The Third Sunday of Eastertide

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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

May 4, 2025

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

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church!

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

Prelude **What a Friend We Have in Jesus** – arr. Albin Whitworth **Jesus Loves Me** – arr. Albin Whitworth

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ, who remains with us forever.

When we abide in the love of Christ, love, joy, and peace grow.

Jesus commanded: Love one another.

We come to worship the God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.

We come to worship the God whose friends we are through Christ.

All: Let us sing praise to God and live in love and friendship toward the human family; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Entrance Hymn: No. 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus - Converse

*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

When we do not accept our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O God.

When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God.

When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future, forgive us O God.

God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life.

Bind together your church universal

through the coming of your Holy Spirit.

Empower us to witness with courage

to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

Silence

Declaration of Pardon

Praise

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.



*Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

We Hear and Respond

From the History of the Early Church

Acts 9:1-6

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ¹

The Word of the Lord, the Light of the World.

Thanks be to God!

The Psalter Psalm 30

¹ I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

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

- ³ O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- ⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
- ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
- Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- ⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,
 "I shall never be moved."
 ⁷ By your favor, O LORD,
 you made my mountain stand strong;
 you hid your face;
 I was dismayed.
- To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
 "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?
 Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
 Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"
- 11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
 12 that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
 O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

*Gospel Hymn: No. 720 **Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult** - Galilee

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² Revised Common Lectionary (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me." ³

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Kimberly Cornwell

*Affirmation of Faith - UCC Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

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

In Jesus Christ the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

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

Welcome and Announcement

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Offertory

*Offertory Response: No. 606

The Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought these gifts and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me? - Kelvingrove

Following the Light of Christ into the World

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

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

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Thank you to **Soren Mugridge** for his leadership managing the musical technology on the organ for both worship services this morning.

We are pleased to welcome Kimberly Cornwell to the pulpit of New Goshenhoppen Church this Lord's Day. Kim has been a member of New Goshenhoppen Church since her youth, where she has participated in various aspects of church life, starting in the musical ministries of the Senior Choir and occasional soloist work under the direction of Dan Tuck and tutelage of long-time church organist, the late Margery Gumpy. Her volunteering started in the infant nursery as a new mom, encouraged by Fern Fried and Emy Moyer, which eventually progressed to teaching Sunday School. She and her two children, Chelsea and Chris, were actively involved in Outdoor Ministries and Camp Mensch Mill, served as acolytes and in the children's youth choirs. They also participated in the earlier Mission Team initiatives, including the Christmas Day Dinner they founded in 2004 with the support of Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens.

Kim was employed as a member of the office staff under the mentorship of Margaret Pennepacker and Etta Roth. She served as Consistory Secretary for several years. As life changes necessitated, she ended her employment at the church; however, her membership and service continued to grow and blossom. She served in the role of Deacon and Elder. It was in many of these church experiences and service opportunities where she began to seriously identify a formal sense of call.

Kim completed her Bachelor's degree in Business Management from DeSales University. After both her children completed their undergrad education, she returned again to the classroom, earning a Master of Divinity Degree from Moravian Theological Seminary in May 2024. During her seminary experience, she completed her supervised ministry under the direction of Rev. Dwayne Mosier and in the care of the congregation of Reformed Church of the Ascension UCC in Norristown, and her Clinical Pastoral Education requirements at Phoebe Ministries (Richlandtown) under the direction of Rev. Dr. Scott Brooks-Cope.

In addition to her full-time work, Kim serves as Associate Chaplain at a local hospital system. She continues to serve at Ascension UCC as part of their worship team and maintains monthly preaching engagements at area churches as pulpit supply. As a Member-In-Discernment of the Ursinus Association of the PSEC, Kim has just completed and submitted her Ordination Paper and now awaits the Committee on Ministries' determination.

