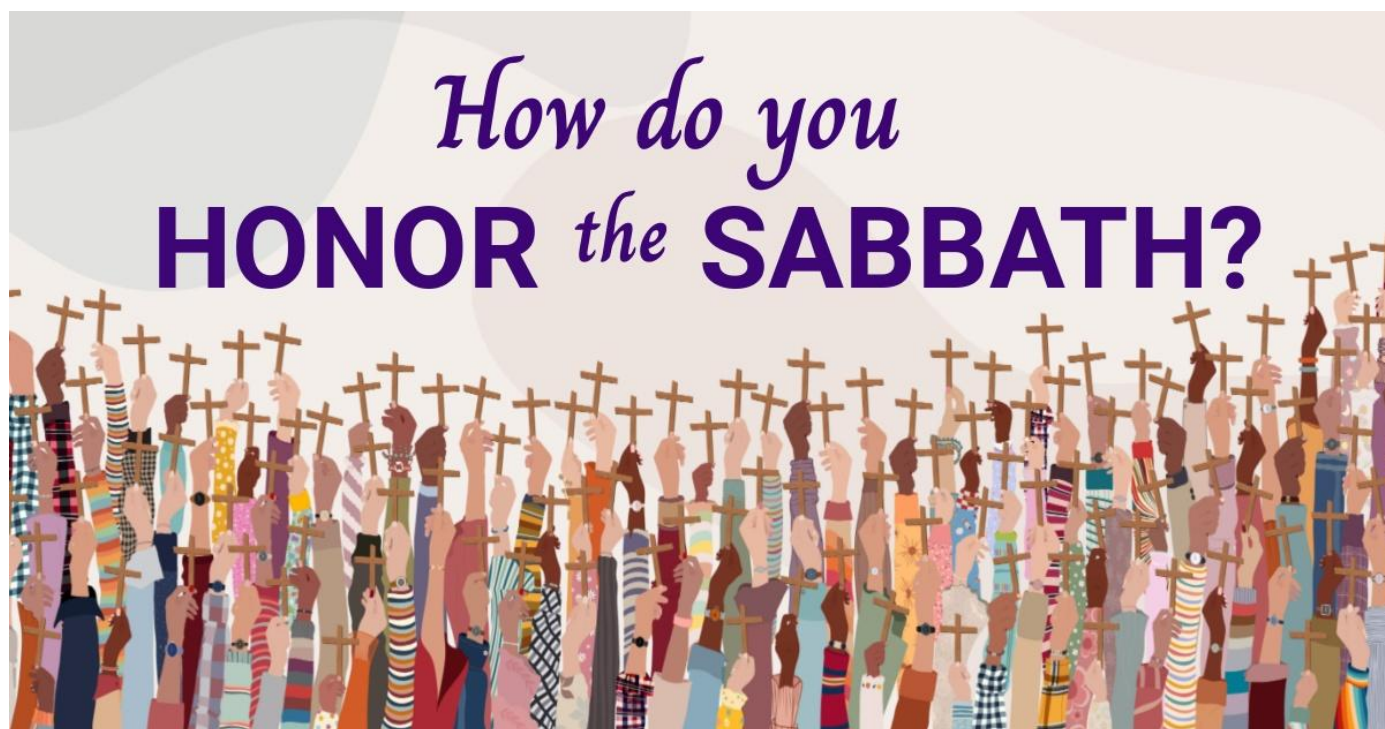


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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August 24, 2025

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 SPACE: 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: Will return Sept. 21st. Classes will be held during worship for 1st – 7th graders, each Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month).

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: Honoring the sabbath is so foundational to Judaism that it stands at the culmination of God's work in the second chapter of Genesis, it is found within the ten commandments, and its violation is constantly called out by the major and minor prophets. Yet, what does it mean to honor the sabbath? What does it mean to keep the day holy? Our answer has a lot to say about our belief in God and the hope of our worship. Certainly, Jesus thought as much, as he stirred up controversy and debate on this high and holy day.

