

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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

September 13, 2026

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Live Stream

Welcome to the New Goshenhoppen Park

There is a favorite book on my shelf by the late Thomas Merton that is entitled *Thoughts in Solitude*. In that book there are 15 lines written by Merton that have become known as “the Merton Prayer.” As I have been contemplating Exodus 15, this prayer has encouraged my heart. May you be encouraged as well by this prayer.

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.¹

There are three categories of persons that are here today: those who are in trouble, those who are just getting out of trouble, and those who are going into trouble. It is the prayer from above that will keep us grounded whether we are in trouble, getting out of trouble, and going into trouble!

Realizing God is with me in trouble!

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¹ Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude* [Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1999], p. 79

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

Prelude

Invitation to Worship

-from Psalm 103:1-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

Bless God's holy name.

God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.

Bless God's holy name!

*Hymn of Praise: No. 439

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer - Stuttgart

Call to Confession

Before we can hear God's truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

Corporate Prayer of Confession -based on Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,

And of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! You are good and upright, LORD, and you instruct sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Word of Pardon

---James 5:15-16

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God's path of righteousness. **Amen.***

Invitation to Praise

O Lord, open our lips;
and our mouth shall declare your praise.

*Praise: Bulletin Pages 19-20

He Is Jehovah

We Hear and Respond

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 15:22-27

²²Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. ²⁴And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" ²⁵And he cried to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

There the LORD made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, ²⁶saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer."

²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water. ²

From the Psalter

Psalm 103-1-13

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,**

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ **who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ **The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ **The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ **He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² **as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. ³

² *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Ex 15:22–27.

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

*Gospel Hymn: No. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy – In Babilone

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

St Matthew 18:21-35

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times."⁷

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants."⁸ ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.⁹ ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant¹⁰ fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii,¹¹ and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'

²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers,¹² until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly

Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”⁴

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Dr. Williams – “PD”

Bitterness into Blessing

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

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

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

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Morning Prayer

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

⁴ *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

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

*The Doxology: No. 606

Praise God!

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanks

*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above – Mit Freuden Zart

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

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Going Forth

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers
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Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Pastor Emerita
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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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR 300th ANNIVERSARY YEAR: The Confirmation Class for students who are in the 7th grade and up will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 a.m. in the Confirmation Classroom. This class will be confirmed on Pentecost, May 2027 as we are celebrating our 300th Anniversary. Confirmation Classes will meet on Sunday mornings on a schedule agreed between Pastor Dave and the families, understanding that there are a few life events that make it necessary to be flexible. Please call the Church Office to register for the class.

PROMOTION SUNDAY: Sunday School begins a new season TODAY. **All students will report to the Sanctuary** for some fun games, and togetherness before being dismissed to their Sunday School small group. Please join us on this day or any Sunday at 9:15 a.m.!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Activity books, cards, and small craft kits are being collected to give to children and youth at CHOP (Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania). These items will help to occupy their time as they deal with medical needs. There is a collection box in the Social Room for your contributions.

YOU'RE INVITED to a Free Community Meal! Monday, Sept. 14 (please note this is the 2nd Monday due to the Labor Day holiday), the East Penn Lions will be serving up a delicious bowl of Penne pasta with meatball and sauce, along with a dinner roll and pudding. Meal will be take-out style and distributed from 6:00-7:00 p.m. OR Pennsburg UCC will be serving Chicken Alfredo with broccoli, roll and a sweet treat. This meal will be served 'dine-in' promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

OKTOBERFEST: The Reformation Sister Churches will host Oktoberfest on Wednesday, September 23, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Green Lane. Enjoy an evening of food trucks, beer, wine, and live music while gathering in fellowship with friends and neighbors. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to support the Open Link Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed to assist with setup from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and cleanup from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. If you are available to help, please contact 215-234-4888 and leave your name, email address and whether you are volunteering to help with setup or cleanup or both. For more information check out the website: <https://www.stjsumneytown.org/>

FULL MOON CAMPFIRE: The September Full Moon Campfire will take place on **Saturday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m.** Please join us at the Prayer/Meditation Wall. Bring a lawn chair, non-alcoholic drink, and a snack to share. Dress for the weather. Hope for a good clear moonlit night! Rain cancels.

