programs that people can work their way through to transition back into the community as productive and independent individuals. Guests of the Mission are offered spiritual enrichment opportunities where they can learn about the gospel and deepen their relationship with God. Guests are provided case advocacy where they are linked to supportive services and housing search supports.

Through the month of January, Bausman will collect all season clothing for both HOPE RESCUE and LIGHTHOUSE. Please bring items to church where drop boxes will be set up in the East Narthex through January 25. Items are coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, towels, belts, purses and new men's underwear size small to XXXL.



Bausman Annual Soup Sale – Orders Due by January 20 - The Fundraising Committee will hold their annual Soup Sale January 27-31, 2026. Soup options will be Chicken Noodle, Chicken Corn Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Italian Wedding Soups and Turkey Chili and will be \$11/quart. We recommend that if you are interested in purchasing soup, don't put off placing an order. There will be limited quantities available after orders are filled. Use the QR code to the left, or pick up an order form on the table in the sanctuary. Thank you for your support with this event. Question? Contact Lori Moser 610-678-7395.

Ways to Support the Annual Soup Sale - As you know, this is one of our major fundraisers for the year. Many volunteers are needed for this event. In January, and you can sign up for various days and hours during the week of the sale. Please join us, even if you are available for only an hour or two.

Also, help get the word out! Handouts with a QR code to the order form, as well as hard copies of the order form, are available on the table in the sanctuary. Please share them with family, friends, and neighbors.

Berks County Disaster Ministries: How to Help In Your Backyard - You are invited to participate in an online meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 10:00 AM to explore the future of Disaster ministries in Berks County. Pastor David Duquette of Pennside Presbyterian, Mt. Penn, chairs the Berks COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster). He says, "With changes in the federal response to disasters, the need for a Berks County COAD that connects the resources available in Berks County to the needs to disaster survivors is increased. The purpose of this meeting is to build capacity by increasing awareness of what the various organizations in Berks County do."

If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office to receive the meeting link.

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

- The church answering machine message
- Email sent out through Realm and Posted on the Newsfeed
- Facebook - [Bausman's Facebook](#) page
- WFMZ.com - Under [Business and School Closings](#)



The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

January 06, 2026

Dear Keystone Members and Friends –

“And the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5)

Grace and Peace to you this New Year! I pray your Christmas season brought the blessings of hope, joy, and peace to your hearts and homes. We now enter the season of Epiphany together as a new Conference, a new church body!

However, epiphany does not close the story of Christmas; it opens it more widely. If Christmas bends low—into straw and breath, into bodies pressed close and love made fragile—Epiphany lifts our gaze. It draws our eyes from the manger to the horizon, from the particular to the vast. It reminds us that what God has begun in Christ cannot be held in one place or told in one voice alone.

On Epiphany we celebrate how Christ was revealed to the Magi, men who read the sky fluently, peering out for new revelations among the stars. The Magi crossed borders and boundaries, guided by a light they did not know but trusted to be significant. They remind us that God’s self-giving grace and light do not stop at the familiar edge of what is known. Instead, Christ’s light has cosmic proportions – in Epiphany Christ is revealed to the nations, and through them, to all creation.

This New Year means we begin life together as the Keystone Conference – with our 500+ churches and thousands of members. Epiphany’s widening light speaks to who we are becoming. We are people shaped by many waters and many roads: by the Susquehanna’s steady flow through fields and towns; by the Delaware’s winding passage between history and change; by the Allegheny and Monongahela converging into new beginnings. We are marked by ridges and valleys, by city streets and quiet crossroads, by coal towns, farm towns, metro areas and suburbia’s spread.

Epiphany proclaims that Christ is revealed not apart from these places, but within them. The Word made flesh continues to dwell where rivers carve the land and where communities seek new ways to live with hope. God’s light gleams on stone and water, sanctuary and sidewalk, past and promise. What once guided the Magi across deserts now shimmers through our shared life, asking us to notice—to pay attention—to trust that God is present here, too.

However, Epiphany does not allow us to remain only observers. The Magi knelt. They offered what they had. And then they left by another way home. We are reminded that to encounter Christ revealed is to be un-

settled and remade—to walk with greater tenderness, to step boldly into new places, to cross lines we once guarded, and to carry the light into places longing for grace.

So Epiphany asks us, gently and insistently: Where is the light appearing now—along our rivers, in our towns, among our neighbors? And how might we follow it, even when it leads us home by a different path?

Epiphany assures us that Christ is already among us—shining through creation, revealed across difference, calling us forward into a future held not by fear, but by grace. May we learn to see the light as it widens and have the courage to follow where it leads.

