

**Third Sunday in Lent
Fourth 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 8, 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!

Robert Coles, a former professor at Harvard published an article titled "The Disparity Between Intellect and Character." The piece was about "the task of connecting intellect to character." He adds, "this task is daunting."

His essay was occasioned by an encounter with one of his students over the moral insensitivity – is it hard for him to say "immoral behavior of other students, some of the best and brightest at Harvard." This student was a young woman of a "midwestern, working class background" where, as is well known, things like "right answers" and "ideology" remain strong. She cleaned student rooms to help pay her way through the university.

Again and again, she reported to Coles, people who were in classes with her treated her ungraciously because of her lower economic position, without simply courtesy and respect, and often were rude and sometimes crude to her. She was repeatedly propositioned for sex by one young student in particular as she went about her work. He was a man with whom she had had two "moral reasoning" courses, in which he excelled and received the highest of grades.

This pattern led her to quit her job and leave school --- and to have something like an exit interview with Coles. She reviewed not only the behavior of her fellow students, but also the long list of highly educated people who have perpetrated the atrocities for which the 20th century is famous. She concluded by saying to him, "I've been taking all these philosophy courses, and we talk about what's true, what's important, what's good. Well, how do you teach people to be good? What's the point of knowing good if you don't keep trying to be a good person? [Source: Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy* – Harper Collins, 2001 – pages 3-4.]

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*

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

Almighty God,
**in Jesus Christ you love us,
but we have not loved you.
You have opened your heart to us,
and in our pride we have spurned your care.
You have given us all things,
and we have squandered your gifts.
We have grieved you and caused hurt to others,
and we are not worthy to be called your children.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed
and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
Cleanse us from our sin
and receive us again into your household,
that we might nevermore stray from your love
but always remain within the sound of your voice. Amen.**

Silence

Declaration of Pardon ---based on Ezekiel 36:26, 2 Corinthians 1:20

The Lord God said:

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.

Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."
Hear the good news: Through Christ,
our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

Praise

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.

*Hymn of Praise: No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – St. Denio

*Greeting

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

Amen!

We Hear and Respond

From the Minor Prophets

Micah 6:6-8

⁶ "With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

- ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? ¹

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

From a Letter of the Apostle Paul

Colossians 5:22-25

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Hymn: No. 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul - Aberystwyth

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

St. John 4:5-42

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Mic 6:6–8.

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

buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her,

"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.² The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."

²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told

me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."
³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."
³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?"
³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."
³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.
³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.
³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'
³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did."
⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.
⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.
⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."³

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,

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

**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.**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Dr Williams – “PD”

So, You Want the Good Life?!

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 – Tallis Canon

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

*Offertory Prayer

*Invitation to the Lord's Table

*The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Preface

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Sanctus [Tune: Beecher]

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

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;

Sing Hosanna to the Lord.

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

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

Consecration and Epiclesis

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

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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

Communion Hymn: No. 518

Your Only Son – Lamb of God

Thanksgiving

*Dismissal Hymn: No. 550

Give Praise to the Lord – Laudate Dominum

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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MARCH 8, 2026

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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**

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 OUTREACH REQUEST THIS MONTH are these specific items for the Lydia Bag Program of Liberty Ministries: Shampoo (Suave preferred choice 12-15 oz), stick deodorant (2-4 oz); toothpaste (2.5-5 oz); bar soap (3-4 oz); tissue packs (travel size); writing tablet (5" x 8", no spiral bound/no staples). There is a container in the Social Room for your contributions.

HELP NEEDED: The Easter Bunny needs your help in filling plastic eggs with treats. If you can help, please come to the Rec. Room, located on the first floor of the CE building, on March 15th and March 22nd immediately following the 8:00 a.m. worship service.

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.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Shirley Fox

by Amy Treichler

In loving memory of Will Sheldon, Veteran of US Marine Corp.

by Kimberly Cornwell

**In loving memory of the birthday anniversary
of my husband, Allen Tomlinson**

by Arlene Tomlinson

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.

BULLETINS are presented in loving memory of Shirley & Clyde Clemens and Travis Zimmerman by Gail Camperson.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of grandfather, Julius Jakoby by Deb Nester; and in loving memory of mother, Violet Stottlemire by Sylvia Stottlemire and daughter, Lizzie.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT are presented in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary (March 6th) of Tom & Debra Brauner.

THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR is in honor of **Seth James Nogradi**, son of Nicholas and Jessica Nogradi. Seth was born on February 24, 2026, at St. Luke's Hospital, Quakertown.

THANK YOU to the congregation for the cards and well wishes we received in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary.

~ Randy & Sherry Peterson

PRAYER VIGIL: Easter is upon us and the Friendship Committee is in search of Prayer warriors! The Prayer Vigil begins on Thursday, April 2 at 9:30 p.m. and goes until 10:00 a.m. on Good Friday. If you are willing to give half an hour of your time, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Lower Narthex as you enter the Social Room, or talk to any member of the Friendship Committee. Prayer is greatly needed and appreciated by so many!