2027 CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS: Nominations are being received to serve on the 2027 Consistory. Qualifications include sound faith, wisdom and good discretion, regular attendance, and a positive attitude about the church. Members who serve on Consistory are elected to a three-year term and must be a member of New Goshenhoppen for at least one year before serving. Each year two Elders, two Deacons, and one Trustee are elected to serve the following roles:

- Elders focus on nurturing the faith and spiritual life of the congregation. Elders must previously have served on Consistory as a Deacon or Trustee.
- Deacons are persons who practice good stewardship. Deacons lead the church in service and love, encouraging and stimulating the connection and care between people in the church and the community.
- Trustees manage and care for the facilities and grounds. They are concerned with maintenance, improvements, and matters of security and safety.

Submit nominations to the Church Office (office@newgoshucc.org or 215-679-2041) by Sunday, September 27th with nominee name and office (Elder, Deacon, Trustee). Please obtain permission from the nominee before submitting their name.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 27

Join us on Sunday, September 27, for our Annual Pig Roast and a day of worship, food, and fellowship. We will gather for a 10:30 a.m. worship service at the Church Park, followed by the Pig Roast meal. Thanks to the generosity of Dan Rodgers and his team, "Porky Pig" will be prepared and served along with all the fixings. Coffee, tea, and other beverages will be provided. Guests are asked to bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share and to bring place settings for their family. The 8:00 a.m. service will be broadcast from the Sanctuary that morning. Be sure to invite your friends, neighbors, and extended family to join us for community worship and the food of fellowship. In the event of rain, worship will be held in the Sanctuary, and the meal will be served in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Friendship Committee.

BIBLE STUDY will begin on **Thursday, September 24th**. There will be two opportunities, 10:00 a.m. in the morning and 7:00 p.m. in the evening. We will be meeting in the Confirmation Room on the first floor of the education wing. There can be times when we must change the room in which we are meeting. A sign will be in the hallway indicating which room we are in. Everyone is invited, whether a member of New Goshenhoppen or not. Please bring your Bible and paper for notes. If you do not have a Bible or forget your Bible, there are extras in the classroom. Please do not stay home because you may not know where to find things in the Bible. There are several people who have difficulty finding passages, but that changes over time. We have all been there. If you would like to read ahead, we will begin with 1st Peter.

September 24th - November 19th

(No Bible Study on Thanksgiving)

December 3rd - December 17th

(No Bible Study for Christmas and New Year's)

January 7th - March 18th

(No Bible Study for Maundy Thursday)

April 1st - June 24th

(No Bible Study for July and August summer break)

Any questions, please contact Rev. Kern at 484-686-7325 or ejkern053@gmail.com. Blessings and hope to see you on September 24th!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

STEEPLE FUND

In memory of Douglas Atno

by Ben & Bev Fox

by Maggie Pennepacker

by Karen & Kevin Schultz

MUSIC MINISTRY

In memory of Douglas Atno

by The Staff of Saccarappa School in Westbrook, ME

GENERAL FUND

**In loving memory of the Birthday Anniversary
of our dear Seth Fulmer**

by The Family

Advent Workshop Volunteers Needed. We are looking for individuals to provide leadership and assistance to our crafters, Sunday, November 29th, From 1 to 3 PM. Two volunteers will be assigned to each table. No need to design or create the craft all supplies and instructions are provided. If you are interested, please contact Denise Fox at d_foxucc@comcast.net or a sign-up sheet is available in the social room.

BULLETINS are presented in honor of my husband, Norman P. Hunsberger on our 66th wedding anniversary, September 17, 2026, by wife, Nancy.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of Neil & Betty Sweatt and Roxanne Cashatt by Corinne & Jason Kulp, Tyler and Kayla.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (left) are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Evelyn Winsch by the family.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (right) are presented in honor of my wife, Nancy, on our 66th wedding anniversary by Norman Hunsberger.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT are presented in honor of the 66th wedding anniversary of our parents, Norman & Nancy Hunsberger by the children, Nancy, Tim and Amy.

ATTENDANCE: 9/6/26 – 9:00 (St. Mark’s) 57; 10:30 a.m. (NGUCC Park) 200; Livestream ; Sunday School-hiatus.

