

Thirty-third week in Ordinary Time

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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“Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people.”

November 16, 2025

8:00 a.m. In Person in Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. In Person in Sanctuary and Livestream

We Praise and Confess
The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – arr. Jay Rouse
Take My Life and Let It Be - Frances R. Havergal

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Author Unknown

Pastor: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.

People: Surely God is in this place!

Pastor: We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.

People: Surely God is in this place!

Pastor: We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

People: Surely God is in this place!

Pastor: We come to see God in this community of seekers.

People: Surely God is in this place!

Pastor: Surely God is in this place! Let us worship In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

*Hymn of Praise #1

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Greeting

Invitation to Confession

God has promised us in 1John 1:9, that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

You who are the eternal believer in people, who can make all things new. We confess misusing your holy word to advance and protect our self-centered goals. We confess that we have misused your good gifts, neglected opportunity to help others, accepted half-truths as the whole truth, made superficial judgments based on these half-truths, enjoying cynicism and biting words to intentionally hurt others. Forgive us. For every unkind word, the unsympathetic heart, the false ambition, and every unworthy purpose which rules our life, Forgive us. We ask that the white light of truth, and the purifying fires of your love, cleans us from all unrighteousness. Forgive us all our failings so that we may once again move forward on the life that flows deep with divine love and mercy.

Lord, hear our personal confession during this time of silence.

Silent Confession and Reflection

Declaration of Pardon

Upon this humble confession, which you have made, and by the authority of the Word of God, and as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, I do declare to you, that all your sins are forgiven, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

Praise

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.

*Song of Praise #658

God Is So Good

*Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit to open our heart and minds to receive all that you have for us. Show us how to apply what we hear and speak so that we grow in spiritual maturity and deeper faith. Amen.

We Hear and Respond

Galatians 3:1-9

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! ²The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? ⁴Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing. ⁵Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law or by your believing what you heard?

⁶Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” ⁷so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. ⁸And the scripture, foreseeing that God would reckon as righteous the gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the gentiles shall be blessed in

you.” ⁹ For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

Hebrews 11:1-4

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain’s. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks.

The Word of God.

Thank you God, for your wisdom!

*The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 8:11-18

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

¹¹ I tell you, many will come from east and west and will take their places at the banquet with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹² while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³ And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.” And the servant was healed in that hour.

¹⁴ When Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; ¹⁵ he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. ¹⁶ That evening they brought to him many who were possessed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and cured all who were sick. ¹⁷ This was

to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."

¹⁸ Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

*Hymn #468

In My Life

The Word of God Proclaimed

Rev. Erick Kern, Jr.

Faith Speaking Boldly

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory: Trust and Obey with Robert Schumann's Traumerei –

arr. by Gail Smith

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

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*Offertory Prayer

*Offertory Response: No. 606

The Doxology

*Praise: No. 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky – Schutte

Following the Light of Christ into the World

***We go. . .
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus
with all people!***

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

Worthy of Worship - Terry York

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NOVEMBER 16, 2025

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers
Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Senior Pastor and Organist
Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Pastor Emerita
Rev. Erick Kern, Associate Pastor
Rev. Elaine Ely, Minister of Grief Support
Kelly Johannsen, Lay Minister of Visitation
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WELCOME VISITORS ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship!

THANK YOU to **Pamela Trimbur** for serving as Guest Organist today.

WiFi PASSWORD: Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

NEXT SUNDAY please read Luke 23:33-45.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup. They are arranged alphabetically and are located on the upper level near the elevator.

ADVENT PRAYER VIGIL: This year's Advent Prayer Vigil will take place on Sat., Nov. 29th from noon to 10:00 p.m. The theme is "Darkness Then Light." Please consider signing up in the lower-level Narthex to join us for a half hour in prayer in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in praying from home, please call the Church Office so information can be sent to you.

THE ADVENT WORKSHOP will be held on the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. The samples and sign-up board are in the Fellowship Hall and the Social Room. Don't miss this fun event! There will be crafts for all ages. Adults and children alike can make beautiful decorations or gifts with the guidance of a craft leader. Helpers are needed, so if you are interested, please contact Bev Benner

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING: On Sunday, November 30 beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Youth Groups will be presenting New Goshenhoppen's Third Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event! A 9-foot Norway spruce has been planted in the front of the church property. Please join us for carols and the reading of the Christmas story. It promises to be a "new" special tradition!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.