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: "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing" – Wyeth

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: When we are stooped and cannot raise ourselves,

People: God raises us with healing.

Pastor: When the weight of the world crushes us in oppression,

People: God raises us with healing.

Pastor: When we feel frail and alone, vulnerable and forsaken,

People: God raises us with healing.

Pastor: We worship the living God that we may be filled with life,
that we may raise our heads and stand up tall.

For here we are reminded that no matter the struggle or obstacle,
the failing or the falling,

People: God raises us with healing.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord, our God.

People: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;
Turn your ear to me and save me.
Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;
give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.
Do not cast me away when I am old;
do not forsake me when my strength is gone.
Be not far from me, O God; come quickly, O my God, to help me.

Psalms 71:1-4, 9, 10

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...In Jesus Christ we are healed, we are forgiven, we are made anew.

People: Glory be to the God of mercy, now and forevermore! Amen.

Praise Response *(Unison)*

D Asus4 A D

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 with their backpacks.)

Congregational Blessing of Youth & Backpacks

All: Loving God, bless these our children as they return to school.

Set your Spirit upon them

that they may be surrounded by your love and our love.

Give them wisdom and curiosity, joy and excitement.

Give them good friends and caring and compassionate hearts.

Protect them, and all their classmates, from harm

as you provide for their growth in body, mind, and spirit.

And let these bags that they now hold, be so filled with our prayers,

that every time they are opened

your grace and love pour out upon them anew.

In the glorious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(Youth return to their parents/guardians.)

Prayer of Illumination

**All: Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9, 13-14 (p. #688)

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:10-17 (p. #76)

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "How Do You Honor the Sabbath?"

Special Music: Katie Tremble - Viola
Stephanie Tremble- piano

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Prayers of the People

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.

Mission Moment: General Synod 2025

Delegates: Bob & Sue Showalter and Pastor Joe

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: "Abide with Me" – W.H. Monk

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)



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

Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

All: Gracious God, you have given us all things in Christ,
and with thankful hearts we bring these gifts
to further your church's ministry of worship, teaching,
fellowship and outreach, that you may be glorified.
Through Christ our loving Savior, we pray. Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed" (p. #537)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" - Webb

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, August 24

- 9:30AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Confirmation Class – Room 21
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 413– Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 PM Wyo Cub Scout Committee Meeting - Library

Monday, August 25

- 8:30 AM House Cleaning - Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Property Committee – Conference Room
- 7:30 PM Recovering Couples Group – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 26

- 8:30 AM House Cleaning – Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 27

- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 28

- 10:30 AM Women's Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting - Nursery

Friday, August 29

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

Saturday, August 30

- 6:45 AM Wyomissing Football Breakfast - Fellowship

Sunday, August 31

- 9:30AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Wyo Cub Scout Pack 413

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 Bob Glasgow, 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.

Healing & Strengthening: Dr. Corey Jones; Barry; Jo-Anne Doleva; George S; Nitza;
Kim Rank; Jacob Brown; Lois Talarigo

Care & Support: Immanuel UCC, Shillington & Pastor Megan Huesgen; Drew Warner;
Returning students & teachers

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

8/24 Toulia Miller

8/25 Katrin Waetjen

Barbara Johnston

Carver Murphy

McQuillin Murphy

Trevor Emkey

8/27 Anne Anders

8/28 Maureen Longenecker

8/30 Gary Rhoads

Pieter Miller

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God, by Nancy Helbig

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Mike Ritter

Ushers: Tom Wentzel, Sue Wentzel, Bruce Longenecker, Maureen Longenecker

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Ryan Stone

Welcome: Cece Wagner

Guest Musician: Mrs. Deborah Weinhold

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Altar Guild: Margie Baer & Deb Brubaker

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 49

Online: 3

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$4892 Online: \$390

Special Offering: \$129

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
AUGUST 24, 2025**

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

SOAR – Special Appeal - Disaster Relief – SOAR will be making a matched donation of \$1000! Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. \$1016 in donations have generously been given toward Bausman's Disaster Relief Fund and with SOAR's donation of \$1000, we are at \$2016. These monies will be sent to the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference for "Severe Storms". For additional information, please contact Mike Ritter at ritwyo@aol.com or (610) 781-5946. We are still accepting donations; the Special Disaster Relief envelopes will be in the sanctuary for the entire month of August.