Kim gratefully acknowledges her church family and friends who've accompanied her on this journey, as well as the pastors who have mentored her along the way, especially Rev. Homer Royer (and Susan), as well as Rev. Bonnie Moore, Rev. Cydney VanDyke, Rev. Jamie Moyer, Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, and Rev. Dr. David Williams. She also appreciates the two years of financial support awarded from the Meadow's Fund. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to her MID Committee, Donna Fried, Deb Brauner, Will Howe, Steve Lentz, and Rev. Russ Gates, all of whom agreed to walk this path with her (since 2018) and who were willing to listen, read, pray, give advice, and process emotions with her along the route! It has been quite a journey! Peace and blessings to all.

"God be with you 'til we meet again!" ~ kec



MAY 4, 2025

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

WiFi PASSWORD: Network: NewGoshGuest, password: wearethechurch

NEXT SUNDAY: Please read John 10:22-30.

FIRST MONDAY MEAL: Please join us Monday, May 5 for another delicious First Monday Meal. The menu at New Gosh is Swedish meatballs over noodles, green beans, bread and dessert...prepared and served by Tribe Nutrition. The meal is *take out* style and distribution will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. <u>OR</u>, if you prefer to *dine in*, Pennsburg UCC (hosted by St. Philip Neri) will be offering spaghetti and meatballs, salad, roll, and a sweet treat. Dinner is served there, promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!!

LADIES TEA PARTY: Please join us Saturday, May 10th at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for "Ladies Tea." Bring your favorite teacup, if you wish. Join in the fun and fellowship as we enjoy various teas, tea sandwiches, soup, and sweets. Tickets are required. Price is \$11.00 per person age 12 and older, (under 12 are free). Tickets are available to purchase from Sandy Hardy, Delores Schuler, Amy Treichler or the Church Office. The deadline for purchasing tickets is TODAY.

OUTDOOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE SPRING/MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER: For those folks who pre-purchased gift cards, they may be paid for and picked up today after worship services.

FULL MOON CAMPFIRE: The May Full Moon Campfire will be held on Monday evening, May 12th at 7:30 p.m. Bring a chair, a beverage (non-alcoholic), and a snack to share. No doggie roast tonight. Dress for weather. Rain cancels.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: On Sunday, May 18th there will be a Special Congregational Meeting between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. It will begin at 9:15 a.m. The purpose is to review and approve changes to Meadows Funds applications and the total amount awarded for each category. Packets of information will be available starting May 2nd. They can be found at the top of the steps to the Sanctuary and at the elevator entrance table. Please plan on attending.

CEMETERY WORKDAYS: The following are the dates for cemetery workdays: May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, and Sept. 27. We begin the morning with a cup of coffee and a planning meeting at 7:30 a.m. with work commencing at 8:00 a.m. We appreciate any time your schedule will allow. *More helpers make tasks easier*.



OUR 300TH ANNIVERSARY IS SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE! The Anniversary Committee wants a logo to recognize our long history. So, of course, there is a contest! The winning emblem will appear on a variety of anniversary items including golf shirts, tees and sweatshirts, books and other commemorative items any New Gosher may want

to own. Ideas suggested for inclusion are our name, the church building's facade, 1727-2027, 300th Anniversary, and "That they may all be one." Use these ideas, designed in any combination or layout. Perhaps you have a different idea... Be creative! Submit it! All entries must be your original artwork and include your name and phone number. Entries can be dropped in the box found in the Social Room and labeled "300th Contest." All entries must be received no later than Sunday, May 18, 2025. What's the prize?? A free commemorative item of the winner's choice and bragging rights!!

THANK YOU: Thank you to the Consistory and the Congregation at New Goshenhoppen UCC for the surprise recognition during the morning worship service of two important events in our lives. Rev. Kern has treasured the past 45 years in the ministry since his ordination in 1980 and we both have been blessed with 50 years of marriage. As we are taking some time to celebrate those 2 amazing milestones, we wanted to express our appreciation to Pastor Dave and the family of New Goshenhoppen for the love and gift that they have given us. Sincerely, Rev. & Dona Kern

THANK YOU to everyone who helped support the success of the "kicked up" coffee hour on April 27th. I think our "A" Choir guests appreciated our efforts to give them a special snack time.

