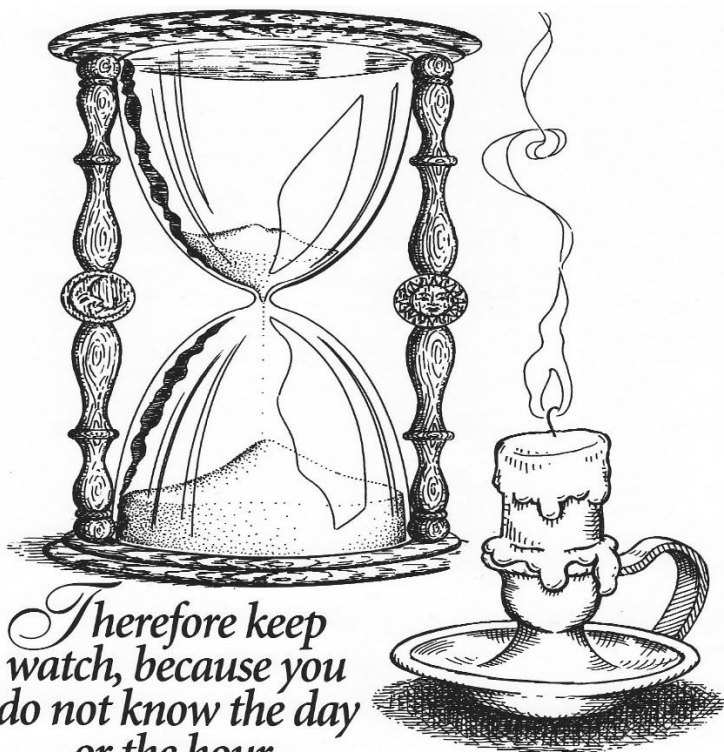


New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



*Therefore keep
watch, because you
do not know the day
or the hour.*

Matthew 25:13

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

August 30, 2026

9:00 a.m. In Person in Park

10:30 a.m. In person and Livestream Worship in Sanctuary

We Praise and Confess

The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Sleepers, Wake - J.S. Bach

Call to Worship (Psalm 143)

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplication in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.

Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

Therefore, my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like parched land.

Answer me quickly, O Lord my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the pit.

Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust.

Teach me the way that I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path, that you may be glorified in all that I do.

Invitation to Confession

Even though we are children of God, we still find it impossible to truly live a righteous life. God calls us to confess our sin handing it over to God and receive, in its place, forgiveness. Please join me in the prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

Almighty and most merciful heavenly Father; we humble ourselves before you, under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have sinned against you, in thought, word, and in deed. We have come short of your glory, we have broken your commandments, and turned aside everyone of us from the "Way of Life."

Even so, hear us when we call upon you with penitent heart; and in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins; take away our guilt; and grant us your peace. Purify us, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, from all inward uncleanness; and make us able and willing to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Silent Confession

God hear our personal confessions, asking for your forgiveness and healing.

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.**

*Song of Praise - tune # 643

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
With count-less gifts of love, that still are ours to-day.**

*Collect

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray...

Gracious God, lift our eyes beyond this passing world and shape our hearts for your eternal kingdom. Grant us grace to live with hope, to seek the things above, and to rejoice in the promise of heaven, where all tears are wiped away and your love is made complete. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Hear and Respond

From the Letter of 2 Peter 2:4-7, 9, 10

⁴For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of deepest darkness to be kept until the judgment; ⁵and if he did not spare the ancient

world, even though he saved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶ and if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to destruction and made them an example of what is coming to the ungodly; ⁷ and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man greatly distressed by the debauchery of the lawless

⁹ then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial and to keep the unrighteous until the day of judgment, when they will be punished

¹⁰—especially those who indulge their flesh in depraved lust and who despise authority.

Bold and willful, they are not afraid to slander the glorious ones.

The Word of God.

Thank you, God, for your wisdom!

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Matthew 25:1-13

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other

young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

*Hymn #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past – St. Anne

The Word of God Proclaimed

Rev. Erick Kern, Jr.