GENERAL FUND

**In loving memory of the birthday anniversary of our dear father,
Charles H. Kulp
by the children and their families**

SUNDAY SCHOOL DECORATING PARTY: The Sunday School will be getting ready for Christmas on Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. With the help of their teachers, all Sunday School students will be decorating their rooms and class Christmas trees. We will also practice for the Sunday School Worship Service, which will be held on Sunday, December 21. At 11:30 a.m., the students will be served lunch. The lunch will consist of hot dogs, various snacks, applesauce, and drinks. Pick-up is 12:00 noon.

COOKIES GALORE--MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th--The Senior High Youth Group is back in business and once again holding their beloved tradition of providing you with all your Christmas cookie needs! They'll have the cookies, the containers, and the scale. You bring your sweet tooth and support of our youth. Donations of cookies will be appreciated. Please drop them off by Saturday, December 6th in the church kitchen and mark them with the words "Cookies Galore." The sale will be held on Sunday, December 7th in Fellowship Hall during these times: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: On Monday, December 8th, we will gather in the Social Room at 11:00 a.m. for a brief business meeting, then carpool to Glick's Greenhouse in Oley to enjoy their annual poinsettia show. In addition to the lovely 1,500 poinsettias and themed floral displays, they offer live music and entertainment, and complimentary hot dogs and popcorn. There is NO admission fee. Please join us as we enjoy the beauty of the Christmas season.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MONTHLY OUTREACH: Open Link appreciates our yearly contributions of Christmas gift wrap such as wrapping paper, gift bags, gift tags, tissue paper, bows, and tape. Please place your items in the container in the Social Room.

COOKBOOK UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who has contributed recipes to the Anniversary Cookbook. Your efforts are what will make this a successful project. The recipe box is once again placed in the Social Room. Please think of us as you prepare all your favorite holiday dishes. Deadline for contributions will be the end of the year 2025.

SCOUTING NEWS: Cub Scouts is for boys and girls Kindergarten to 5th grade. Call or Text Kyle Moyer 610-360-0924. Scouts BSA are 11 to 18 year old. Call or Text Scott Spaar 484-431-3178.

BULLETINS are presented in loving memory of parents, Betty and Frederick Schlicher and brother, Jonathan by Peggy, David, Erich, Gretchen and families; and in memory of parents, Mr. & Mrs. George Hillegass and Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Ackerman, Sr. by Phyllis Ackerman.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in loving memory of parents, H. Morris & Ilah Fisher by Conrad Fisher and Gail Fisher Dill and families.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT are presented in memory of mother, Grace Harpel, and sister, Dolores Fillman by Rene Whary, Dennis & Susan Harpel, Linda & Gilbert Ebright, Karl & Edna Harpel, and Sherry & Randy Peterson and families.

ATTENDANCE: 11/9/25 – 10:30 a.m. 73; Sunday School 47.

OPERATING INCOME 11/9/25: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$3,162; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$615.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$576,187.20
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$59,424.00</u>
	\$516,763.20
Year to Date Expenses	\$560,748.69
Special Income	\$149,022.00
Capital Campaign Income	\$24,269.87
Special Project BIM Expenses	\$53,740.15
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$92,500.00

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	1:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wed.	1:30 p.m.	Visitation Committee (Reading Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Historical Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
	1:00 p.m.	Grief Support (Parlor)
	6:00 p.m.	Cardio Drumming (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Pantry Organization meeting (Children's Library)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
Fri.	6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Apostles' Room, Heidelberg Room, 4 th Grade Classroom)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	4:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service following by Thanksgiving Dinner (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)

Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m. Narthex: Donna Fried
 Roberts' Church Office: Melissa Jamison
 Elevator: Amy Hangey
 Upper Narthex: Ben Fox
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Gene & Owen Basara

10:30 a.m. Narthex: Thomas Bancroft
 Roberts' Church Office: Doug Atno
 Elevator: Denise Fox
 Upper Narthex: Steve Lentz
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Sheri Ackerman

POINSETTIA ORDERS AND MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

How lovely the chancel and apse look when adorned with red poinsettia plants announcing the birth of our Lord and Savior. Orders are now being taken at a cost of **\$11.00 per plant**. Kindly, only one plant per order form. Also, the money for each poinsettia order needs to accompany the order form. You may give the order forms/money to the Church Office (215-679-2041). **The deadline for ordering poinsettia plants is SUNDAY, December 7.** (The florist requires our order by December 8, so no add-ons will be accepted.) **Anyone making memorial contributions to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin needs to do so by SUNDAY, December 14.** Please indicate on your check or on a piece of paper if you wish for your memorial contribution to be printed in the CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN; otherwise it will be placed in the Sunday weekly worship bulletin.

In lieu of poinsettia plants, donations may be made toward supporting Open Link and Helping Hands, two local mission projects. Thank you for your support of these outreach endeavors and also for the beautification of New Goshenhoppen Church at this special time of the year.

