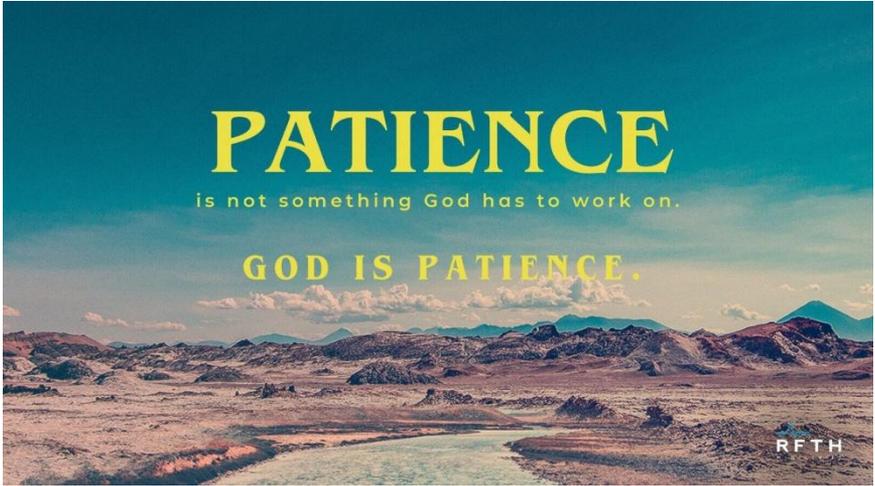


**First Sunday in Lent
Sixth Sunday before Easter**

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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

February 22, 2026

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

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church!

Clinical psychologist Jenny Taitz writes, "I see so many clients who don't have the ability to wait, and it is no wonder. In a world where it is possible to get the answer to any question instantly with Google and to order coffee for immediate pickup on an app, why should any of us have to deal with delays and unknowns?"

Unfortunately, for many of us, the challenge is that being patient now feels harder than ever before. A 2023 study involving more than 28,000 adults and adolescents found that the average person's mood got steadily worse every minute they sat doing nothing. Waiting patiently is so difficult that we often react by doing things that actually make us more impatient, like constantly checking our phones for updates or seeking reassurance from everyone we know.

Michael Dugas, another psychologist in the same article notes, "Technology creates the illusion that certainty is possible, which leads to trying to attain certainty in all situations, contributing to worry and anxiety." When a loved one doesn't pick up the phone, we track their location instead of waiting for them to call back. When an email doesn't get a prompt response, we can find out precisely when it was opened. Such behavior only adds to our worry and anxiety.

Scripture Memory: *The fruit of the Spirit is: Love, joy, peace, PATIENCE, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. – Galatians 5:22-23*

Today begins the Sundays in Lent. Note the word "in" for each Sunday remains a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. The 40 days to Easter don't include Sunday for it is worship.

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

Prelude

Triptych on "Houston" – John Behnke

Chiming of the Trinity

Invitation to Confession

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Invitation

Think About His Love – Harrah

Chorus:

**Think about His love, think about His goodness,
Think about His grace, that's brought us through.
For as high as the heavens above, so great is the measure,
of our Father's love. Great is the measure of our Father's love.**

Verse 1:

**How could I forget His love?
How could I forget His mercy?
He satisfies, He satisfies, He satisfies my desires. [to Chorus]**

Verse 2:

**Even when I strayed away,
His love has sought me out and found me.
He satisfies, He satisfies, He satisfies my desires. [to Chorus]**

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion,
**you are slow to anger and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts.
Receive in your loving embrace
all who come home to you.
Seat us at your bountiful table of grace,
that, with all your children,
we may feast with delight
on all that satisfies the hungry heart.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Silence

Declaration of Pardon

---based on Psalm 91:14-15

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them
and show them my salvation.
Receive the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Praise

O Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.

*Hymn of Praise: No. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light – Houston

*Greeting

To those who are called, who are beloved in God,
kept safe for Jesus Christ,
and sealed in the Holy Spirit:
May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.
Amen!

We Hear and Respond

From the Psalter

Psalm 27:11-14

- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
- 12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.
- 13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- 14 Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD! ¹

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Ps 27:11–14.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.²

James 1:2-4

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ³

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Hymn: No. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy – In Babilone

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 18:21-35

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be

² *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Ga 5:22–25.

³ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Jas 1:2–4.

sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." ⁴

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

*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.**

⁴ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Mt 18:21–35.

**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.**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Dr Williams – “PD”

Lord, Give Me Patience. . .Right Now!

