

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Word and Table

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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

August 2, 2026

9:00 a.m. In the Park

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

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church

It is the best week of the 2026 summer at New Goshenhoppen – Vacation Bible School! This year we are using ***Rainforest Falls*** to explore the nature and power of God.

You are invited to pray each day for VBS – at this point nearly 80 children are pre-registered for this amazing week when they will learn about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. There will be spiritual lessons, energetic sports, creative crafts, and delightful treats all week long wrapped in music, laughter, and prayer.

Themes for VBS:

Monday – ***God Is Our Creator!*** – Psalm 103:22 and Genesis 1

Tuesday – ***God Knows Everything*** – Psalm 139

Wednesday – ***God Is Our Safe Place*** – Psalm 142:5 and 1 Samuel 23-24

Thursday – ***God Is Love*** – Psalm 136:1, Luke 22:39-24:12

Friday – ***God Is Forever*** – Revelation 7:17, 21-22 and Psalm 115:18

Thank you to all who have helped with crafts and set up for VBS! The sanctuary and classroom space is fantastic!

Thank you to all who have signed up to help guide, lead, and welcome the children to New Goshenhoppen and to experience the reality of God's presence, love, and joy in our midst.

You are welcome to drop by this week to experience VBS and next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary we will experience "Jesus Loves Me" powerfully together!

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

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

and be warmed by the fire of love.

*Hymn of Praise: No. 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name – Grosser Gott

*Prayer of Adoration

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

O gracious and holy God,

give us diligence to seek you,

wisdom to perceive you,

and patience to wait for you.

Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you,

eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word,

a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you,

through the power of the Spirit

of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth your praise.

*Praise: No. 623

I've Got Peace Like a River

Invitation to Confession

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.

Silence

Declaration of Pardon --based on Romans 8:34: 2 Corinthians 5:18

Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ,

and Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

We Hear and Respond

From the Prophets

Isaiah 55:1-5

"Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you. ¹

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD! ²

*Gospel Acclamation

Rain Down — Jamie Cortez

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.

Raise down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

God of creation, we long for your truth;

² *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Ps 146:1–10.

You are the water of life that we thirst.

Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
all of your hope lies in you.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.

Raise down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

St Matthew 14:13-21

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. ³

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

³ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Mt 14:13–21.

Talk About a Banquet!

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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings
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Offertory

*Communion Hymn: No. 498

Loaves Were Broken, Words We Spoken – Beach Spring

*Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is right. . . we join their unending hymn.

*Sanctus: No. 552

Holy, Holy, Holy – Land of Rest

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) (A) B^b C (D) F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

(A) C (D/F#) F/A (F#m) Am (G) B^b (A) C (Bm) Dm
(G) B^b (D) F (A) (Bm) C Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (Dsus) Fsus (D) F

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

LAND OF REST

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund

Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

Consecration and Epiclesis

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

Sharing of the Sacrament

9:00 a.m. – We will share the Bread and Cup together from elements you selected when you arrived at Park Worship.

10:30 a.m. – The Gifts of Bread and Wine will be received by coming to the Lord's Table as directed. Pastor will provide you a corner of the loaf which you will take to the cup [one is grape juice and the other is wine as explained] and dip the corner in the cup to receive.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Dismissal Song: 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 and Blessing

*Going Forth

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AUGUST 2, 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
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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.

NEXT SUNDAY there will be **ONE SERVICE ONLY at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.** We will be celebrating with the Vacation Bible Students. Please plan to attend for a joyous worship experience.

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

SUMMER WORSHIP IN THE PARK: Through August 30th the New Goshenhoppen Worship Schedule will be:

9:00 a.m. in the Park

10:30 a.m. in the air-conditioned Sanctuary

Please know that if temperatures are forecasted for 90 or above, both services will be held in the air-conditioned Sanctuary.

KIM CORNWELL WILL BE ORDAINED AND INSTALLED as Pastor of Peace in Zion United Church of Christ on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. As Kim is a daughter of New Goshenhoppen the Elders and Pastor invite the Congregation to contribute a gift for the purchase of a custom-made pulpit robe for her ministry. Pulpit robes cost between \$650 and \$1,000 depending on style and fabric. Kim has been told to select the robe and New Goshenhoppen will cover the expense. If she gets the robe ordered by August 4, it will be here for her Support Group of New Goshenhoppen to present to her at the service.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Phyllis Ackerman

by Ernest Quatrani

by Judith A. Parker

by Joi D. Stauffer

by David & Delores Schuler

by Amy Treichler

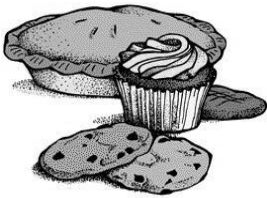
**In loving memory of the birthday anniversary
of our dear sister, Peggy L. Fulmer**

by sister, Nancy and families

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Our August gathering will be at **1:00 p.m. on August 3rd in the Bell Garden for an ice cream social.** Please come and join in the fellowship and help plan our monthly gatherings for the upcoming year.