Church Picnic, Rally Day Blast, & Ministry Fair, September 14 - Mark your calendars for the September 14 outdoor worship, church picnic, and Rally Day celebration at the Wyomissing Hills Playground. Fun events and great food are being planned for all ages. Plus, there will be an opportunity to learn about Bausman's various ministries and how you can make a difference through this amazing congregation. We're looking forward to seeing you there!



Oktoberfest 2025 is just around the corner! Make sure to save the date for Sat, Sept. 27, noon to 7pm. The committee still needs some help to make this event a success- if you are interested in sponsorships, please contact Steph Tremble at stremble0202@gmail.com. We will also need lots of volunteers to help make the day run smoothly, so please consider signing up for a timeslot here [Oktoberfest 2025 Volunteer Sign Up](#) on SignUp Genius. Be on the lookout for more details as we get closer to the event. Thank you for your support of Oktoberfest!

New Adult Faith Formation Class – It is one thing to learn about God. It is another thing to explore an intimate relationship with God. This six-session faith formation class will focus on the practical ways to intentionally build intimacy with God. Utilizing ancient prayer practices of Lectio Divina, Faith Imagination, Centering Prayer, Prayer Walks, and Praying the Psalms, you will gain tools to go deeper in your personal relationship with God. Classes will be held the second & fourth Tuesdays of September, October, and November from 7-8pm. (Note: the 11/25 class will be held 12/9). Classes are independent of one another. Therefore, you are welcome to participate in the classes you can attend, while missing the ones you can't attend.

New Members Class – Starting September - If you have been worshipping with Bausman and are looking to explore membership in this growing vital congregation, we invite you to check out this fall's new member's class. It is more than a class to attend. It is an opportunity to intentionally deepen your faith and form new relationships. The four classes cover a range of topics from faith journeys, understanding and using the bible, why we worship like we do, discipleship, the UCC, and more. If you would like to participate, or to learn more, please speak with Pastor Joe by September 1.



First Communion Class - September 28 - If you are in 1st grade or older, you are invited to participate in Bausman's 1st Communion Class. The class will be held Sept. 28, 11-12pm, in the sanctuary. 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 and a refresher for those who have not yet been confirmed.

Participation is fully at the discretion of one's parents.

- If you have not been baptized, please contact Pastor Joe. Baptism, or an intention to be baptized, is

a requirement for participation in the first communion class.

- Parent(s) of unconfirmed youth are expected to participate in the class with their child(ren). Those who are not yet confirmed will be invited to begin receiving communion under the guidance of their parents/guardians.
- A special “First Communion Service” will be shared by participants during October 5th’s Worldwide Communion Celebration Service.

To participate, please register in advance, by September 21, by using the QR code.

2025/26 Confirmation Class Forming - Mark Your Calendars - Youth, entering 8th grade and older, are welcome to explore Bausman’s confirmation program to see if it is right for them. An orientation to the confirmation program will be held on Sunday, October 5, 11-12pm. This is an opportunity to learn about the program, talk to previous confirmands, ask questions, and help select the days/times when the classes will be held. The first confirmation class will be held in November. Contact Pastor Joe by September 28 if you’re planning to explore the confirmation program.

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August 24, 2025

From the Conference Minister:

You are warmly invited to join a
once-in-a-lifetime occasion—

**The 300th Anniversary of the First Communion of the
German Reformed Church**

Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.
Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ



While the service will be live streamed, the sanctuary only seats 200 people. The meeting is hybrid so we need you to register regardless on how you plan to attend. You will not be able to attend in person, if you have not registered to do so. Register by going to psec.org and click on the 300th anniversary slider. Then scroll down to the Oct. 12th event and click the register button.

