

**Second Sunday in Lent  
Fifth Sunday before Easter**

**New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ**



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

**March 1, 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!***

Research suggests that when we make acts of kindness a habit, it's also good for our health. Whether it's volunteering at a local food bank, or taking soup to a sick neighbor, there's lots of evidence that when we help others, it can boost our own happiness and psychological well-being. But there's also growing research that it boosts our physical health too, says, Tara Gruenewald, a psychologist at Chapman University.

Perhaps the most striking evidence comes from the Baltimore Experience Corps trial, a large experiment in which adults age 60 and older were randomly assigned to either volunteer at elementary schools or be put on a waiting list. The volunteers spent at least 15 hours a week tutoring underprivileged kids. After two years, the researchers found that the volunteers had measurable changes in their brain health.

One of the researchers said, "They didn't experience declines in memory and executive function like we saw in our control participants. And there were even changes in brain volume in areas of the brain that support these different cognitive processes." Volunteers were also more physically active, "which is important for maintaining both cognitive and physical health as folks age."

Another researcher added, "Volunteering or doing an act of kindness can distract you from some of the problems that you might be having, so you might be a little bit less reactive yourself." And "it may help to give you more perspective on which your own problems are." Also, when you go out to help others, it also makes you more physically active and less lonely. Social isolation is a known risk factor for physical and mental health problems, especially as we age.

At the very least, volunteering will make the world a little bit better place for many others. And we might just make it a little bit better for ourselves. – Maria Godoy, "When Kindness Becomes a Habit."

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

Prelude

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: No. 695

***Change My Heart, O God***

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,  
**you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.**  
**We confess that we have strayed from you**  
**and turned aside from your way.**  
**We are misled by pride,**  
**for we see ourselves pure when we are stained**  
**and great when we are small.**  
**We have failed in love,**  
**neglected justice,**  
**and ignored your truth.**  
**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.**  
**Return us to paths of righteousness**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*Silence*

Declaration of Pardon

---based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away;  
see, everything has become new!  
All this is from God,  
who reconciled us to himself through Christ,  
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.  
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. 683                      ***Lord of All Hopefulness*** – Slane

\*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 a Letter of the Apostle Paul                      Colossians 5:22-25

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

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.<sup>1</sup>

Titus 3:4-7

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Ga 5:22–25.

<sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.<sup>2</sup>

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Gospel Hymn: No. 218

**Ah, Holy Jesus** – Herzliebster Jesu

\*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

John 3:1-17

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

**Glory to Christ our Savior.**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again<sup>2</sup> he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>3</sup> <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You<sup>4</sup> must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind<sup>5</sup> blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

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<sup>2</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Tt 3:4–7.

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you<sup>6</sup> do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>7</sup> <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world,<sup>9</sup> that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>3</sup>

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.**

**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.**

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<sup>3</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

**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.**

Ministry of Music [10:30 a.m.] The Children of New Goshenhoppen  
***I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy*** – CJ and Friends Dance Along

The Word of God Proclaimed

Dr Williams – “PD”

## ***Kindness***

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. **C** And al - so with you.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** 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

Thanksgiving

\*Dismissal Hymn: No. 634

***To God Be the Glory***

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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**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*

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## MARCH 1, 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  
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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.

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

**GAME NIGHT:** Sunday, March 1 beginning at 3:00 p.m. 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!

**FIRST MONDAY MEAL:** Come one, come all! Join us Monday, March 2 for a savory meatball sub, tossed salad, applesauce and a sweet treat... prepared and served by the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The meal is *take out* style and distribution will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. OR, if you prefer to *dine in*, Pennsburg UCC (Palm Schwenkfelder) will be offering ham, baked potato, green beans, dinner roll and fruit cocktail. Dinner is served there, promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!!

**THE FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE** needs your help! We need someone willing to host Coffee Hour on March 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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](mailto:DYorgey@icloud.com).

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

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

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

**In memory of Shirley Fox**

by Gail & David Gerhard

**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!!!!

**THE MARCH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING** will be held on Monday, March 9th 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.

**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.

**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.

**CABINETS AVAILABLE:** As the kitchen renovation project comes to a close, we have a few wall cabinets that we were not able to reuse and are available to anyone who may want them. They are good, sturdy cabinets...and with a fresh coat of paint could be perfect for your wall cabinet needs! They are at the end of the first-floor hallway, by the boiler room door for your viewing pleasure. Feel free to take whatever you like.

**BULLETINS** are presented in honor of our parents by Emy & Steve Moyer; and in memory of departed loved ones by Gloria & Frank Eidle.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in honor of the birthday anniversary of my wife, Nancy Hunsberger by husband, Norman.

**THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (left)** are presented in loving memory of parents, Fern & Hugh McNaughton and brother/brother-in-law, Bob McNaughton by Deanna (McNaughton) & Stuart Schoenly.

**THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (center left):** Wishing our Parents (and Grandparents), Randy & Sherry Peterson, a Happy and Healthy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this Friday, March 6, 2026. All our Love—Matthew, Emily, Anna & Zachary and Ben, Andrea, & Owen.

**THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (center right):** Given with love and in honor of my wife, Sherry, for our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for being my wife, and supporting me all these years, especially with my recent health issues! Love, Randy Peterson

**THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (right)** are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Andrew Rocco with love Bonnie, Christine & Phil, Bryan and grandchildren, Grace and Gavin.

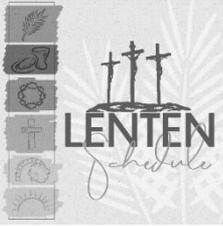
**THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT** are presented in honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of Ed George by Joanne, Sandy, Sarah and Emma George.

**ATTENDANCE: 2/22/26** – 8:00 a.m. 42; 10:30 a.m. 29, Livestream 64; Sunday School 35.

**OPERATING INCOME 2/22/26:** Current & Benevolences including EFT \$4,131; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$562.

## 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, 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.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Year to Date Income	\$79,729.51
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$79,729.51
Year to Date Expenses	\$94,609.51
Special Income	\$0.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$3,563.98
Capital Campaign Income	\$730.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$13,100.00

# 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 1<sup>st</sup>  
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 1<sup>st</sup>  
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) – Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	9:15 a.m.	Consistory (Confirmation Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) - Communion
	1:00 p.m.	Nursery School Open House (Nursery School rooms)
	3:00 p.m.	Game Night (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	First Monday Meal (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Lenten Service (St. Paul's Lutheran)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Cardio Drumming (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts (set up in Fellowship Hall)
	6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Heidelberg, Apostles', 4 <sup>th</sup> grade classroom)
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Wreath removal (Cemetery)
	10:30 a.m.	Daughters of the American Revolution (Heidelberg Room)
	3:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Banquet (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
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)

### **Thank you to our Service Participants**

8:00 a.m.	Narthex: Lois Anastas Roberts' Church Office: Gene Basara Elevator: Stacie Miller Upper Narthex: Randy Peterson Liturgist/Acolyte: Delores Schuler
10:30 a.m.	Narthex: Cindy Roma Roberts' Church Office: Terry Dworkin Elevator: Theodore Kutt Upper Narthex: Amy Hangey Liturgist/Acolyte: Steve Lentz

# Change My Heart, O God 695

*Cámbiame, Señor* 항상진실케

Refrain / Estribillo / 후렴

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.  
*Cám - bia - me, Se - ñor,* con tu gran po - der.  
 항 상 진 실 케 내 맘 바 꾸 사

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
*Haz - me co - mo tí,* tu yo quie - ro ser.  
 주 님 의 모 습 닳 게 하 소 서

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.  
*Tú el al - fa - re - ro,* yo el ba - rro soy.  
 주 는 토 기 장 이 나 는 진 흙

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
*Só - lo q tu i - ma - gen,* quie - ro siem - pre ser.  
 날 빛 으 소 서 기 도 하 오 니

The central image of the potter and the clay in this text comes from Isaiah 64:8 (and there is a similar reference in Jeremiah 18:1-6), while the petition for a changed heart is similar to Psalm 51:10. Such readiness to do God's will is a significant feature of the spiritual life.

TEXT: English and Spanish, Eddie Espinosa, 1982;  
 Korean trans., The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001  
 MUSIC: Eddie Espinosa, 1982  
 Text and Music © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing (admin. In North America Music Services)

CHANGE MY HEART  
 Irregular

# 683 Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose  
 2 Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, whose  
 3 Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your  
 4 Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-stroy: be  
 strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be  
 hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace: be  
 voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm: be



there at our wak-ing and give us, we pray, your  
 there at our la-bors and give us, we pray, your  
 there at our hom-ing and give us, we pray, your  
 there at our sleep-ing and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

When first published in 1931, this "All-Day Hymn" (as it was titled) seemed very daring for not using traditional archaic pronouns to address Christ. Current pronouns no longer disturb, but the comforting Jesus portrayed here needs to be balanced by his call to discipleship.

TEXT: Jan Struther, 1931  
 MUSIC: David Schwoebel, 2008  
 Text © 1931 Oxford University Press  
 Music © 2008 Celebrating Grace, Inc.

COURTNEY  
 10.11.11.12  
 (alternate tune: SLANE)

# 218 Ah, Holy Jesus

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord  
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -  
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of  
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

This beautiful English paraphrase of a German meditation on Christ's Passion bears testimony to the unobtrusive poetic skill and musical sensitivity of a future Poet Laureate of England. The associated chorale is no less carefully crafted and rewards singing in parts.

ADORATION

# 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 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!