BULLETINS are presented in memory in honor of the Summer Camp Staff by Donna Fried.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Paul Gehman by wife, Marlene and family.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (left) are presented in honor of Emma's "Gotcha Day" by Sandy & Sarah George.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (right) are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Ingvar Danielson by the Dan-Dem-Do Gang.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT are presented in loving memory of Willard S. Haas by the sons, daughters and their families.

ATTENDANCE: 4/27/25 – 10:30 a.m. 164; Livestream (You Tube) 82. Sunday School 39.

Above is the "Live" Concurrent Household Number - (Note: "number of households" is less than "number of people". If on average each household has two people watching, then our numbers are 2x the number of households that tuned in.)

OPERATING INCOME 4/27/25: Current & Benevolences \$2,143; Building, Improvement & Maintenance \$152. Monthly EFT income \$5,060.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: 73 units have responded. There is \$84,130 pledged. The amount received since 2023 is \$87,331 (including Capital Campaign memorial gifts.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$270,420.83
Less Investment Withdrawals	\$44,424.00
	\$225,996.83
Year to Date Expenses	\$221,373.04
Special Income	\$14,628.68
Capital Campaign Income	\$15,167.22
Special Project BIM Expenses	\$12,235.04
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$12,500.00

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

:00 a.m.	Marchin Canica (Canctuan, & Livestroamed)
	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education building)
0:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
1:30 a.m.	Youth meeting/Escape Room activity
:00 a.m.	Cookbook Committee (Children's Library)
:00 p.m.	First Monday Meal (Kitchen/Fellowship Hall)
:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
:30 a.m.	Quiet Days (various rooms)
:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
:30 p.m.	Property & Park Committees (Bible Fellowship Room)
0:00 a.m.	Make Music UP Committee Meeting (Park)
1:00 a.m.	Ladies Tea (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education building)
0:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
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Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m. Narthex – Donna Fried

Roberts' Church Office – Bruce Adam

Elevator – Lois Anastas Upper Narthex – Emy Moyer Liturgist/Acolyte – Alex Anastas

10:30 a.m. Narthex – Doug Atno

Roberts' Church Office – Thomas Bancroft

Elevator – Cindy Roma Upper Narthex – Denise Fox Liturgist/Acolyte – Sue Jacobs



MOTHER'S DAY - CARNATION PROJECT

REMEMBER MOTHER OR GRANDMOTHER ON MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 11.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to honor my loved one and also to encourage the good work of JULIA'S GRACE FOUNDATION (based in Royersford, PA) that helps children with cancer and their families by supporting them and providing financial assistance.

Kindly use a separate form for each carnation ordered.

This year, instead of delivering carnations to a health care facility, we wish for all women of New Goshenhoppen to be remembered.

At the conclusion of both services, every woman is invited to come to the chancel railing and receive a carnation.

(Indicate Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister, etc.)	
Relationship to you:	
Presented by	
In Memory of	
In Honor of	

Cost \$5.00 each.

Checks should be made payable to New Goshenhoppen Church. Kindly mark the envelope "Carnation Project."

Please mail-in to the Church Office, place in the offering plate, or put in the black lock box located outside the Main Entrance door (at the elevator entrance).

Deadline for orders is Monday, May 5.



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

TEXT: Joseph Scriven, 1855; Korean Irans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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CONVERSE



Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852 MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1887 GALILEE 8.7.8.7

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



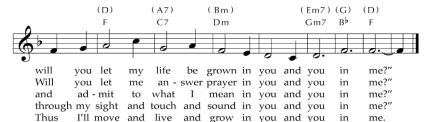
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind ed see if I but call your name? 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same? Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er same? Will you pris-oners free and nev - er the same? set the he in - side and nev - er Will you quell the fear be the same? fol - low you and nev - er the Let me turn and same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen, Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round, In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.