"The Afterlife"

*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.

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Debts and Debtors)

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings
Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by
scanning the QR code with your camera



Offertory Music

Lead Me, Lord - Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*Offertory Response # 606

The Doxology – Old Hundredth

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Dismissal #804

Rejoice Ye, Pure in Heart - Marion

Following the Light of Christ into the World

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

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Going Forth

Benediction

Postlude ***Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending*** - Charles Wesley

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AUGUST 30, 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.

THANK YOU to **Matt Bunczk** for playing the keyboard / organ for our worship services today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK: Sunday School is on hiatus. We will resume with our Rally Day kickoff event on Sunday, September 13!

HAROLD FOX will be celebrating his 100th birthday tomorrow! If you would like to help make his milestone birthday even more special, please consider sending him a birthday card at:

Harold Fox, The Village at LifeQuest, 2100 Cherry Blossom Lane,
Apt. 201, Quakertown, PA 18951

Your thoughtful wishes would surely brighten his celebration. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR 300th ANNIVERSARY YEAR: The Confirmation Class for students who are in the 7th grade and up will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 a.m. in the Confirmation Classroom. This class will be confirmed on Pentecost, May 2027 as we are celebrating our 300th Anniversary. Confirmation Classes will meet on Sunday mornings on a schedule agreed between Pastor Dave and the families, understanding that there are a few life events that make it necessary to be flexible. Please call the Church Office to register for the class.

THANK YOU: The Health and Welfare Committee and MKBC would like to THANK all that took the time to donate Blood at our August 11th drive. The drive collected 14 good pints of blood which can potentially affect the lives of 42 people in need! Mark your calendars and watch for information on the next drive on November 10th!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

GENERAL FUND

In honor of the 100th birthday of Harold Fox

by Emy & Steve Moyer

In loving memory of the birthday anniversary of my son,

Barry Tomlinson

by Arlene Tomlinson and family

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: The Women's Fellowship will participate in **East Greenville Community Days with a bake sale. The event will be held on Saturday, September 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Donations of baked goods are appreciated. Breakfast cakes and cookies are always a favorite. Please, no items which require refrigeration. Help is needed on Friday evening (September 11th) at 4:00 p.m. in the church kitchen to price the items. Help is also needed to host the bake sale table on Saturday. Please mark your calendar. Contact Delores Schuler (610-295-9165) with any questions or if you are able to participate. All women are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

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.

SNOW CONES: The Friendship Committee is in need of youth and/or families to help with our annual Snow Cone stand on September 12 during Community Days. Help for an hour or whatever time you are able to give! This is a great opportunity to share and connect with our friends in the community. The signup sheet can be found on the Social Room Bulletin Board or speak to anyone on the Friendship Committee.

YOU'RE INVITED to a Free Community Meal! Monday, Sept. 14 (please note this is the 2nd Monday due to the Labor Day holiday), the East Penn Lions will be serving up a delicious bowl of Penne pasta with meatball and sauce, along with a dinner roll and pudding. Meal will be take-out style and distributed from 6:00-7:00 p.m. OR Pennsburg UCC will be serving Chicken Alfredo with broccoli, roll and a sweet treat. This meal will be served 'dine-in' promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

OKTOBERFEST: The Reformation Sister Churches will host Oktoberfest on Wednesday, September 23, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Green Lane. Enjoy an evening of food trucks, beer, wine, and live music while gathering in fellowship with friends and neighbors. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to support the Open Link Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed to assist with setup from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and cleanup from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. If you are available to help, please contact 215-234-4888 and leave your name, email address and whether you are volunteering to help with setup or cleanup or both. For more information check out the website: <https://www.stjsumneytown.org/>

BULLETINS are presented in memory of departed loved ones by Tom & Elizabeth Graber.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of Emma Fox by Bill & Grace Fox.

ATTENDANCE: 8/23/26 – 9:00 a.m. 55; 10:30 a.m. 49; Livestream 42; Sunday School-hiatus.