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

*Offertory Response

Wesley Table Grace – Stuttgart

**Be present at our table Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we,
May feast in paradise with Thee. Amen.**

*Offertory Prayer

*Invitation to the Lord's Table

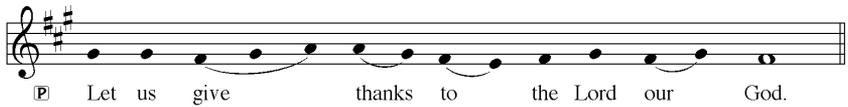
*The Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

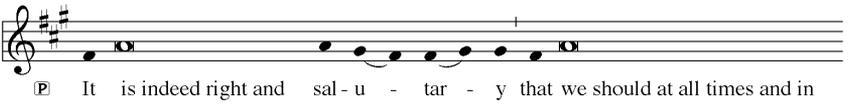


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

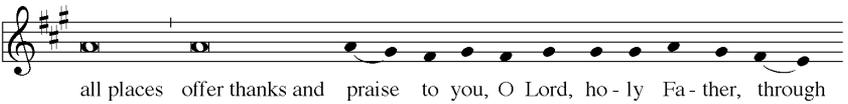


G It is right to give him thanks and praise.

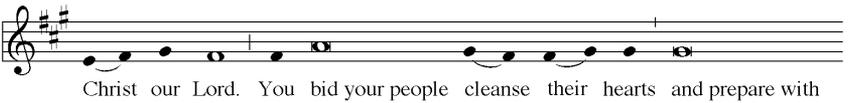
*The Preface



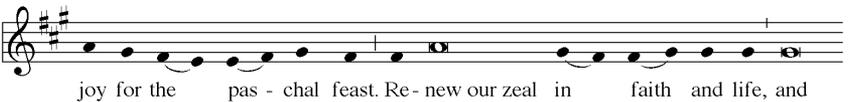
P It is indeed right and sal - u - tar - y that we should at all times and in



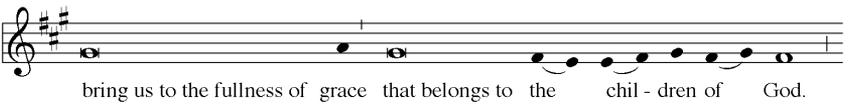
all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, ho - ly Fa - ther, through



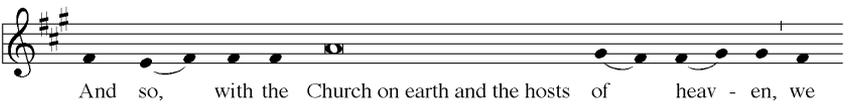
Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with



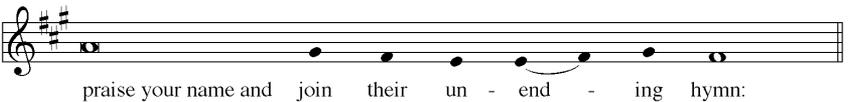
joy for the pas - chal feast. Re - new our zeal in faith and life, and



bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the chil - dren of God.



And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we



praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

*Sanctus

[Tune: Beecher]

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of pow'r and might adored.

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;

Sing Hosanna to the Lord.

Sing Hosanna in the highest, blessed is the one who comes.

Cometh in the name of the Lord, Sing Hosanna to the Lord.

Consecration and Epiclesis

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

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

On this Lord's Day you are invited to the chancel rail as directed by the Deacons and Elders where you will receive a piece of bread from the Pastor. You are then invited to dip the corner in either the Wine [silver chalice] or in the Grape Juice [earthenware chalice] and receive. Return to your pew using the side aisle.

Communion Hymn: No. 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Thanksgiving

*Dismissal Hymn: No. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing – Ar Hyd Y Nos

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

*Chimes

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FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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
Susan Hemperly, Senior Choir Accompanist
Cindy Biehn, Administrative Secretary
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Visit us online at www.newgoshucc.org

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.

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

THE MARCH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING will be held on Monday, March 2nd beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Social Room. After a brief business meeting, we will carpool to Liberty Ministries in Pottstown where we will participate in filling Easter goodie boxes for ladies in need. Please bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided. Please inform Delores Schuler if you will join in this mission project.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MONTHLY OUTREACH is baby items and women's personal items. There is a collection container in the Social Room for your contributions which will be given to Genesis Women's Clinic in Pottstown.

CARD SHOWER: Kindly spread some birthday cheer by sending Ed George a birthday card in celebration of his 90th birthday on March 1. Please send to Ed George, The Village at Lifequest, 2100 Cherry Blossom Lane, Apt. 221, Quakertown, PA 18951.

