

FOURTEENTH 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 30, 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: Annie Dillard famously wrote, "It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews." In doing so, she raises the question, do we truly know who we are seeking to invoke when we gather in worship? Do we recognize the radicalness of the encounter we are claiming to seek? Do we have any idea how woefully unprepared we are to be encountered by God?

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: "A Trumpet Tune" - Gene Clark

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Pastor: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: We seek the Lord and his strength;
we seek his presence continually.**

Pastor: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he uttered.

People: He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

Pastor: We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

People: We come as God's own, to worship and praise,

**to receive judgment and truth,
to be made anew this day in the Lord our God.**

Pastor: Glory be to God who gathers us now, in the faith of Christ.

People: Amen!

Processional Hymn: “This is the Day” (p. #84)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: Holy God, we come seeking your face,
Only to turn from what you'd have us see.
We ask for you to speak, and then we close our ears to your words.
We ask for your strength, but continue to strive on our own.
We beg for a world transformed,
yet refuse to change the reality of our lives.
We know that in you is our hope,
and still we cling to the failed ways of this world.
Saving God, do not abandon us to our foolish and our sin.
Turn us to you –
to your vision, your word, your strength, and your way.
And through the mercies of Christ, hold us close to you, even as we,
in the brokenness of our sin, would rather flee from you.
Hear our prayers, O God. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...Know that in our confession, we are healed, we are forgiven,
we are made new to follow in Jesus' way.

People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
who saves and redeems us in love.

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.

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

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

Prayer of Illumination

All: 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.

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15 (p. #50)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb,[a] the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your

father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.”[b] He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord,[c] the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:21-28 (p. #18)

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance[a] to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Do You Really Want to Encounter God?”

Special Music: “On Eagles Wings” - Michael Joncas
Jacob Brown, vocal soloist

WE RESPOND TO GOD

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Statement of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 32, 34

**All: I am called Christian because by faith I am a member of Christ
and so I share in his anointing.**

**I am anointed to confess his name,
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,
to strive with a good conscience against sin and evil in this life,
and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.**

We call Jesus “our Lord” because—

**not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—
he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the evil one,
and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.**

Glory and Praise be to our God for now and forevermore. Amen

(Please be seated)

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.**

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: "The Calm of Heaven" - G. F. Handel

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)

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

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Grand Triumphal Chorus" - Alexander Guilmant

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, August 30

9:30AM Worship

11:00 AM 'Going Deeper' Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 31

8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level

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

Tuesday, September 1

8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 2

8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level

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

Thursday, September 3

8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

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

Friday, September 4

8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

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

Sunday, September 6

8:30 AM Chancel Choir

9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery

11:00 AM 'Going Deeper' Bible Study – 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 Rev. Robert 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.

Praise & Celebrations: Teachers; School Administrators & Custodians; Students returning to school

Healing & Strengthening: Shirley Rickenbach; Pat Ori; Joe G.

Care & Support: Lisa Adams; Zachary & Kelly Naylor; Trinity UCC, Mt Penn & Rev Thomas Adil in their journey of closing

Comfort In Time of Loss: The Family & Friends of Sue Lewis; The Family & Friends of Kathy Bailey; The Friends & Family of Matthew Iovino

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

Janet LeLacheur 9/1; Bethany Emkey 9/1; Peggy Brown 9/3

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God by Gail Freymoyer

Today’s Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Tom Wentzel

Ushers: Bob and Sue Showalter, Marjorie Huyett and Annie Harlin

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Sue Wentzel

Welcome: Cece Wagner

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Livestream: Kyla Andre

Sound: Rod Baer

Altar Guild: Margie Baer & Debbie Brubaker

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 92 Online: 11

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$3,022.76 Online: \$140

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
AUGUST 30, 2026**

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

Bible Study Group Started - 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. 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 & snacks will be provided.

Yarn Collection – Beginning on Sunday, September 6, yarn will be collected for our Knit Hat Ministry. Receptacles will be placed at both entrances to the sanctuary. Our greatest need is for 4 and 6 ply yarn; however, 5 ply yarn is also appreciated. In lieu of purchasing yarn, donations of cash and gift cards are also welcome. For additional information, please contact Bonnie Shiner.



Bausman Grounds Fall Clean Up – Fall is just around the corner, and a fall cleanup is being planned for the outside of the church. We are looking for volunteers to help on **Saturday, September 12 from 9am-2pm**. Projects will include weeding, edging, landscaping, trimming shrubs, cleaning concrete, and a painting project. There will be something for everyone to do.

Along with volunteers from Bausman, we will be reaching out to the community groups that use the building and inviting them to volunteer along with us. **Volunteer registration is open and 18 people have signed up so far. Registration will be capped at 50 people.** To sign up, please use the QR code or the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary. For more information about the planned projects, please contact Annie Harlin (484) 926-0308.