OPERATING INCOME 8/23/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$9,440; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$535.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$332,392.54
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$332,392.54
Year to Date Expenses	\$395,832.33
Special Income	\$1,264.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$10,536.48
Capital Campaign Income	\$8,450.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$19,200.00

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Park)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Park)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Quiet Days (various rooms)
Thurs.	7:15 p.m.	Red Hill Band rehearsal (Park)
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg and Livestreamed)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New Goshenhoppen Park) followed by a Community Picnic with the Reformation Sister Churches
	1:00 p.m.	Red Hill Band concert (New Goshenhoppen Park)
Mon.		Office Closed – Labor Day holiday

Thank you to our Service Participants

9:00 a.m. Next to stage toward Third Street: Will Howe
 Next to stage toward townhouses: Stacie Miller
 Upper part toward refreshment stands: Gene Basara
 Liturgist: Alex Anastas

10:30 a.m. Narthex: Theodore Kutt
 Roberts' Church Office: Thomas Bancroft
 Elevator: Denise Fox
 Upper Narthex: Sheri Ackerman
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Terry Dworkin

Reformation Sisters Worship on September 6 – Labor Day Weekend Worship, Park Picnic, and Band Concert!

Many have wonderful memories of the Park Supper and Band Concert for 101 years at New Goshenhoppen. Last year, we let it rest and as promised, it is being “re-invented!”

The last several summers the Reformation Sister Congregations have come together for corporate worship on Labor Day weekend. New Goshenhoppen has been honored to host it in the New Goshenhoppen Church Park.

For those who find the Park not “safe” or “conducive” to worship, there will be a **9:00 a.m. service at St. Mark’s Lutheran**. Rev’d Sellers will preach, Dr. Williams will preside at the organ, and Holy Communion will be celebrated. A link will be provided to each congregation so that our online congregations may participate.

The Park Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. with the Red Hill Band, and Rev’d Kevin Compton, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, preaching. Following worship there will be a community picnic. New Goshenhoppen will provide the “Burgers and the Dogs” – you bring the rest!

Following the picnic **at 1:00 p.m., the Red Hill Band will provide a Park Concert!** The Refreshment Stand will be open and the pastors will be dipping ice cream for “Open Link!” A day to invite family and friends to the Church Park for worship, fellowship, and music!

THE BLESSING BOX: Our new mission, **The Blessing Box**, is now up and open! Our Theme, "Give What You Can. Take What You Need", seems to be a success. It is being used by those in need. If you can donate anything on the list below, it would be so appreciated. Thank you to all who have been "Giving What You Can". You can place your items in the Blessing Box, next to the lower parking lot, or in the blue container in the social room.

NEEDED ITEMS FOR BLESSING BOX

- Boxes of any type of pasta
- Any canned protein such as tuna, chicken, or beans
- Rice and rice meals
- Mac and cheese
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Boxes of pudding and Jello
- Granola bars and fruit snacks
- Ramen noodles
- Boxed cake and muffin mixes
- Pancake Mix and syrup
- Jelly or jam
- Soups
- Crackers
- Tomato and spaghetti sauces
- Canned ravioli or spaghetti
- Gatorade
- Cereals and oatmeal
- Bottled water and juices
- Baby wipes, food, or diapers
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Laundry detergent and dish soap

Please check expiration dates.

No household items, such as lamps or clothing.

No items that will spoil or need refrigeration.

If Blessing Box is full, please put items outside of the church office door.

HARVEST HOME

On Sunday, September 20, 2026, Harvest Home will be observed during our worship services. Each day, we give thanks to God for His provisions that enable our sustenance. However, it is on this Sunday that we ask members to remember those who may not be as fortunate as we are. Would you please donate non-perishable food items to be donated to OPEN LINK?