In Peace,

Carrie

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call

Transitional Executive Conference Minister

Keystone Conference, United Church of Christ

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

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

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

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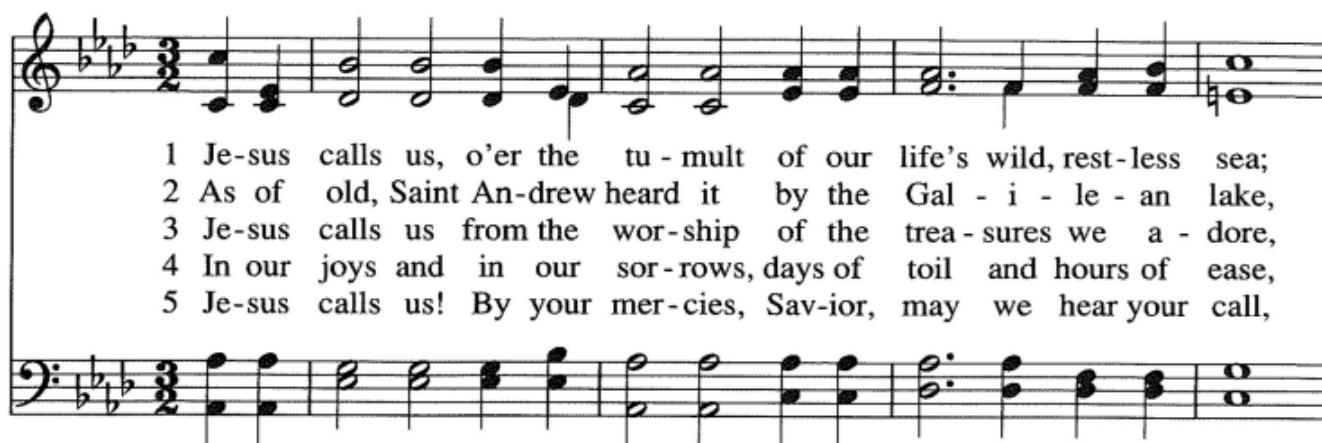
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Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

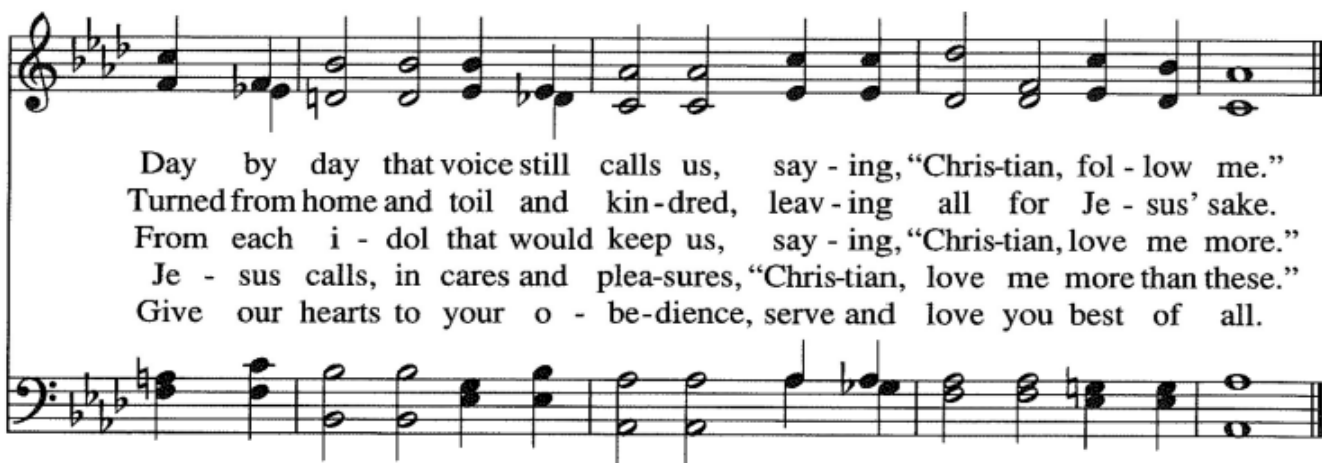
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Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; John 21:15



1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea;
2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the trea - sures we a - dore,
4 In our joys and in our sor-rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear your call,



Day by day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low me."
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
From each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
Je - sus calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
Give our hearts to your o - be-dience, serve and love you best of all.

Cecil Alexander, who in Ireland wrote sacred verse to teach children the meaning of the catechism and liturgy, designated this poem for St. Andrew's Day. Many years later Galilee was composed for this text by an English organist, William Jude.

Tune: GALILEE 8.7.8.7.
William H. Jude, 1887
Alternate setting: ST. ANDREW

Arise, Your Light Is Come

*Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21**Ruth Duck, 1973*

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
 Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.
 William Walter, 1872