

**Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ**



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

**June 29, 2025**

**8:00 a.m. In Person in Sanctuary**

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

## **Welcome to New Goshenhoppen. . .**

Daniel T. Niles writes:

*We must make sure that we do not decide that we shall succeed. If we decide to succeed then we may succeed without succeeding in God's way. But if we go on from day to day seeking to do his will, then we shall be prepared to receive success from him if he wills it; and if he does not, then humbly to say, "It is God's decision that David shall not build the temple, but he will raise up Solomon."*

The late Dr. Norman Vincent Peale wrote:

*Once walking through the twisted little streets of Kowloon in Hong Kong, I came upon a tattoo studio. In the window were displayed samples of the tattoos available. On the chest or arms you could have tattooed an anchor or flag or mermaid or whatever. But what struck me with force were three words that could be tattooed on one's flesh, Born to lose.*

*I entered the shop in astonishment and, pointing to those words, asked the Chinese tattoo artist, "Does anyone really have that terrible phrase, Born to lose, tattooed on his body?"*

*He replied, "Yes, sometimes."*

*"But," I said, "I just can't believe that anyone in his right mind would do that."*

*The Chinese man simply tapped his forehead and said in broken English, "Before tattoo on body, tattoo on mind."*

*The picture on the bulletin cover was taken by Donna Yorgey.*

# ***We Praise and Confess***

## ***The \* invites you to rise in body or spirit.***

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Entrance Hymn      ***Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground*** – Hendon

Ralph Wardlaw, 1817 HENDON: 7. 7. 7. 7.  
H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Christ, of all my hopes the Ground, Christ, the Spring of all my joy, Still in Thee may  
 2. Let Thy love my heart in-flame; Keep Thy fear be - fore my sight; Be Thy praise my  
 3. Foun-tain of o'er-flow-ing grace, Free - ly from Thy full - ness give; Till I close my  
 4. Firm - ly trust-ing in Thy blood, Noth-ing shall my heart con-found; Safe-ly I shall  
 5. Thus, O thus, an en-trance give To the land of cloud-less sky; Hav-ing known it

I be found, Still for Thee my powers em-ploy, Still for Thee my powers em-ploy.  
 high - est aim; Be Thy smile my chief de - light, Be Thy smile my chief de-light.  
 earth - ly race, May I prove it Christ to live, May I prove it Christ to live.  
 pass the flood, Safe-ly reach Em-man-uel's ground, Safe-ly reach Em-man-uel's ground.  
 Christ to live, Let me know it gain to die, Let me know it gain to die. A-MEN.

\*Greeting

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
 who made heaven and earth.**

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord  
 Jesus Christ.

**Amen!**

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

<sup>2</sup> **Our feet have been standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together,

<sup>4</sup> **to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup> **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
"May they be secure who love you!"**

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!"

<sup>8</sup> **For my brothers and companions' sake  
I will say, "Peace be within you!"**

<sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your good. <sup>1</sup>

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of healing, God of wholeness,  
**we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and  
despair, and lay them at your feet.**  
God of healing, God of wholeness,

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ps 122:1–9.

**we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring.**

God of healing, God of wholeness,

**this precious moment in your presence and power grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole.**

*Silence*

Declaration of Pardon

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Praise

O Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

\*Song of Praise: No. 39

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

\*Collect

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . .

## ***We Hear and Respond***

From the Historical Books

2 Samuel 7

Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup> the king said to Nathan the

prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." <sup>3</sup> And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you."

<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup> "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup> I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup> In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ' <sup>8</sup> Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup> And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup> When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline

him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup> but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup> And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.' " <sup>17</sup> In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

<sup>18</sup> Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? <sup>19</sup> And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God. You have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord God! <sup>20</sup> And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord God! <sup>21</sup> Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. <sup>22</sup> Therefore you are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. <sup>23</sup> And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? <sup>24</sup> And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O Lord, became their God. <sup>25</sup> And now, O Lord God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. <sup>26</sup> And your name will be magnified forever, saying, 'The Lord of hosts is God over Israel,' and the house of your servant David will be established before you. <sup>27</sup> For you, O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have made

this revelation to your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. <sup>28</sup> And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. <sup>29</sup> Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever." <sup>2</sup>

The Word of the Lord, by the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

Summer Hymn Sing

The Word of God Proclaimed

Dr. Williams – "PD"

***When God Says, "NO!" – Now What?***

\*Affirmation of Faith ***The Apostles' Creed***

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

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<sup>2</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), 2 Sa 7:1–29.