OPERATING INCOME 9/6/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$3478; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$1182.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$369,617.65
less transfers from investments	\$0.00
Net	\$369,617.65
Year to Date Expenses	\$412,567.37
Special Income	\$1,264.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$10,536.48
Capital Campaign Income	\$9,865.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$19,200.00

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education building)
	9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Confirmation room)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & livestreamed)
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	First Monday Meal (Kitchen / Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts PACK Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs.	1:00 p.m.	Grief Support (Parlor)
Fri.	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troops (lower level classrooms)
Sat.	9:30 a.m.	Calling Hour for Doug Atno (Parlor)
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Service for Doug Atno (Sanctuary)
	12:15 p.m.	Interment (Cemetery)
	12:30 p.m.	Funeral Luncheon (Kitchen / Fellowship Hall)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary) – Harvest Home
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education building)
	9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Confirmation room)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & livestreamed) – Harvest Home

Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m.	Narthex:	Gene Basara
	Roberts' Church Office:	Donna Fried
	Elevator:	Will Howe
	Upper Narthex:	Janet Weikel
	Liturgist/Acolyte:	Melissa Jamison
10:30 a.m.	Narthex:	Thomas Bancroft
	Roberts' Church Office:	Steve Lentz
	Elevator:	Denise Fox
	Upper Narthex:	Soren Mugridge
	Liturgist/Acolyte:	Theodore Kutt

THE BLESSING BOX: Our new mission, **The Blessing Box**, is now up and open! Our Theme, "Give What You Can. Take What You Need", seems to be a success. It is being used by those in need. If you can donate anything on the list below, it would be so appreciated. Thank you to all who have been "Giving What You Can". You can place your items in the Blessing Box, next to the lower parking lot, or in the blue container in the social room.

NEEDED ITEMS FOR BLESSING BOX

- Boxes of any type of pasta
- Any canned protein such as tuna, chicken, or beans
- Rice and rice meals
- Mac and cheese
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Boxes of pudding and Jello
- Granola bars and fruit snacks
- Ramen noodles
- Boxed cake and muffin mixes
- Pancake Mix and syrup
- Jelly or jam
- Soups
- Crackers
- Tomato and spaghetti sauces
- Canned ravioli or spaghetti
- Gatorade
- Cereals and oatmeal
- Bottled water and juices
- Baby wipes, food, or diapers
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Laundry detergent and dish soap

Please check expiration dates.

No household items, such as lamps or clothing.

No items that will spoil or need refrigeration.

If Blessing Box is full, please put items outside of the church office door.

HARVEST HOME

On Sunday, September 20, 2026, Harvest Home will be observed during our worship services. Each day, we give thanks to God for His provisions that enable our sustenance. However, it is on this Sunday that we ask members to remember those who may not be as fortunate as we are. Would you please donate non-perishable food items to be donated to OPEN LINK?

If you wish, you may bring donations of food to our church any time before Sunday, September 20 or you may bring them when you come to worship on September 20. Please do what is convenient for you. We ask that you place your donations in the Social Room or in the vestibule to Fellowship Hall. Please mark the bags or boxes with the words, OPEN LINK or HEALTH AND WELFARE. Another option would be to place the donations into the large white box (located in the Social Room) marked OPEN LINK. The Health and Welfare Committee will make certain that the food is delivered to Open Link.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FROM OPEN LINK:

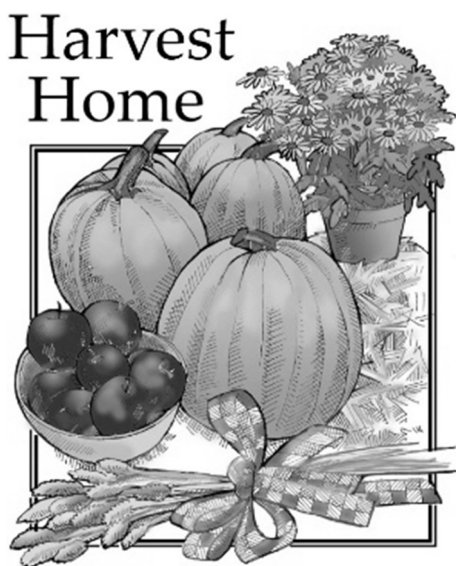
- Canned fruit and applesauce
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Pasta and sauce
- Cereal
- Canned chili
- Canned chicken
- Pork and beans
- Baby diapers
- Baby wipes
- Personal care items---shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste
- Cleaning supplies and paper products---toilet paper, paper towels, all-purpose cleaner, etc.
- OR-----Any non-perishable food item would be appreciated.

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IN ADDITION TO NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS----- We please ask that members continue to donate any monetary funds and gift cards that can be used for the purchase of food for those in need. These gifts will remain in our church for distribution to members and even non-members. By providing monetary gifts and gift cards, families are able to purchase fresh produce and perishable items, such as meat, fruits and vegetables, and dairy products.

