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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

**Faith That Works**

**Just Do It**

**Be Doers, Not Hearers of God's Commands**

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Go Thou Into the World*

by Pace

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

**P: Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.**

L: We have felt the refreshment of time-away.

**P: Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.**

L: Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

**P: Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 537** (black hymnal)

*Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed*

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** Holy One of leaders and little children, we hear your words every day, but rarely live them out. Our anger roars like a flooding creek, but our forgiveness drips like a rusty faucet. Our impetuous tongues rush to judgment, while our words of hope sound like a sluggish soundtrack. We listen with impatient ears to the cries of others. Heavenly Parent, may your mercy fall on us like a summer shower on parched grass; may your hope overflow our hearts; may your Son, Jesus Christ, speak to us and call us to life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2030 (FWS)

*The First Song of Isaiah*

**ALL SING:** Surely it is God who saves me. I will trust in Him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

*James 1: 17-27*

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 451** (black hymnal)

*Be Now My Vision*

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

(8:00 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Travis Pinci)

(10:30 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Mike and David Gibbs)

*Precious Memories* by Wright

*He Set Me Free* by Brumley

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**OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Let It Be Said Of Us*

by Fry

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2227 (FWS, see p. 4) *We Are the Body of Christ*

**ALL SING:** One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ. One goal, one vision: to see you exalted. We are the body of Christ. And to this we give our lives to see you glorified. One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ. One goal, one vision: to see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 2172 (FWS, see p. 5)

*We Are Called*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

by Potter

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# We Are The Body Of Christ

Words and Music by  
Scott Wesley Brown  
and David Hampton

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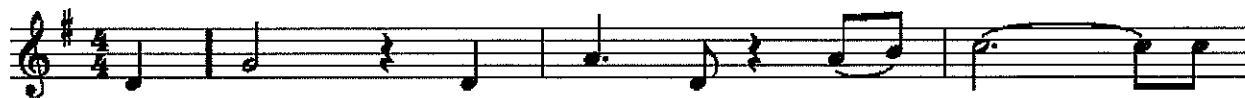


## CHORUS

G<sup>2</sup>

D<sup>2</sup>/F<sup>♯</sup>

C/E



One heart, one spir - it, one voice \_\_\_\_\_ to



praise - You, - we are the bod - y of Christ;



One goal, one vi - sion to see You - ex -



-alt - ed, - we are the bod - y of Christ.

## VERSE



And to this we - give our lives to



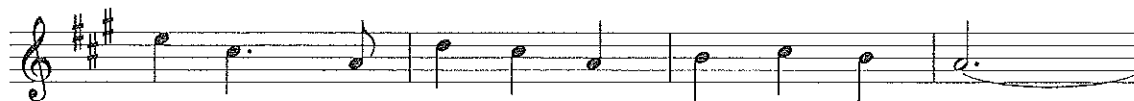
see You glo - ri - fied. \_\_\_\_\_ One

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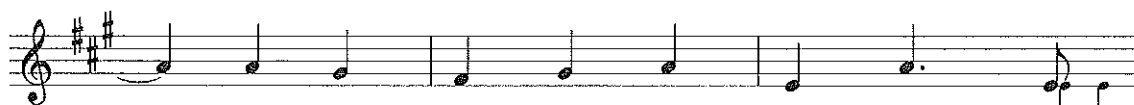
# We Are Called



1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to  
to be hope for the hope - less so all  
and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!  
ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!  
sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!



We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly, we are called to serve one an - oth - er;



to walk hum - bly with God!

Text: Micah 6:8; David Haas, b.1957  
Tune: David Haas, b.1957  
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One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of James and Dorothy Simmons by Jim Simmons.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Ryan Neal's 16th birthday by Nanny & Pappy Kinard and Brady & Justin Neal.