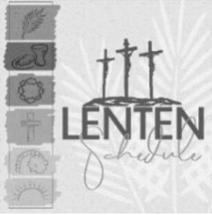
ATTENDANCE: 3/1/26 – 8:00 a.m. 58; 10:30 a.m. 75, Livestream 54; Sunday School 40.

OPERATING INCOME 3/1/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$5,296; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$264.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$92,773.03
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$92,773.03
Year to Date Expenses	\$95,606.78
Special Income	\$0.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$3,563.98
Capital Campaign Income	\$1,520.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$13,100.00

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. **Check out their Easter fundraiser of Reppert's Candy.** The sign-up sheet is on their bulletin board on the lower level next to the elevator.



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 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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EASTER CHOIR: If you are interested in singing in the choir on Easter Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service, please join us for rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Music Room (starting March 15th). Thank you to Peter Hemperly for volunteering to direct the choir on Easter Sunday morning.

MARCH 22nd – CEMETERY CLEANUP DAY: Kindly remove all Christmas/winter decorations from the cemetery PRIOR to March 22nd. The youth will be clearing off the Christmas/winter decorations in preparation for Springtime. Thank you!



EASTER FLOWERS AND MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

The deadline for plant orders and memorial contributions is Monday, March 23, 2026. Orders may be given to the Church Office (215-679-2041). Extra order forms are on the literature table in the upstairs narthex and on the coffee table in the Social Room. Please, only one plant per order form and specify the plant you desire. Thank you for your support of these outreach endeavors and also for the beautification of New Goshenhoppen Church at this special time of the year.

NOTE: Plants may be removed after the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter morning.

Please, only one plant per order form.

Your Name _____

Phone Number _____

Summer Kids Meal Program

Plant

Please Choose Plant:

PURE WHITE LILIES ASSORTED TULIPS YELLOW DAFFODILS

Check one:

In Memory of _____
by _____

In Honor of _____
by _____

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Women's Fellowship (Social Room and then onto Liberty Ministries, Pottstown)
	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	10:00 a.m.	Life Long Learning Board Meeting (Confirmation Room)
	3:00 p.m.	Code Blue Shelter meal preparation (Kitchen)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Lent Service (Pennsburg UCC)
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)
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: Stacie Miller Roberts' Church Office: Delores Schuler Elevator: Janet Weikel Upper Narthex: Frank Eidle Liturgist/Acolyte: Bruce Adam
10:30 a.m.	Narthex: Denise Fox Roberts' Church Office: Doug Atno Elevator: Peter Hemperly Upper Narthex: Thomas Bancroft Liturgist/Acolyte: Theodore Kutt

Change My Heart, O God 695

Cámbiame, Señor 항상진실케

Refrain / Estribillo / 후렴

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.
 Cámbiame, Señor, con tu gran po - der.
 항상진실케 내맘바꾸사

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
 Haz - me co - mo tú, tu yo quie - ro ser.
 주님의모습 닮게하소서

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.
 Tú el al - fa - re - ro, yo el ba - rro soy.
 주는토기장이 나는진흙

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
 Só - lo a tu j - ma - gen, quie - ro siem - pre ser.
 날빛으소서 기도하오니

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.

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Korean trans., The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

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CHANGE MY HEART

Irregular

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help-less soul on thee.
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness.
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
 Spring thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Originally titled "In Temptation," these four stanzas (of five) call to mind how a spiritual and emotional tempest can move from turmoil to tranquility. This tune was first used with this text in a cantata by the composer in 1910, and since then has become the standard one.

518

Your Only Son
Lamb of God

F C G7 C

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

Am F Gsus G7 C F C

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

Am Fmaj7 C Fmaj7 G7 C

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

Am G C

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the

Am F Gsus G C F Em

ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious

Am Fm C Fmaj7 G7 C

blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God" when he sees Jesus coming for baptism at the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). Sacrificial lamb references appear in Acts 8:32 (quoting Isaiah 53:7) and 1 Peter 1:19 as well as in twenty-eight triumphant "Lamb" mentions in Revelation.

550

Give Praise to the Lord

(Psalm 149)

1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
 2 With tim-brel and harp and joy-ful ac-claim,
 3 In glo-ry ex-ult, all saints of the Lord;
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
 with glad - ness, O God, we praise your great name;
 with song in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
 but o - ver the earth their power shall pre - vail;

a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,
 for now in your peo - ple good plea - sure you seek;
 go forth in God's ser - vice and strong in God's might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.

all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - joice and give praise.
 with robes of sal - va - tion you cov - er the meek.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

This adaptation of Psalm 149 is organized by themes of praise and service, with a strong implication that they are not really separable but are two aspects of the same God-centered impulse. This text is set to a jubilant tune derived from a late 19th-century English anthem.