Our celebration worship will honor this remarkable legacy with inspiring music, reflections by our UCC General Minister and President, the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, and the sharing of the Lord's Supper in the same spirit of gratitude and faith as our ancestors. We will give thanks for God's steadfast love over these 300 years and look forward to the new chapters yet to be written.

Be part of this historic moment as we remember the past, rejoice in the present, and renew our hope for the future.



**From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce:
Substance Abuse and the Big Beautiful Bill**

One Big Beautiful Bill: Churches, what can YOU do to support people with Substance Use Disorder (SUD)?

Learn about Substance Use Disorder & how it affects the brain

Get educated!

[What is Substance Use Disorder? | SAMHSA](#)

Medications/Sermons involving SUD

People suffering from SUD and their families attend church too!

Jesus called us to love – One way to share that love is by presenting a meditation/sermon on how your church is called to care for people with SUD & their families. Imagine how people will feel knowing they no longer need to hide their truths.

Offering prayers for those suffering with addiction

Call for your Pastors & leaders to have specific, open prayers for those affected and their loved ones. You do not need to use names but perhaps offer an altar call so people can be surrounded by others that care. God works through us!

Do this regularly – Make it a special service and put the word out to the public!

Meeting spaces

Decide if your church would offer safe space for meetings to a 12-Step or other recovery focused program.

Think Narcotics Anonymous (na.org) & Alcoholics Anonymous (aa.org)

When contacting them, ask to be connected with your local area Public Information Committee and request a PI presentation to get you started.

Holding workshops

Reach out to the PSEC Addiction & Recovery Task Force to find ways to hold helpful workshops or get help creating your own.

Volunteering support (temporary housing, food donation, etc.)

Remember that suffering happens to people year-round, not just a few days a year.

Consider your churches resources and willingness by involving everyone in open discussions about where God is calling your church to be of service.

Create a plan accordingly – Can you... offer a temporary safe space for someone? have food gift cards and groceries on hand to give out as needed? provide some home-cooked meals to a distressed family? offer a home visit, just to simply listen or share a prayer?

During these times of uncertainty where things feel overwhelming and divisive, doesn't it feel good to know we have God to hold us and walk next us? Who are we to keep Him all to ourselves?

This Is the Day

Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.

St. 2-3, traditional; alt.

Unison
E \flat B \flat 7

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
 2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
 3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
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 glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be
 glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
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The first stanza of this hymn was written by Leslie Garrett, who was born in New Zealand and served as pastor of a church in western Australia. The other two stanzas are anonymous.