Thank you to Mike and David Gibbs for providing special music at the 10:30 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Terry Barnes

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Barb Stebbins, Lana Fritz, Carol Hartman, & Helen Burns

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Ryan Neal

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney & Robin Schriver

<sup>1</sup><https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3027/worship-connection-august-30-2015>

<sup>2</sup><http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2015/08/liturgy-wcommunion-for-august-30-2015.html>

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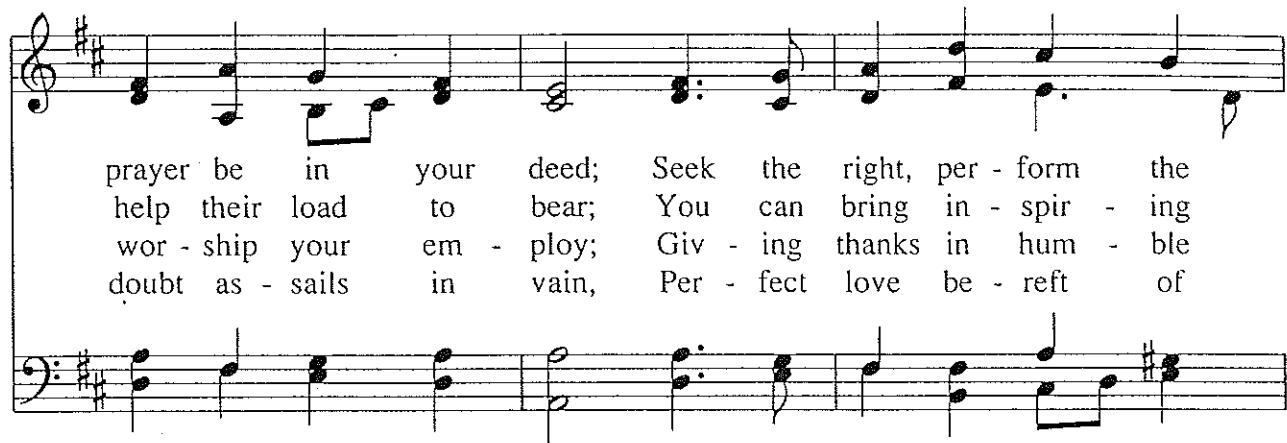
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## Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

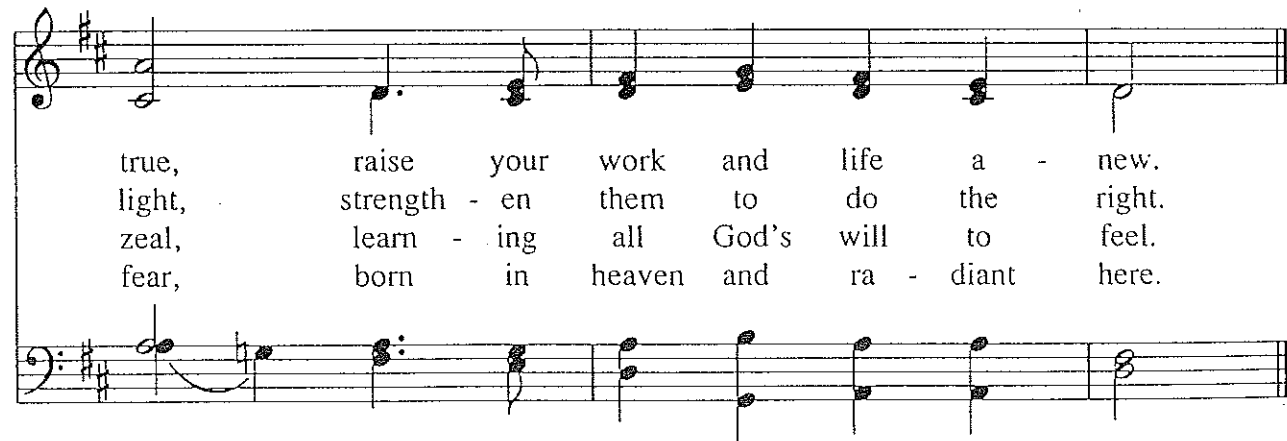
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*Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893; alt.*


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.

*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.  
 The Parish Choir, 1850

*Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.*

*Unison*

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,  
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.*

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.  
*Traditional Irish melody  
Harm. David Evans, 1927*