

**Sunday, March 9th, 2025
First Sunday of Lent**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *“O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord”* *by Donald Moore*

Call to Worship

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

Who is my neighbor?

How can I help?

What do I have to learn?

Where is God in it all?

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

So, may we listen. May we learn.

May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

***Hymn** *“God Is Here! As We Are Your People”* *NCH #70*

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we love to ask you questions. We love to throw our wonderings at the sky, to bring our curiosity to your feet, to examine, beseech, and imagine all day long. But when the answers come, we don't always like what we hear. Awaken a curiosity in us. Awaken a penchant for listening, and make room in our spirits for your Word to land. With hope we question, we wonder, we dream, we listen. Amen.

Anthem *“”*

Scripture **Luke 10:29-37** **Carol Hacker**

A Time for All Gods Children

***Hymn** *“For the Healing of the Nations”* *NCH #576*

During the hymn, children and youth are welcome to leave for Sunday School over in the Friendship Hall

Sermon **“Gotcha!”** **Rev. Bonnie Bardot**

Music of Reflection

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the

power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *“May the Words of Our Mouth”* by Donald Moore

Call to Offering

Offertory

**Doxology Pilgrim Hymnal #515 *[alternative words]
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him [God], all creatures here below
Praise Him [God] above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father [Creator], Son [Christ], and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

God, we offer you these gifts, and pray that you would take this offering and turn it into ministry. Use these gifts to transform the world we live in to better reflect the home you have envisioned for us—a home of peace, a home built on the foundation of love.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

*Hymn *“Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed”* NCH#537

Benediction

Benediction Response *“Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace”*

by George Whelpton

Postlude

OPENING OF WORSHIP

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God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

Fred Pratt Green, 1978; alt.

1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
 2 Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;
 3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's flock and fold;
 4 Sov - ereign God, of earth and heav-en, in an age of change and doubt

May we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit, here the cross has cen - tral place.
 Here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Though he retired in 1969, this distinguished British poet has continued to write hymns. In addition to administering several circuits and local congregations, Fred Pratt Green published plays, translations, and poems. Emory University in Atlanta awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7.D.
 Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be - banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

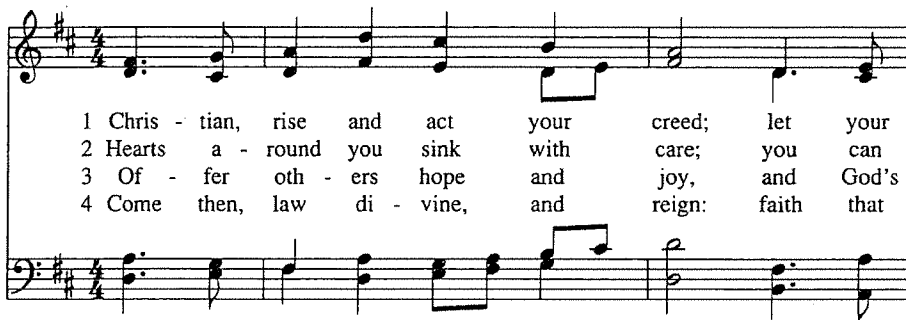
love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

Fred Kaan's most widely published text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, at a service of worship marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

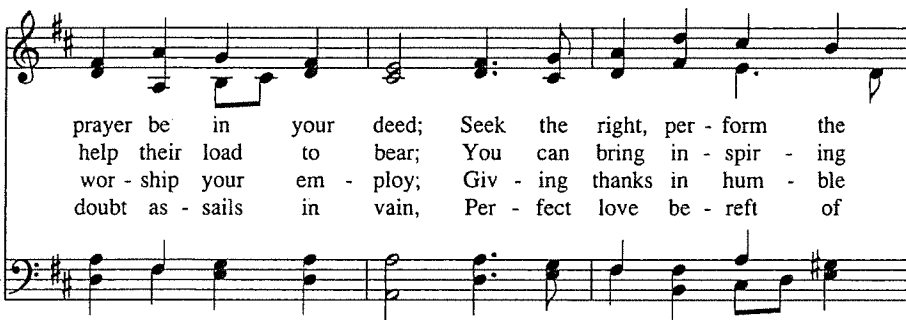
Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Purcell, c. 1680
 Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

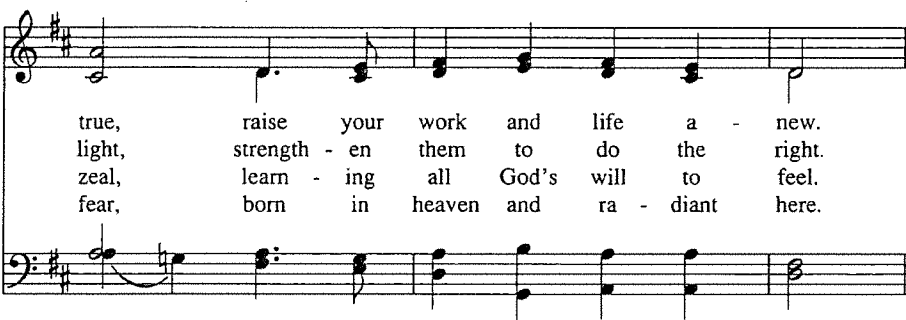
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Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893; alt.


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 7.7.7.7.
 The Parish Choir, 1850

Announcements

Pastor Abby Away

Pastor Abby is away for continuing education until March 10th. Please contact your head Deacon, Alan Smith or the office for any needs.

Seekers

We are currently reading *Inciting Joy* by Ross Gay. All are welcome on Tuesdays at 9:30am.

everything [in] between

Today is the 1st Sunday of Lent. This year's theme will center around the Gospel of Luke. Booklet devotionals, devotional cards, and daily social media posts will help deepen your journey with Jesus this Lent. Devotionals are available in the foyer.

Mardi Gras

Our Mardi Gras Celebration on Saturday, March 22nd @ 5pm. Great food! Great music! A Great cause: Renewal House! Enjoy chili, cornbread, salad, dessert and The Crescent City King Cake Band. Bring your loose change and join the Make a Joyful Noise parade in collecting a love offering for our mission, Renewal House.

BCC Fun Event

Join us to see author Tara Westover speak at the Edmond Town Hall in Newtown on March 27th about her book EDUCATED. Tickets are available online. We will carpool from the church leaving at 6 pm. Doors open at 6:30 and it's open seating. Please let Candy Smith know if you would like to attend or sign up in the Friendship Hall.

<https://www.edmondtownhall.org/event/speaker-series-tara-westover/>

Tag Sale

The Tag Sale will be Saturday, May 3rd from 9-3. Set up will begin April 21st.

Save the date

for our next fundraiser of the year on Saturday, May 17th 5pm-8pm. Rock out to Riverjack, enjoy some great food, and support your faith community! More information to follow. Location: Bridgewater Pavilion.