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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

**Be the Church: Care for the Poor**

*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**     *Song of the Lord's Command with Ubi Caritas*

arr. Tate

**OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>**

L: God of life,

**P: you are as near to us as our breath.**

L: Touch our eyes,

**P: that we may see you in one another.**

L: Open our ears,

**P: that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.**

L: Enter our hearts,

**P: that we may be filled with your love toward all people.**

L: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

**P: Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.**

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

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 498** (black hymnal)

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great diversity. You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy. Yet we have denied justice and joy to many, creating worlds of poverty, pain, lost opportunities, and absence of hope. In so many ways, we break each other's hearts. Still, you do not reject us. We ask your forgiveness and pray to be transformed.

*Time of silence.*

Loving God, you restore us to each other and to you, mending our hearts and repairing the world. Through the power of your Spirit, you shape us to be for others what Christ is for us: pardon and peace, new life and blessing. We give you thanks for your love, forgiveness and constant presence. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (black hymnal, v. 2)

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)*

**ALL SING:** Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world; Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

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

**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

*Luke 14:12-24*

*Be the Church: Care For the Poor*

**HYMN NO. 539** (black hymnal)

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant*

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## 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.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**    *Make Me a Blessing*    Schuler, Boersma

### TIME OF OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Make Me a Servant*

by Willard

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Be the Church*

**ALL SING:** The Spirit invites us to travel new roads into the community, sharing life's loads. We reach out with love helping neighbors in need. God says **BE THE CHURCH** in both word and in deed.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

*Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE**

*Postlude*

by Bruckner

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of Shirley Messinger's birthday by Larry Messinger.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Tillie Henry's birthday, with love, by Anne Henry.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Harriet Kiessling's (Elaine's mother) birthday, by Perry, Elaine, & Joey Bevivino.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in 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: John & Barb Waltemyer; Joan Masimore & Mike Garcia

8 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Barb Stebbins, Jim Beyer, Lana Fritz, & Bonnie Murphy

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: Coordinated by Bob Katherman

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

<sup>1</sup>[http://www.ucc.org/justice\\_worker-justice\\_labor-sunday\\_worship-resources#calls](http://www.ucc.org/justice_worker-justice_labor-sunday_worship-resources#calls)

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John 13:1-20; Gal. 5:13-14

Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

*Refrain*  
*Unison*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Knelt at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their  
2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our  
5 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them.  
race, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.  
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
deeds, serv - ing the neigh-bors we have from you.  
feet, this is the way we should live with you.

*This African folk melody was presented to the Church at Chereponi, Northern Ghana, by Ghanaian musicologist, A. A. Mensah, when United Church of Christ missionaries, Al and Sue Krass were serving there. Like Tom Colvin, a Scottish missionary in neighboring Tamale, Al Krass was encouraging the making of hymns to indigenous melodies. Tom Colvin wrote these words to this adapted form of the melody in dedication to the Church at Chereponi.*

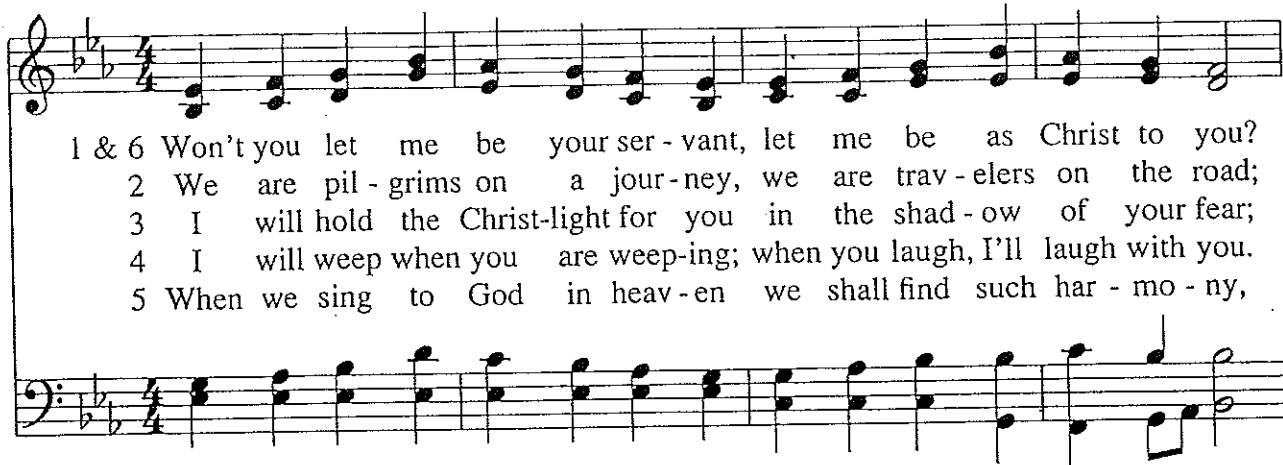
Tune: CHEREPONI Irr. with refrain  
Ghanaian folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969  
Arr. Jane Marshall, 1982

# Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

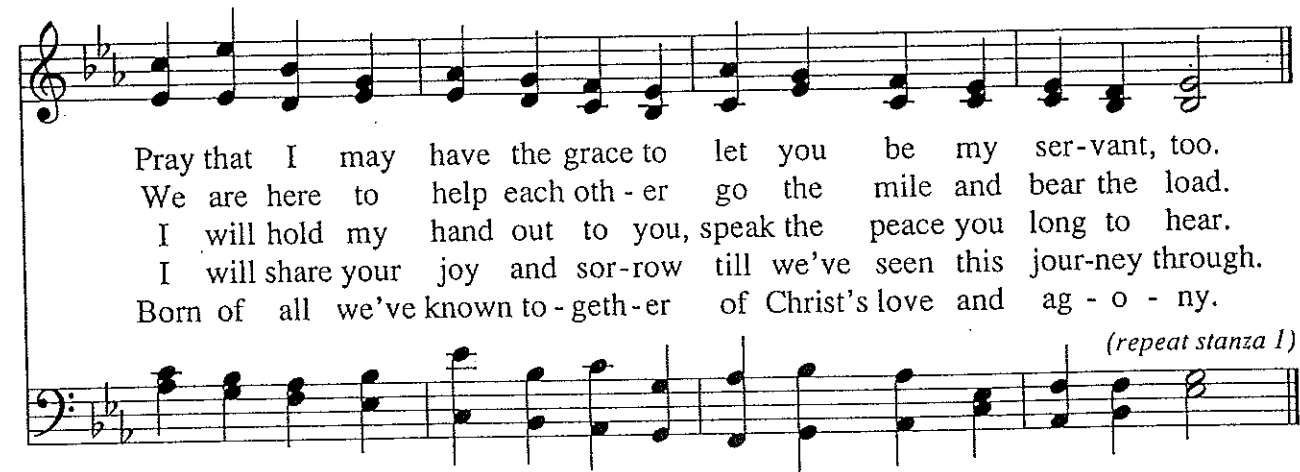
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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

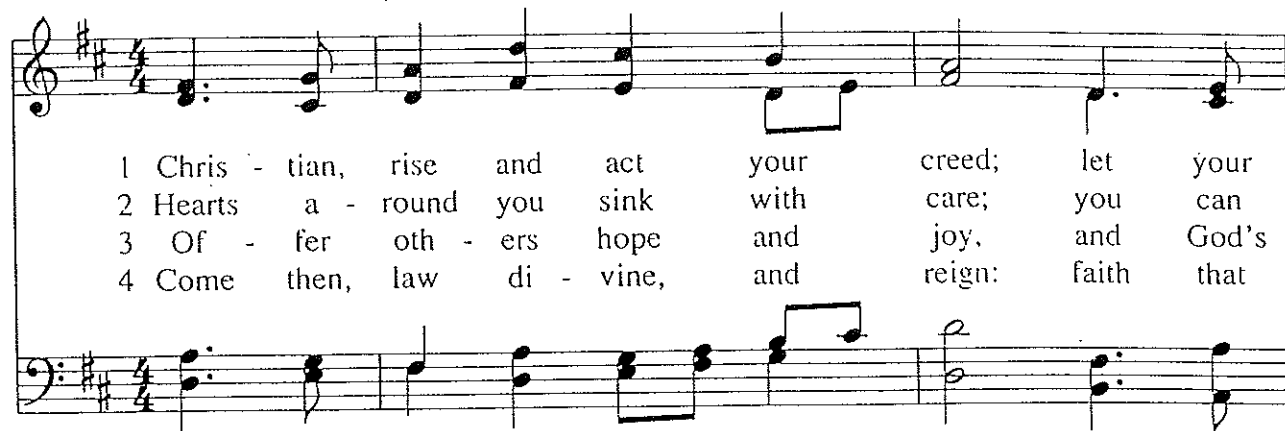
(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

