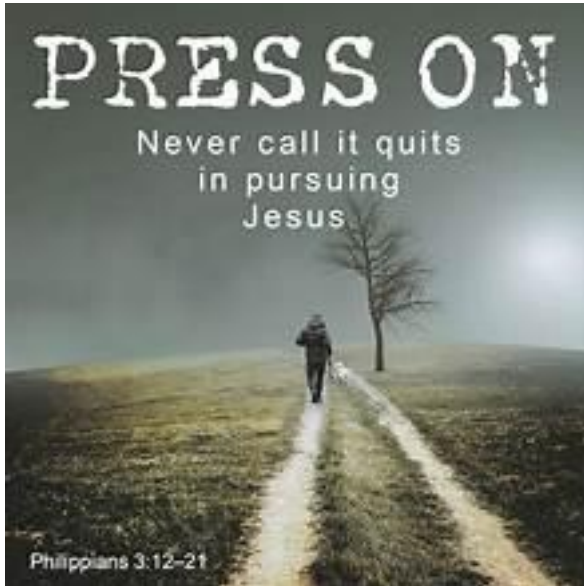


Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion Sunday

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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

October 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Live Stream

Welcome to the New Goshenhoppen Church

When the Olympic Games of 1964 were held in Tokyo, Sri Lanka sent a contingent to the games, including a 10,000-meter runner by the name of Ranatunge Karunananda. The 10,000-meter race was won by Billy Mills of the USA and when Mills passed the finish line, Ranatunge was still 4 laps behind. (It is said that he was unwell that day). The spectators expected him to quit at some point, but he kept running. As he kept running alone, people began to laugh at him, and some even began to heckle him. But he still kept running.

When the spectators eventually realized that this unknown athlete was determined to finish the race, the jeers slowly turned to admiration and some applause slowly began to rise across the Stadium. As he started on the final lap, the applause grew louder as the crowd, now inspired by his perseverance, encouraged him to complete the race. Cheers and applause erupted as the exhausted athlete eventually finished the race.

Interviewed after the race, Ranatunge said, "The Olympic spirit is not to win, but to take part. So, I completed my rounds." This story captured the imagination and the heart of the Japanese public so vividly that it eventually found its way into Japanese school textbooks!

Today, many Christians are giving up on their spiritual race due to hardships and challenges that come their way. Let's be inspired by the words of Paul who said, ". . .forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." [Philippians 3:13-14]

The Approach to God
The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

*Votum

Psalm 124:8

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Amen.

*Sentences

Psalm 95:6-8

I come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God, and the sheep of his hand.

*Salutation

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*Hymn of Praise: No. 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun – Duke Street

Call to Confession

What burdens your spirit? What regret or hurt do you carry today?
Together, let us confess that which does not
give us life and take up,
instead, the love and grace of God.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Word of Pardon

---Isaiah 54:8' 43:25; 44:22

*With everlasting love I will have compassion on you,
says the Lord, your Redeemer.
I, I Am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.
Return to me, for I have redeemed you.
Believe this Gospel and go forth to live in peace. **Amen.***

The Law of God

Matthew 22:37-40

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."
This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Psalter

Psalms 80:7-15

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it;

it took deep root and filled the land.

¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade,

the mighty cedars with its branches.

¹¹ It sent out its branches to the sea

and its shoots to the River.

¹² Why then have you broken down its walls,

so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it,

and all that move in the field feed on it.

¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts!

Look down from heaven, and see;

have regard for this vine,

¹⁵ the stock that your right hand planted,

and for the son whom you made strong for yourself. ¹

*Gloria Patri: No. 581

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The Word of God in Proclamation and Sacrament

*Prayer of Illumination

*Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit,
that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom,*

¹ *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

*and in your will discover peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ²

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

St Matthew 21:33-46

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

² *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Php 3:4–14.

³³ "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants³ to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

" 'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;⁴
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."⁵

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet. ³

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

³ *Revised Common Lectionary*: (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

Press On!

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty.
From there he will come 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.**

*Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you
were called in the one body.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings
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Offertory

*Communion Hymn: No. 515

I Come with Joy – Dove of Peace

*Meaning of the Sacrament

*Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right. . .we worship and adore your glorious name.