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

Bausman Choir News - Come and join our dedicated group of volunteers of all ages gathering to sing and ring, growing in music skills and faith, and serving our church in leading our worship. New Members are welcome to all of our choirs! First Choir Rehearsals will be held on September 10!

- **Bausman Bells** - All are welcome to join us - No experience is necessary – we will show you what to do! We ring during worship about once per month. Rehearsals held most Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30pm in the church sanctuary. Directed by Mrs. Sharon Luyben, our Minister of Music.
- **Chancel Choir** - Members are from high school age through adult. The Chancel Choir leads worship on Sunday mornings, and at special services. Rehearsals are held most Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30pm, and/or Sunday mornings at 8:30am in the Sanctuary. Directed by Mrs. Sharon Luyben, our Minister of Music.
- **Children’s Choir** - Come join our children’s choir, grades k-8! This choir performs on Christmas Eve and Easter as well as for other special Sundays.

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic – September 13 – Wyomissing Hills Playground - Bausman’s annual outdoor worship and picnic is finally here! Friends and guests are warmly welcomed! This is a great time to share in worship, food, fellowship and fun! Worship starts at 9:30am with a fried chicken luncheon following the service. Members, who are able, are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. A “cakewalk” will be held for all attendees, with a chance to win a cupcake. In the event of severe storms, high winds, or downpours, an announcement (by email, Facebook, and church voicemail) will be made to relocate the event to the church. Things to bring:

- Lawn Chair (limited picnic table seating)
- Water bottle, hat, sunglasses, games (optional)
- Non-Salad Side Dish (Members with last name beginning with A-G)
- Salad Style Side Dish (Members with last name beginning with H-O)
- Dessert (Members with last name beginning with P-Z)

Oktoberfest - Join us Saturday, September 26 from 12-7pm for Bausman's annual Oktoberfest!!! A day full of great food, fun, music, and fellowship! Featuring authentic German food, beer, and music, with the return of the Egerlander

German Band. There will be fun for the whole family, including face painting, a coloring station, and yard games. This is always a fun afternoon and admission to the event is free. All are welcome to attend!

Oktoberfest – Potato Salad Preparation – September 24 – We are looking for volunteers to assist in making authentic German potato salad, which has become a staple of Oktoberfest. We will begin preparation at 5:30pm. The potatoes will be precooked, so we need assistance with peeling and thinly slicing potatoes. Pizza will be provided for all volunteers.



Oktoberfest – September 26 Volunteer– The success of Bausman's Oktoberfest year after year is made possible by the dedication of our volunteers. We need your help again this year! We're asking volunteers to sign up for at least one 2-hour shift (10 - 2hr shifts have been filled). Giving just a couple of hours of your time helps make this event a success and supports the ministries and mission of our church. Thank you for considering being part of another great Oktoberfest! Questions? Please contact Jodi Reardon (570) 449-4965.

First Communion Class - Register by September 13, 2026 - If you have a child that is in 1st grade or older, who would like to share in communion or receive a renewed understanding of communion, they are invited to share in this fall's First Communion Class. The class focuses on the practical steps of receiving communion (pew & intinction) and the theological beliefs around communion. It is designed for those who are receiving communion for the first time or have not been confirmed and are seeking a refresher. Participants will celebrate their first communion on October 4, 2026, during the 9:30am worship service. Participation is fully at the discretion of one's parents. To participate, contact Pastor Joe, by September 13. The class will run for one hour and will be scheduled based upon participants' availability. Note: Baptism, or an intention to be baptized, is a requirement for the first communion class. Parent(s) are expected to participate in the class with their child(ren).

Confirmation Class Forming - Youth, entering 8th grade and older, are welcome to explore Bausman's confirmation program by participating in this fall's Confirmation Exploration Gathering. The gathering will be held the first week of October, with the specific date and time scheduled based upon registered participant availability. During the Exploration Gathering you will learn about this transformative program, deepen your understanding of the meaning and purpose of confirmation, learn about the new mission trip class experience, receive answers to your questions, and establish the date and times for upcoming confirmation classes. Contact Pastor Joe by September 27 to participate in this one-hour exploration gathering.

Help Us in the Nursery - A Call for Nursery Volunteers – Beginning **September 20**, Bausman Memorial UCC will need adult volunteers for the nursery as we work to hire a team of qualified nursery attendants. During this transition, we are asking members of our church family to help provide a safe, caring, and welcoming environment for our youngest children, visitors and members.