If you wish, you may bring donations of food to our church any time before Sunday, September 20 or you may bring them when you come to worship on September 20. Please do what is convenient for you. We ask that you place your donations in the Social Room or in the vestibule to Fellowship Hall. Please mark the bags or boxes with the words, OPEN LINK or HEALTH AND WELFARE. Another option would be to place the donations into the large white box (located in the Social Room) marked OPEN LINK. The Health and Welfare Committee will make certain that the food is delivered to Open Link.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FROM OPEN LINK:

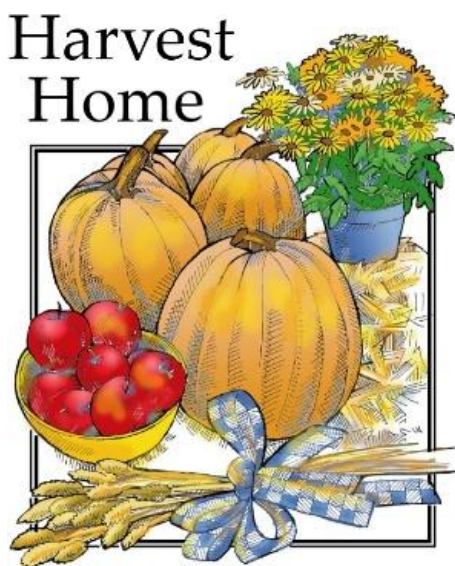
- Canned fruit and applesauce
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Pasta and sauce
- Cereal
- Canned chili
- Canned chicken
- Pork and beans
- Baby diapers
- Baby wipes
- Personal care items---shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste
- Cleaning supplies and paper products---toilet paper, paper towels, all-purpose cleaner, etc.
- OR-----Any non-perishable food item would be appreciated.

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IN ADDITION TO NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS---- We please ask that members continue to donate any monetary funds and gift cards that can be used for the purchase of food for those in need. These gifts will remain in our church for distribution to members and even non-members. By providing monetary gifts and gift cards, families are able to purchase fresh produce and perishable items, such as meat, fruits and vegetables, and dairy products.

Of a special note: Would you kindly check expiration dates on the packages and cans that you donate? Please.....only donate items that are not expired. Your cooperation is appreciated and we thank you.

~ The Health and Welfare Committee



GOSCHENHOPPEN MEADOWS FUND

Each year the Goschenhoppen Meadows Fund supports Ministry, Mission, and Maintenance projects above and beyond the annual budget. This year a total of \$44,109.36 will be distributed to proposals submitted by the congregation (\$14,703.12 allocated to each category): Ministry, Mission, and Maintenance. Ministry covers what we can do for the sake of the Gospel. Mission is financial support for the spread of the Good News and Christian acts of love in places beyond our local church. Maintenance covers short and long-term improvements at our church campus.

Applications and details on the submittal process are available on the New Goschenhoppen website at:

www.newgoshucc.org/mission-outreach

Scroll down to the bottom of the Mission and Outreach web page and click on one of the three application links under the Meadows Fund: Ministry Application, Mission Application, and Maintenance Application. Applications may also be obtained by contacting the Church Office directly.

1) Proposals by members and friends of New Goschenhoppen Church are due in the Church Office by **August 31, 2026**.

2) All proposals are screened by the Consistory Vice-President and the Senior Pastor to ensure sufficient information is included. Proposal authors are contacted as necessary.

3) Proposals are distributed to the appropriate committees for review and disposition.

- Ministry proposals – Church and Ministry Committee
- Mission proposals – Deacons' Committee
- Maintenance proposals – Property, Park, and Cemetery Committees

4) Committee recommendations are submitted to Consistory for approval at their October meeting.

5) Approved projects are shared at the November Congregational Meeting.

Please contact Donna Fried (moosedlf@aol.com) 610-730-0088 or Steve Lentz (sklentz72@gmail.com) 215-804-6637 with any questions regarding the proposal application process. As with previous years, the individuals submitting proposals will remain anonymous throughout the proposal review process.

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11.11 with refrain

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

ST. ANNE
 CM

606 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

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

TEXT: Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865
 MUSIC: Arthur Henry Messier, 1883

MARION
 SM with refrain