*Sanctus

A musical score for the Sanctus, written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains four measures of music, with dynamics *p*, *mf*, and *f* marked above the first three measures. The lyrics "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of" are written below the first staff. The second staff begins with a measure rest, followed by three measures of music. The lyrics "Sa - ba - oth; Heav - en and earth are" are written below the second staff. The third staff begins with a measure rest, followed by four measures of music. The lyrics "full, are full of the ma - jes - ty of Thy Glo - ry, Ho -" are written below the third staff. The score is numbered 5 and 7 at the beginning of the second and third staves respectively.

p *mf* *f*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of

5

Sa - ba - oth; Heav - en and earth are

7

full, are full of the ma - jes - ty of Thy Glo - ry, Ho -

10
san-na, ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, in the high-est!

14 *P* *cresc.*
Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the name of the

17 *f* *ff* *fff*
Lord, Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the

21
high-est.

Most righteous God. . . as holy and living sacrifices.
Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit . . . Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Communion

The pastor shall declare the Words of Institution.
Please receive as directed by the pastor.

The Response to God

Thanksgiving after Communion

Brothers and sisters,
since the Lord has now fed us at his Table,
let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And do not forget all his benefits---

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

so far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

who did not spare his own Son,

but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore, shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise
of the Lord,**

from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

Intercession

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

*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 846

Fight the Good Fight – Duke Street

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

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Going Forth

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The Order of Worship comes to us from the Reformed Church in America [the Dutch Reformed Church] which is part of the Formula of Agreement between the United Church of Christ, RCA, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Presbyterian Church USA. It is appropriate on this Worldwide Communion Sunday to use one of our sister traditions' liturgies.

OCTOBER 4, 2026

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WELCOME VISITORS ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

THE BRASS BUCKETS are displayed this morning to help support Marlene Mark's 22-year-old grandson, Colton, who was involved in a serious beach water accident a few weeks ago. Kindly donate generously to help the family with ongoing medical expenses.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED: Have a quarter to spare? The children of the Sunday School are utilizing a quarter tower to receive donations for Neighbors in Need. The congregation is asked to participate in this mission outreach. The tower is located at the railing in the chancel. Neighbors In Need is a special mission offering that supports ministries of justice and peace in the United States, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. The offering will be dedicated THIS MORNING.

FIRST MONDAY MEAL: Please join us Monday, October 5 for another delicious First Monday Meal. The menu at New Gosh is turkey and cheese hoagie, chips, apple and a sweet treat. . .prepared and served by St. Paul's Church. The meal is *take out* style and distribution will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. OR if you prefer to *dine in*, Pennsburg UCC will be offering Roast Beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, apple crisp/ice cream. Dinner is served there, promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Frank Eidle, Jr.

by Terry & Wanda Kemp

by Rodney & Vicky Henry

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet on Monday, October 5th at 9:00 a.m. for a brief business meeting. At 9:30, we will carpool and travel to Liberty Ministries in Pottstown where we will assist in preparing the Christmas gifts for their prison ministry. Please pack a lunch; beverages will be provided. We will return to the church at approximately 3:00 p.m. Men are also invited to join in this project. Please contact Delores Schuler should you have any questions.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Activity books, cards, and small craft kits are being collected to give to children and youth at CHOP (Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania). These items will help to occupy their time as they deal with medical needs. There is a collection box in the Social Room for your contributions.

FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE BREAKFAST: Does life have you so busy that even the simple task of getting breakfast for your family before Sunday School and church seem like an impossible task? With all the rushing around before school during the week, do you just want to pull the covers over your head on the weekends and slow down? The Friendship Committee would like to help! Join us on **Sunday, October 18th** for breakfast. We will start serving at 8:45 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m.; plenty of time for you and your family to join us before Sunday School, after the 8:00 a.m. service, or before the 10:30 a.m. service! So, what are you waiting for? Join us for all the deliciousness prepared for YOU! And give THANKS for God's blessings!!

THE FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE is in need of Coffee Hour hosts for the month of November. This is a great way to connect and converse with others in our church family. Most times a little goes a long way. Pastries and drinks are almost always available for use so it may just be a matter of helping to set up and clean up! You can sign up on the sheet that hangs on the gray storage cabinet in the Social Room or talk to any Friendship Committee member.

FULL MOON CAMPFIRE: The last full moon campfire for 2026 will take place on **Sunday, October 25th** beginning at 7:00 p.m. Hot dogs will be available for roasting. Bring a chair, a non-alcoholic beverage, and a shareable snack. Full moon is actually on Monday the 26th, but church meetings on that Monday will affect some of our attendees and leaders. Rainy weather cancels.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have been asked to again assist in preparing hot meals for the Code Blue Shelter in Pennsburg. Our first assignment to prepare meals will be Tuesday, November 10, 6pm. We will be preparing three meals for 10 individuals. If you are interested in helping to prepare and package the meals, please contact Lori Horning at [267.261.7273](tel:267.261.7273) or Horningduo@gmail.com. If you are interested in supporting this project by making a monetary donation, please place your donation in the offering plate or submit it to the church office. Please be sure it is clearly marked Code Blue meals. Thank you all for your support in this mission.