Currently, 4 people have signed up, and we would like to have 8 more volunteers join so that we have enough volunteers for a rotation without overwhelming anyone. The commitment is approximately **an hour and a half (9:15–10:45 a.m.)**, and you will always serve with another adult—no one will work alone. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, retired teacher, former Sunday School teacher, or simply someone who enjoys children, your willingness to serve will be a tremendous blessing to our church. Volunteers will receive a brief orientation and will be asked to **complete the required Pennsylvania child-protection clearances before serving.**

A vibrant nursery ministry is one of the most meaningful ways we can welcome young families into our church. When parents know their children are safe, loved, and well cared for, they are able to participate fully in worship and become more connected to our church community. Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to share your time and gifts in this important ministry. Even serving occasionally can make a significant difference. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Sue Wentzel, tswentzel@yahoo.com or Maureen Longenecker, mbl109@comcast.net

Thank you for considering this request for helping us care for the youngest members of God's family.

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-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
 rose a - gain; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
 Spir - it came; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be

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

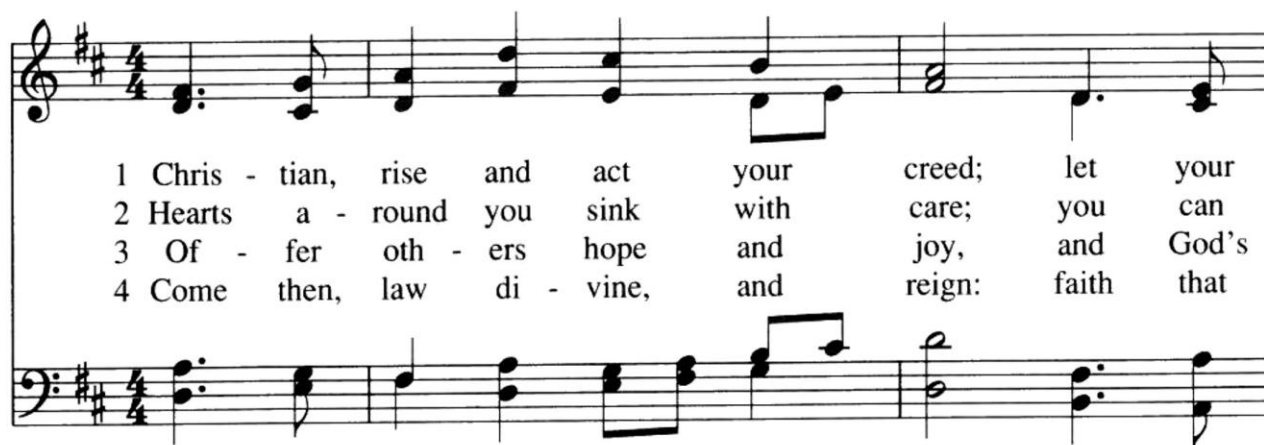
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 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

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.

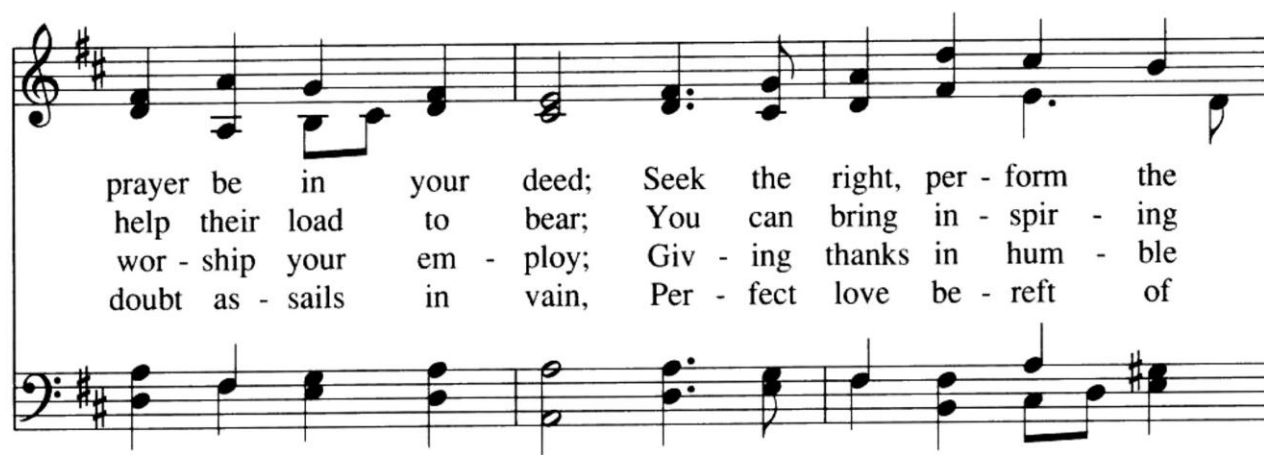
Tune: THIS IS THE DAY Irr.
 Les Garrett, 1967

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

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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.