**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Morning Prayer

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

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings  
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scanning the QR code with your camera



\*Offertory Response: No. 606

***The Doxology***

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn of Dismissal ***The Voice of God Is Calling*** - Meirionydd



1. The voice of God is call-ing its sum-mons in our day;  
 2. "I hear my peo-ple cry-ing in slum and mine and mill;  
 3. We heed, O Lord, your sum-mons, and an-swer: Here are we!  
 4. From ease and plen-ty save us; from pride of place ab-solve;

I - sa - iah heard in Zi - on, and we now hear God say:  
 no field or mart is si-lent, no cit-y street is still.  
 Send us up-on your er-rand, let us your ser-vants be.  
 purge us of low de-sire; lift us to high re-solve;

"Whom shall I send to suc-cor my peo-ple in their need?  
 I see my peo-ple fall-ing in dark-ness and de-spair.  
 Our strength is dust and ash-es, our years a pass-ing hour;  
 take us, and make us ho-ly; teach us your will and way.

Whom shall I send to loos-en the bonds of shame and greed?  
 Whom shall I send to shat-ter the fet-ters which they bear?"  
 but you can use our weak-ness to mag-ni-fy your power.  
 Speak, and be-hold! we an-swer; com-mand, and we o-bey!

WORDS: John Haynes Holmes, 1913 (Is. 6:8)  
 MUSIC: William Lloyd, 1840

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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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**Hair For Care. . .**

The Reformation Sister Clergy announce a Summer Benevolent Mission Project! We would like to raise at least \$10,000 in total for a Rise Against Hunger Meal Preparation Project. To encourage your support each pastor has promised to allow their hair to be "colored" by congregational choice. Just imagine what PD would look like if his hair was liturgical green, bright red, purple or some other color? PD has set the goal for New Goshenhoppen at \$3,000 to be received between June 8 and August 24! It has been suggested that Pastor Dave get the Nittany Lion tattooed in his hair, so...if we raise \$4,000 that will happen! On Sunday, August 31 the "great reveal" will happen when the Reformation Sisters host Summer Worship together at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg or 10:30 a.m. in New Goshenhoppen Park. Seven clergy all with unique hair coloring to provide meals in Africa! The Brass Buckets will be out to collect your gift!



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## **JUNE 29, 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  
Kelly Johannsen, Lay Minister of Visitation  
Beverly A. Benner, Director of Christian Education  
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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 2 Samuel 11.

**ATTENTION ALL COOKS:** The Anniversary Cookbook Committee is collecting recipes for our publication. We are looking for your favorites. Please dig deep and send us recipes for the ages. Include those from your grandparents, friends, and family members with a focus on, but not exclusively, old German and PA Dutch foods. Recipes can be dropped off in the appropriately marked box in the Social Room, handed to a committee member, or emailed to [krause1123@comcast.net](mailto:krause1123@comcast.net). Please include your name and contact information. We are looking forward to some tasty treats.

**SMILE GIFT BAGS** is collecting new items for gift bags for the residents of Pennsburg Manor and needs your help! They are seeking donations of the following items:

- Trial-sized body lotions, shampoos, body wash, lip balm, hand cream
- Large print crossword puzzles and word searches
- Large print books
- Grippy socks
- Lap blankets

Please place your donations in the box located in the Social Room by June 29th. Your generosity will bring joy and comfort to the residents. Thank you for your support!

## **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

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

### **GENERAL FUND**

**In memory of Dr. Thomas E. Persing**

by the Open Forum Sunday School Class

by Craig L. Bardman

**In memory of Carolyn Weisel**

by Carol & Jerry Gressley, Jennifer & Pat Roth, and

Jennifer & Corey Gressley

**SUMMER WORSHIP IN THE PARK:** Worship in the Church Park begins on Sunday, July 6 and concludes on Sunday, August 31. Worship in the Park will be at 9:00 a.m. Worship in the air-conditioned Sanctuary will be at 10:30 a.m. Please note that if we are headed to 90 degrees or more on a Sunday, the sign will be up at the park to come to the Sanctuary. The extreme heat does cause some health challenges for a number of folks.