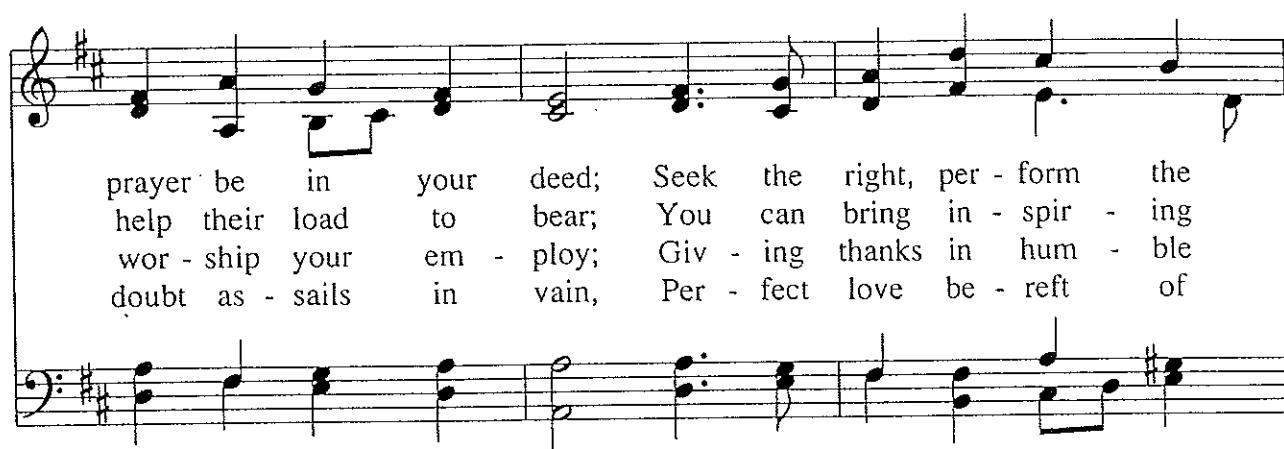
Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.  
Richard Gillard, 1977  
Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

## Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

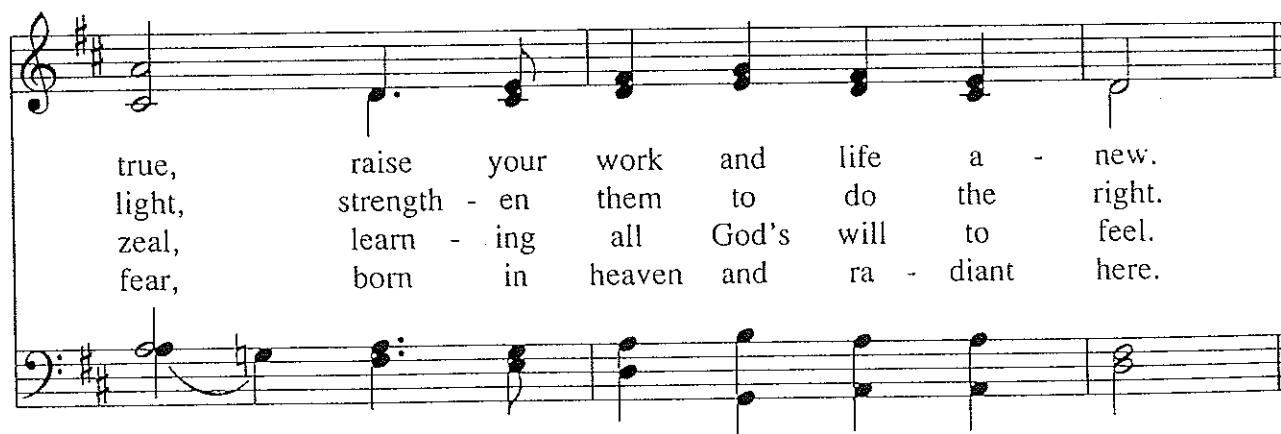
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*Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893; alt.*


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