Tune: THIS IS THE DAY Irr.
 Les Garrett, 1967

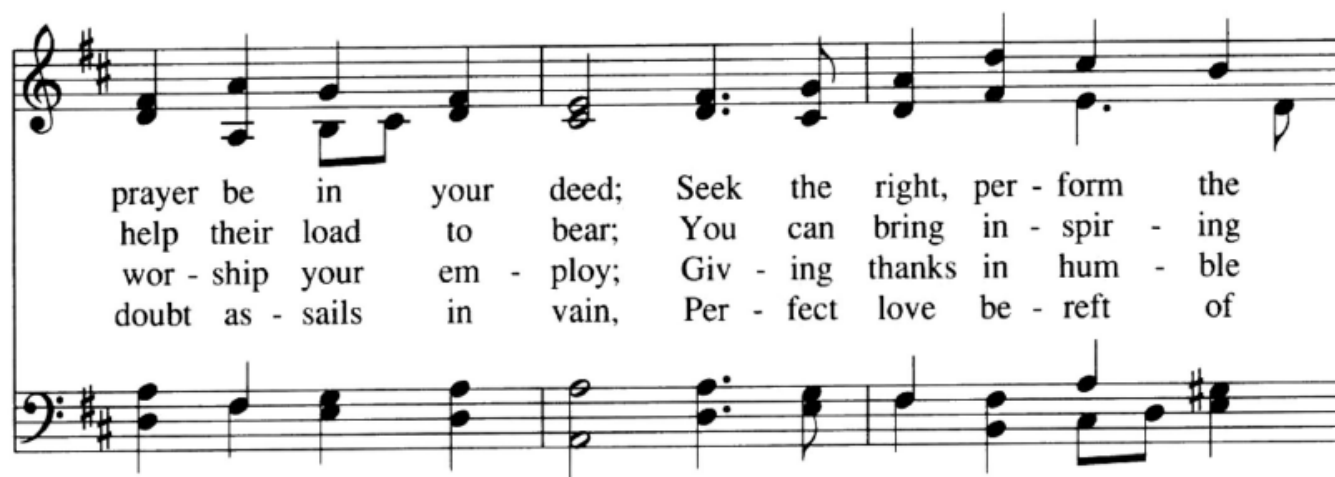
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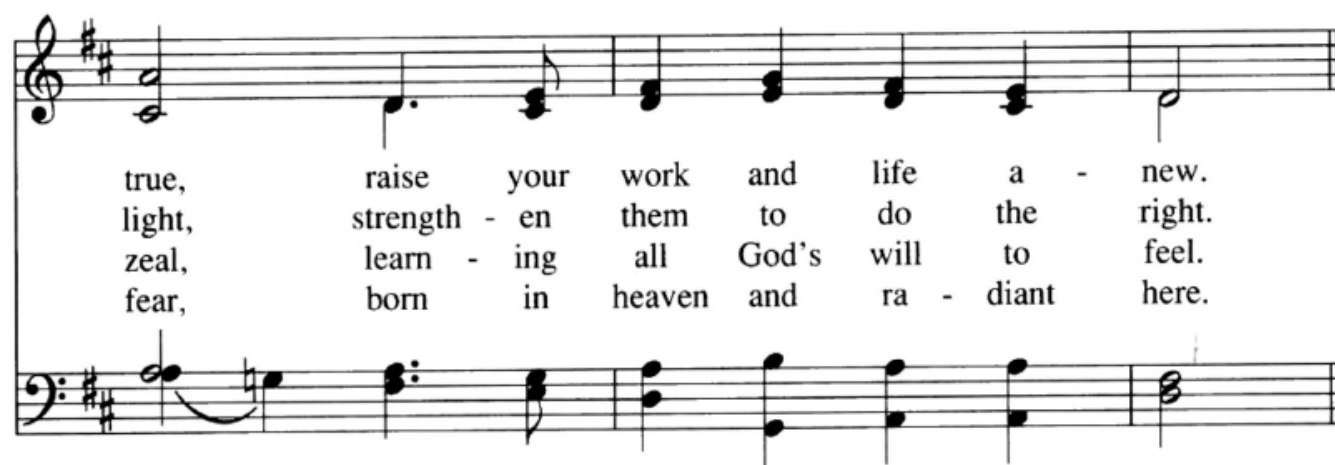
Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893; alt.



1 Chris - tian, rise and act your creed; let your
 2 Hearts a - round you sink with care; you can
 3 Of - fer oth - ers hope and joy, and God's
 4 Come then, law di - vine, and reign: faith that



prayer be in your deed; Seek the right, per - form the
 help their load to bear; You can bring in - spir - ing
 wor - ship your em - ploy; Giv - ing thanks in hum - ble
 doubt as - sails in vain, Per - fect love be - reft of



true, raise your work and life a - new.
 light, strength - en them to do the right.
 zeal, learn - ing all God's will to feel.
 fear, born in heaven and ra - diant here.

Francis Albert Rollo Russell was a writer on scientific subjects and a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. This hymn was first published in the Pilgrim Hymnal (1904). The tune originated with a text used for the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

Tune: INNOCENTS 7.7.7.7.
 The Parish Choir, 1850