**FIRST MONDAY MEAL:** Too hot to be in the kitchen cooking . . . let us cook for you! Monday, July 7 the BPW (Business and Professional Women) will be your host group at New Gosh . . . preparing and serving a delicious meatball sub, with pasta salad, a fruit cup and a sweet treat! *PLEASE NOTE:* New Gosh will serve take-out style from 6:00-7:00 p.m. FROM THE CHURCH PARK DINING HALL due to renovations in the church kitchen. Pennsburg UCC will be serving hoagies, chips, coleslaw and fresh fruit. This meal will be served by St. John's Lutheran Church and will be 'dine-in'. Dinner there is served promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS 2025-2026:** Is your child going to be a student in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and above this September 2025 and has not shared in the Confirmation program of New Goshenhoppen? Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, October 5 at 9:15 a.m. in the Confirmation Classroom! An introduction to the experience, dates for field trips, and more will be shared. Classes will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. three out of four Sundays each month. If you would, please call the Church Office to register your student at 215-679-2041. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Dave.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** All women are invited to join in fellowship on Monday, July 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bell Garden and Social Room for a doggie roast. *(Please note the location change.)* In addition to bringing a covered dish to share, please invite a friend. Hot dogs, rolls, and cold beverages will be provided.

**FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE** needs hosts for the August Coffee Hour--the 9:00 a.m. service in the Park and the 10:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. This month is a more relaxed Coffee Hour with cold drinks and light refreshments. If you are able and willing to help, please speak to Sherry Peterson or anyone on the Friendship Committee.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK:** Youth Sunday School will take a break through the end of August. We will resume our Rally Day Kickoff Event on Sunday, September 7!

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The Church Office will be closed in observance of Independence Day, Friday, July 4, 2025. If there is an emergency that requires the attention of our pastor, you may contact Pastor Dave at 814-241-3919 or at [uccvicar@gmail.com](mailto:uccvicar@gmail.com).

**CEMETERY WORKDAYS:** The following are the dates for cemetery workdays: 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.*

**BULLETINS** are presented "Happy Heavenly Birthday, Albert F. Mower, III" with eternal love, Bonnie Mower.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of mother, Evelyn Brauner by Thomas & Deb Brauner.

**ATTENDANCE: 6/22/25** – 8:00 a.m. 44; 10:30 a.m. 40; Livestream (YouTube) 70. Sunday School-hiatus.

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 6/22/25:** Current & Benevolences \$2,446.50; Building, Improvement & Maintenance \$69.50. Monthly EFT income \$5,060. Hair for Care to date \$475.00.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$366,474.59
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$44,424.00</u>
	\$322,050.59
Year to Date Expenses	\$327,225.55
Special Income	\$14,728.68
Capital Campaign Income	\$19,637.28
Special Project BIM Expenses	\$18,158.59
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$12,500.00

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #108 – Park
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Quiet Days (various rooms)
Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Property, Park, and Cemetery Committees (Bible Fellowship Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Mike Hofke's band rehearses (Confirmation Room)
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Red Hill Band rehearsal (Park)
Fri.		4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration (Park)
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Park) – Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) – Communion / Baptism

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

8:00 a.m.	Narthex – Lois Anastas Roberts' Church Office – Frank Eidle Elevator – Will Howe Upper Narthex – Nonna Stankunas Liturgist/Acolyte – Donna Fried
10:30 a.m.	Narthex – Denise Fox Roberts' Church Office – Cindy Roma Elevator – Doug Atno Upper Narthex – Thomas Bancroft Liturgist/Acolyte – Sandy George



## **GOSCHENHOPPEN MEADOWS FUND**

Each year the Goschenhoppin Meadows Fund supports Ministry, Mission, and Maintenance projects above and beyond the annual budget. A total of \$36,000.00 is distributed to proposals submitted by the congregation (\$12,000.00 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 Goshenhoppen website at:

[www.newgoshucc.org/mission-outreach](http://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 Goschenhoppin Church are due in the Church Office by August 31, 2025.
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.
  - a. Ministry proposals – Church and Ministry Committee
  - b. Mission proposals – Deacons' Committee
  - c. 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](mailto:moosedlf@aol.com)) 610-730-0088 or William Howe ([williamharlan@yahoo.com](mailto:williamharlan@yahoo.com)) 610-745-7406 with any questions regarding the proposal application process. As with previous years, the individuals submitting proposals will remain anonymous throughout the proposal review process.

# 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923  
 MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923  
 Text and Music © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company

FAITHFULNESS  
 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주



Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*\*Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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