Our outreach for the summer is back-to-school items for Open Link. There is a container in the Social Room for your donations.

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. Since this is an outdoor event, 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.

BLOOD DRIVE: The summer is winding down fast! Health & Welfare would like to remind everyone that our next Blood Drive is Tuesday, August 11, 1:00-6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment call Miller/Keystone Blood Center at 1-800-1-800-223-6667, #2 and use code E064 or online at: [https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/89809](https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive%20schedule/89809)

FIRST MONDAY MEAL: Too hot to be in the kitchen cooking . . . let us cook for you! **Monday, August 3** the Morning Star Fellowship will be your first-time host group at New Gosh . . . preparing and serving meatball sub, side salad, watermelon and a cookie! Meal will be take-out style and distribution will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. OR Pennsburg UCC will be serving fried chicken, potato salad, applesauce and an ice cream treat. This meal will be served 'dine-in' promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: The Friendship Committee is in search of Coffee Hour hosts for August. It's summer so we are asking for LIGHT refreshments and there is almost always plenty of tea, juice, etc. in the Fridge in the Social Room that can be used. If and when we are at the Park, just cool drinks and light snacks! Can you help?? Please talk to any member of the Friendship Committee if you are interested in helping out! Also, sign-up sheets for August are posted on the snack cabinet in the Social Room. Please feel free to sign up there!

WE FOUND A NEW ENGRAVER! Sanford Werfel Studios of Hightsville, New Jersey will be engraving the accessibility leaves moving forward. Mr. Barrows, our former engraver and member of the community, has officially retired. We are planning to submit an order to Sanford Werfel Studios on August 17th. If you'd like to order a leaf, please remit your form and payment to the Church Office by August 16th. Thank you!

BULLETINS are presented in honor of Michael's 10th birthday. We are all proud of you and love you very much; **AND** sponsored by Lucille Weaver.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of Ethel & Bill Martin by daughter, Melissa Jamison; **AND** in memory of late husband, Ronald A. Schwartz by Judith Schwartz-Bieler.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT are in memory of Ruth & George Moll by the family.

ATTENDANCE: 7/26/26 – 9:00 a.m. 54; 10:30 a.m. 42; Livestream 48; Sunday School-hiatus.

OPERATING INCOME 7/26/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$8,001; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$526.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$311,217.74
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$311,217.74
Year to Date Expenses	\$360,429.86
Special Income	\$1,264.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$9,451.48
Capital Campaign Income	\$6,870.00
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)
	12:00 noon	Private Event (Park)
Mon.-Fri.	9:00 a.m.	VBS (various rooms)
	1:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Ice Cream Social (Bell Garden)
	6:00 p.m.	First Monday Meal (Kitchen/Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Park)
	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Property & Park Committees (Bible Fellowship Room)
Thurs.	7:15 p.m.	Red Hill Band rehearsal (Park)
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)

Thank you to our Service Participants

- 9:00 a.m. Next to stage toward 3rd Street: Bruce Adam
 Next to stage toward townhouses: Gene Basara
 Upper part toward refreshment stand: Frank Eidle
 Liturgist: Randy Peterson
- 10:30 a.m. Narthex: Terry Dworkin
 Roberts' Church Office: Denise Fox
 Elevator: Thomas Bancroft
 Upper Narthex: Melissa Jamison
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Sue Jacobs

THE BLESSING BOX: Our Blessing Box Has Arrived! Take a look in the lower parking lot, next to the sheds. It will be filled with generous donations from our congregation and community. If you would like to donate items, the list of suggestions is below. Just place them in the box! If you are in need of anything, please take what you need. This is open to anyone in our community who is food insecure.

- ❖ 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.

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THANK YOU: A few words of thanks to my church family as you acknowledged my birthday with cards, calls, and well wishes as I celebrated this new number in my 90's. I am grateful for my Father's love and blessings as I also appreciate this from my friends at church, which is not taken lightly, so praise God. Thanks. ~ Marlene DeLong

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.

4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

TEXT: Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774; trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*, c. 1774; harm. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH
 7.8.7.8.7

623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

498

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B^b

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) B^b (D) F (A) C

food for - ev - er - more.
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
 with you; do not fear!"
 tell your love and care.

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B^b (A) C (D) F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) Dm (G) B^b (D) F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2005

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

8.7.8.7.D

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.

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
 MUSIC: Welsh melody
 Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

AR HYD Y NOS
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