MORE VOLUNTEERS are being sought for funeral luncheons. If you'd like to be added to the list, please call, text, or email Donna Yorgey at 215-679-7179 or DYorgey@icloud.com.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Daylight saving time will begin on Sunday, March 8, 2026. So, make sure to turn your clocks one hour ahead before retiring for the night. **SPRING AHEAD!!!!**

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 sister,

Gail L. Himmelwright

by sister, Nancy and families

In memory of Shirley M. Fox

by Terry L. Eck

by John P. & Brenda L. Miller

by Mike & Bess Halick

QUIET DAYS: Quiet Days will be taking a break during March and April and back together again on TUESDAY, MAY 5th at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please call Gail Gerhard, T/N 215-679-6523.

GAME NIGHT: Sunday, March 1 beginning at 3:00 p.m., let the games begin in Fellowship Hall!! Game Night returns with laughter and joy in the room. Pastor Dave will be teaching "Farmers Rummy (Ohio Rules, ask Janet Weikel about PA rules) and Spades Rule! There will be other games that you may bring to share for the afternoon/evening! Pastor Dave will be making chicken noodle soup (homemade) with warm bread. An evening of fun! Bring your games and snacks to share!

HILLEGASS SCHOLARSHIP FUND OPPORTUNITY: Through the generosity of the Foster C. and Florence (Moll) Hillegass Scholarship Fund, New Goshenhoppen U.C.C. is able to grant financial assistance to members of the congregation who have decided to further their education. The Scholarship Awards are for post high school students working for an undergraduate degree at an accredited school. All scholarships are awarded to full-time (12 or more credits per semester) students for a maximum of 5 years. Students applying to a community college, trade school, technical school, nursing school, as well as individuals pursuing a degree in ministry from an accredited school, are also eligible for this scholarship. Scholarships are given based on financial need, church involvement, and academic record. Members may stop by the New Goshenhoppen Church Office to pick up an application and information packet. Applications MUST be postmarked by Wednesday, April 15, 2026, in order to receive consideration. Students currently receiving a scholarship will get applications via the postal service in early April.

THE FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE needs your help! We need someone willing to host Coffee Hour on March 8th. You may choose to host either 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service, or both, if that works for you. Please talk to anyone on the Friendship Committee or Sherry Peterson. Thanks for considering this, your help is greatly appreciated.

BULLETINS are presented in memory of departed loved ones by Gloria & Frank Eidle; and in loving memory of daughters, Taylor Elizabeth and Emma Grace by parents, Jeff & Maryellen Whary.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in loving memory of Peggy Anastas by Alex & Lois and family; and in memory of Betty & Wilmer Kulp by Holly & Gary Wolf.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (left) are presented in memory of parents, Clarence E. & Marion Albitz Bauman; aunt, Grace E. Albitz; aunt & uncle, Harold & Winifred Albitz; and grandparents, Calvin & Mary Albitz by Dr. & Mrs. John Bauman.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (right) are presented in memory of Emma Grace and Taylor Elizabeth by Granma Whary.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT are presented in loving memory of the wedding anniversary of our parents, George & Doris Reed by Dave Reed and Donna Hiryak.

ATTENDANCE: 2/15/26 – 8:00 a.m. 52; 10:30 a.m. 39, Livestream 53; Sunday School 46.

OPERATING INCOME 2/15/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$2,803; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$197.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$68,539.82
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$68,539.82
Year to Date Expenses	\$77,204.63
Special Income	\$0.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$3,563.98
Capital Campaign Income	\$730.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$13,100.00

Wednesdays in Lent – *The Questions Jesus Asked*



Jesus asked many questions in the Gospels. We are going to explore 5 of those questions this year. Wednesdays in Lent this year will rotate to the various Reformation Sister congregations with a pastor of another parish preaching. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. each evening followed by fellowship.

Wednesday, February 25 - Friedens UCC, Sumneytown – Rev'd Myren, preaching

Wednesday, March 4 - St. Paul's Lutheran, Red Hill – Rev'd Thompson, preaching

Wednesday, March 11 - Pennsburg UCC, Pennsburg – Rev'd Compton, preaching

Wednesday, March 18 – St. John's Lutheran, Green Lane – Rev'd Sellers, preaching

Wednesday, March 25 – Palm Schwenkfelder, Palm – Rev'd Schanely, preaching

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SCOUTING NEWS: **Cub Scouts** is for boys and girls Kindergarten to 5th grade. If interested in joining, please call or text Kyle Moyer at 610-360-0924. **Scouts BSA** is for 11 to 18 year olds. If interested in joining, please call or text Scott Spaar at 484-431-3178.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. CANDI CAIN BORGMAN on her retirement as pastor at Cedar Church in Cetronia (Allentown) on December 28, 2025. Candi served New Goshenhoppen as Director of Christian Education for nine years. She then went on to Lancaster Theological Seminary to earn a Masters of Divinity Degree. Cedar Church is a UCC and Lutheran unified congregation. Pastor Borgman served the church from 2017 to December 2025.