ADVENT WORKSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We are looking for individuals to provide leadership / assistance to our crafters, Sunday, November 29th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Two volunteers will be assigned to each table. No need to design or create the craft; all supplies and instructions are provided. If you are interested, please contact Denise Fox at d_foxucc@comcast.net or a sign-up sheet is available in the Social Room.

BULLETINS are presented in memory of departed loved ones by David & Delores Schuler; and in memory of departed loved ones by Tom & Elizabeth Graber.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of the Barto family by relatives.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Penny Whitcomb by Andy & Jodi, Ben & Khara, and Amy.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE ALTAR are presented in memory of Walter & Marian Hoesterey by the daughters and their families.

ATTENDANCE: 9/27/26 – 8:00 a.m. 39; 10:30 a.m. 81; Livestream 40; Sunday School 44.

OPERATING INCOME 9/27/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$7,335; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$400.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$415,306.63
less transfers from investments	\$0.00
Net	\$415,306.63
Year to Date Expenses	\$441,842.06
Special Income	\$1,264.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$13,386.47
Capital Campaign Income	\$10,815.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$23,200.00



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary) – Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) – Communion
	1:00 p.m.	Eagle Scout Ceremony (Fellowship Hall / Kitchen)
	3:00 p.m.	Ordination & Installation of Kimberly E. Cornwell (Peace in Zion UCC, 204 Big Road, Zieglerville)
Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Business Meeting (Social Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship (going to Liberty Ministries)
	6:00 p.m.	First Monday Meal (Fellowship Hall / Kitchen)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Life Long Learning (various rooms)
	6:00 p.m.	Friendship Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Confirmation Room)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)

Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m.	Narthex: Ben Fox Roberts' Church Office: Stacie Miller Elevator: Donna Fried Upper Narthex: Emy Moyer Liturgist/Acolyte: Randy Peterson
10:30 a.m.	Narthex: Terry Dworkin Roberts' Church Office: Peter Hemperly Elevator: Denise Fox Upper Narthex: Theodore Kutt Liturgist/Acolyte: Sandy George

THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW GOSHENHOPPEN

As time ticks on, it is now time to begin the celebration of the rich 300-year history of New Goshenhoppen Church. To kick off New Goshenhoppen's 300th anniversary year, the 300th Anniversary Committee will be offering the following items for sale beginning on October 4th until October 25th after each service in the Social Room. Please pay for your purchases when they are ordered.

TOTE BAGS WITH LOGO—\$15.00 EA

ALL CLOTHING ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE IN SIZES YOUTH SMALL TO ADULT XXL AND COLORS GRAY OR WHITE WITH A LOGO IN THE CENTER OF THE CHEST. ANYONE CAN SUPPLY THEIR OWN SHIRT TO BE PRINTED OR EMBROIDERED.

T SHIRTS—\$15.00 EA

SWEATSHIRTS— \$25.00 EA

HOODIES—\$30.00



GOLF SHIRTS WITH A 3 INCH LOGO ON THE
LEFT SIDE OF THE CHEST.

PRINTED LOGO— \$20.00 EA OR
EMBROIDERED LOGO— \$25.00 EA

CONGREGATION SUPPLIED RECIPE COOKBOOKS—
\$15.00 EA

HANDCRAFTED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS— \$5.00 EA

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

Glory Be to the Father

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music for 'Glory Be to the Father'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system of music. The melody continues in the treble staff, with a long note on 'Ho' and a half note on 'ly'. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system of music. The melody continues in the treble staff, with a long note on 'gin' and a half note on 'ning'. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system of music, concluding the piece. The melody ends with a long note on 'A' and a half note on 'men'. The bass staff concludes with a final chord and a double bar line.

I Come with Joy

515



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

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Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

DOVE OF PEACE

8.6.8.6.6

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).



EVERYONE
OUGHT TO
EXAMINE
THEMSELVES
BEFORE THEY
EAT OF THE
BREAD AND
DRINK FROM
THE CUP.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:28, NIV

**SERVICE OF
ORDINATION ~ INSTALLATION
WORD AND SACRAMENT
KIMBERLY E. CORNWELL, MDIV**



Sunday, October 4, 2026
at Three o'clock in the afternoon

**PEACE IN ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
204 BIG ROAD, ZIEGLERVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

All Are Welcome

To ensure adequate seating and catering options

Please RSVP: cornwellke@gmail.com