NOTE: Poinsettia plants may be removed after the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service OR picked up on Christmas Day (between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Enter through the Main entrance--nearest the elevators--and pick up poinsettia plants in the Sanctuary).

PLEASE, ONLY ONE PLANT PER ORDER FORM

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____

Plant ()

Mission Project ()

Check One:

() In Memory of _____

By _____

() In Honor of _____

By _____

() Presented by _____



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

Fall in Love with **Saving Lives!**

Upper Perks Community Blood Drive

New Goshenhoppen UCC

1070 Church Road, East Greenville, PA

Tuesday, November 18th

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

To schedule your appointment please
follow this Link or Scan QR Code or call
MKBC at 1-800-223-6667, #2 and use
Group Code E064

[https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/
schedules/drive_schedule/88331](https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/88331)



APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

All donors must present valid ID with:

- First & Last Name
- Photo and/or Signature

Veterans, ask your coordinator
about your complimentary MKBC
Military Challenge Coin.



Before you donate, remember to drink plenty of fluids and eat within 2-3 hours of donation.

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REFORMATION SISTERS' THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND FEAST - NOVEMBER 23

New Goshenhoppen Church will host the Reformation Sister Congregations on Sunday, November 23 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with Thanksgiving Worship. We are grateful to have our beloved Conference Minister – Rev'd William P. Worley as our guest preacher in one of his final duties in the PSEC.

Following a festive service, a catered Thanksgiving Feast by Moyer's will be held in Fellowship Hall. We are asking for delicious Thanksgiving desserts to be brought to be shared that evening. This dinner is made possible through the gifts of the Lenten Series as we invite the entire community to come and feast with us!

Reservations are requested by signing up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Area or by calling the Church Office by Monday, November 17!

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THE GIVING TREE: Help share the joy of the Christmas season by adding to the Giving Tree. All the items on the tree will be given to Open Link and donated to needy families in our area. The suggested gifts are:

- Stocking stuffers
- New toys
- Hats, gloves, and scarves for teens
- Gifts for preteens and teens (10 years and older)
- Movie Passes for Grand Theater
- Gift cards to local stores and restaurants
- Gift cards for Weis, Walmart, etc.



The Giving Tree will be located in the Social Room from November 1 to December 1. If you are donating a gift certificate, gift card, or a pass, please fill out a "gift placeholder" and place on the Giving Tree. The "gift placeholder" can be found in a box near the Giving Tree or in the Church Office. The actual certificate can be handed into the Church Office or given to any Women's Fellowship officer Sandy Hardy, Delores Schuler, or Amy Treichler.

★ December 13, 2025 ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



**Help Lt. Matthew Smith Chapter DAR
honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
veteran's grave this December at New
Goshenhoppen UCC Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/PA0792



#KeepMovingForward

Orders may be placed online using the above QR Code. If you prefer to mail in an order, forms are located on the bulletin board in the Social Room and also at the back of the Sanctuary. One form is for a "Grave Specific" wreath and the other form is for a general donation of a wreath to an unspecified veteran. Please use the correct form for your order.

DINE & DONATE EVENT: We will be having a Dine & Donate for Wreaths Across America at the Carriage House on Rt. 29 in East Greenville on Wednesday, November 19th from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.! Come treat yourselves to a yummy meal!

Here is their menu! <https://www.carriagehousecraftbeers.com/menus>

You will need to present a flyer (located on the bulletin boards in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Social Room) to the restaurant in order to have 15% of your bill donated to Lt. Matthew Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for Wreaths Across America.

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.;

Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Spanish trans. Juan B. Cabrera

MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

Korean Trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea

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NICAEA
11.12.12.10

THE TRIUNE GOD

ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

God Is So Good

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1 God is so good; God is so good;
 2 God cares for me; God cares for me;
 3 God loves me so; God loves me so;
 4 God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.
 God cares for me; God's so good to me.
 God loves me so; God's so good to me.
 God is so good; God's so good to me.

The exact origins of this chorus celebrating God's providential care are not clear, but it seems to have arisen during the 1970s. Because the text changes so little, the slowly rising four-note pattern of the tune provides the primary source of energy within its five-note range.

TEXT and MUSIC: Anon.

GOD IS SO GOOD
 4.4.4.5

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In My Life

Lord, Be Glorified

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.

This praise song can be understood as a sung version of the first part of the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism: that a human being's "chief end is to glorify God." Numerous related Scriptures can be cited, including 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 10:31.

TEXT and MUSIC: Bob Kilpatrick, 1978

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LORD, BE GLORIFIED

4,4,4,4,6

PRAYER

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G *Leader or All* Am D G C G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.