New Goshenhoppen Nursery School

Open House

Come meet the teachers and tour our school.



Sunday, March 1, 2026

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Three Day Program for 4 & 5 Year Olds.
Our students must be 4 years old by September 1st
to participate in this PreK / Readiness Program.

Two Day Program for 3 & 4 Year Olds.
Our students need to be 3 years old by September 1st
and toilet trained to join this Socialization Program.

Toddler time—One Day Program for 2 Year Olds.
This is a play-based group that meets 1 morning
a week, from 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.



MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Director – Beverly Benner

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**Please note that registrations will be accepted
at this time for the 2026-2027 school year.**

EASTER FLOWERS AND MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

This year we are offering a choice of plants -- pure white lilies, yellow daffodils, or assorted tulips. These colorful plants all capture the spirit of Easter and spring as they adorn the Sanctuary. Your plant serves as a memorial for loved ones and beautifies the chancel on Easter morning. The cost per plant is \$10.00. Money should accompany your order. Please order one plant per order form; however, you may order as many plants as you wish.

In lieu of a flower plant, donations may be given to support OPEN LINK SUMMER KIDS MEAL PROGRAM. Each summer, families in this community struggle to feed their children because those kids are no longer receiving free school lunches. With the help of many volunteers, lunches and breakfasts are offered to all kids ages 18 and under who live in the Upper Perkiomen School District. The meals are distributed grab-and-go style in a drive-thru or walk-up format at five area locations. Food is served at alternating locations throughout the week. Last year, 20,012 meals were served throughout the UP Valley.

The deadline for plant orders and memorial contributions is Monday, March 23, 2026. Orders may be given to the Church Office (215-679-2041). Extra order forms are on the literature table in the upstairs narthex and on the coffee table in the Social Room. Please, only one plant per order form and specify the plant you desire. 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: Plants may be removed after the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter morning.

Please, only one plant per order form.

Your Name _____

Phone Number _____

Summer Kids Meal Program

Plant

Please Choose Plant:

PURE WHITE LILIES () ASSORTED TULIPS () YELLOW DAFFODILS ()

Check one:

() In Memory of _____

by _____

() In Honor of _____

by _____

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)
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Consistory (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Historical Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
	6:30 p.m.	300 th Anniversary Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Lenten Service (Frieden's UCC, Sumneytown)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Cardio Drumming (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
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.	Nursery School Open House
	3:00 p.m.	Game Night (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)

Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m.	Narthex: Frank Eidle Roberts' Church Office: Will Howe Elevator: Ben Fox Upper Narthex: Stacie Miller Liturgist/Acolyte: Emy Moyer
10:30 a.m.	Narthex: Thomas Bancroft Roberts' Church Office: Cindy Roma Elevator: Sandy George Upper Narthex: Amy Hangey Liturgist/Acolyte: Peter Hemperly

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Walking
in the
Light
Together

But if we walk in the light,
as he is in the light,
WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP
with one another...

1 John 1:7, NIV

The image is a vertical graphic with a textured, dark background. It features a central white rectangular area containing text. The text is arranged in a title format, with 'Walking' and 'Together' in a smaller font, 'in the' in a very small font, and 'Light' in a large, bold, serif font. Below the title is a quote from 1 John 1:7, NIV, with 'WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP' in all caps and bold. The background of the graphic shows a path leading through trees, with light filtering through the leaves, and several dark circles of varying sizes scattered across the scene.

FORGIVENESS

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
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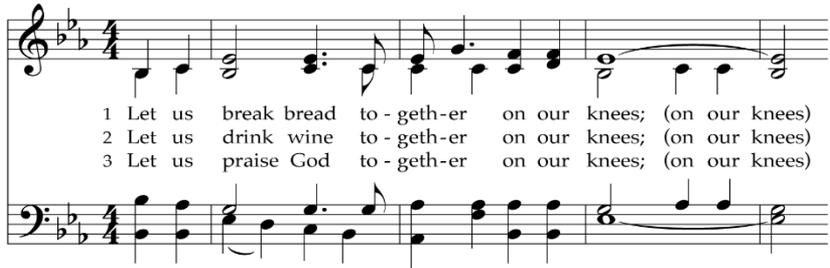
The musical score consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in G major and 4/4 time. It features two vocal parts with lyrics and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column corresponding to the first vocal part and the second column to the second vocal part. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic and rhythmic foundation.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

TEXT: Frederick William Faber, 1854, alt.
 MUSIC: Dutch melody; arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906

IN BABILONE
 8.7.8.7.D

Let Us Break Bread Together 525



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain


When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.