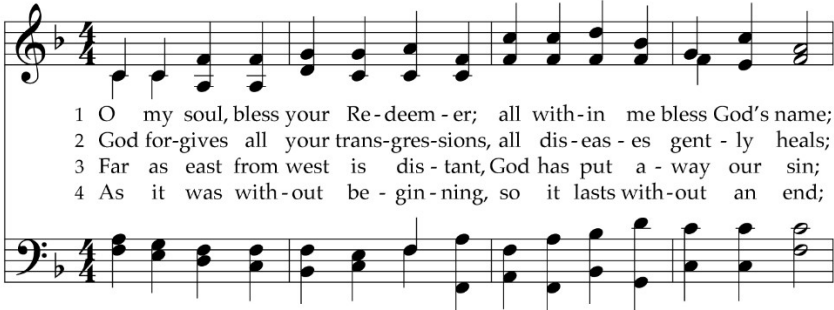
Of a special note: Would you kindly check expiration dates on the packages and cans that you donate? Please.....only donate items that are not expired. Your cooperation is appreciated and we thank you.

~ The Health and Welfare Committee

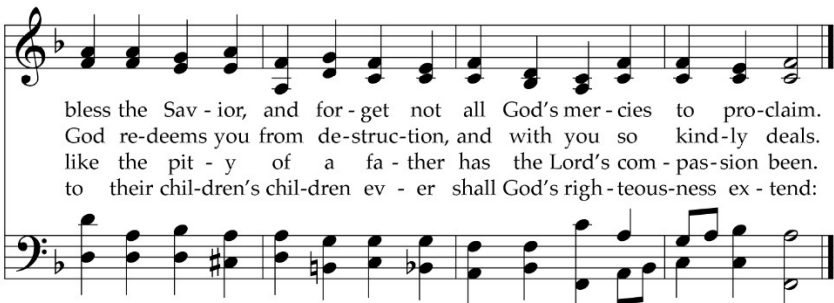


O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer 439

(Psalm 103)



1 O my soul, bless your Re-deem-er; all with-in me bless God's name;
 2 God for-gives all your trans-gres-sions, all dis-eas-es gent-ly heals;
 3 Far as east from west is dis-tant, God has put a-way our sin;
 4 As it was with-out be-gin-ning, so it lasts with-out an end;



bless the Sav-ior, and for-get not all God's mer-cies to pro-claim.
 God re-deems you from de-struc-tion, and with you so kind-ly deals.
 like the pit-y of a fa-ther has the Lord's com-pas-sion been.
 to their chil-dren's chil-dren ev-er shall God's righ-teous-ness ex-tend:

5 Unto such as keep God's cov'nant
 and are steadfast in God's way;
 unto those who still remember
 the commandments and obey.

6 Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
 ever under God's control,
 all throughout God's vast dominion;
 bless the Lord of all, my soul!

These stanzas are selected from sixteen that originally made up this paraphrase of Psalm 103, the second of two versions in the volume where they were first published. The tune used here was probably created as a German psalm tune but later came to be used with hymn texts.

TEXT: *The Book of Psalms*, 1871, alt.

MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847, alt.

STUTTGART

8.7.8.7

He Is Jehovah

Betty Jean Robinson

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1 He is Je - ho - vah, God of cre -
great I AM, the God of
vid - er, Je - ho - vah

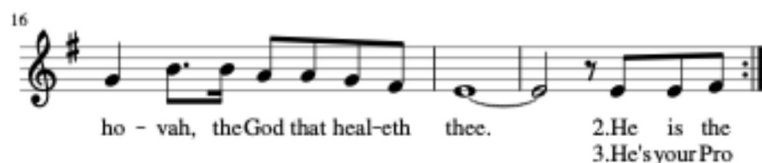
3 - a - tion; He is Je - ho - vah Lord God Al -
A - bra - ham, Je - ho - vah Sha - lom The God of
Hi - reh, God of sal - va - tion, God of Mes -

5 might - y The Balm of Gil - e - ad, the Rock of
peace, I AM. The God of Is - ra - el. the Ev - er -
si - ah. The Son He sent to you, He tes - ti -

7 A - ges; He is Je - ho - vah, the God that heal - eth
last - ing One; He is Je - ho - vah, the God that heal - eth
fied of Him; He is Je ho - vah, the God that heal - eth

9 thee. Sing ha - le - lu - jah, sing ha - le - lu - jah, Sing ha - le -
thee.
thee.

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435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

TEXT: Frederick William Faber, 1854, alt.

MUSIC: Dutch melody; arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906

IN BABILONE

8.7.8.7.D

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

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mur-mur stilled:
 all is right:
 cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 take your part:

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written between the two staves, aligned with the musical phrases.