

# **New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ**

***The Second Wednesday of Lent***

***March 12, 2025***



***The Reformation Sister Congregations of the  
Upper Perkiomen Valley***

**Palm Schwenkfelder Church, Palm**

**St. Mark's Lutheran, Pennsburg**

**Pennsburg United Church of Christ, Pennsburg**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill**

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Sumneytown**

**Friedens United Church of Christ, Sumneytown**

**New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ, East Greenville**  
***An Order for Evening Prayer During Lent***

Music of Gathering

Chimes of the Trinity

\*Hymn of the Evening: No. 836      ***Abide With Me*** - Eventide

\*Invitatory      Rev'd Sellers

O God make speed to save us.  
**O Lord make haste to help us.**

**Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be  
glory and praise for ever. In the darkness of our sin  
you have shone in our hearts to give the light of  
knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus  
Christ. Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,  
that freed from the misery of sin and shame we may  
grow into your likeness form glory to glory.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

\*Opening Prayer      Rev'd Sellers

*As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may  
your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and  
set us free to sing your praise, now and forever. Amen.*

*Silence is Kept*

The Psalter – Psalm 141      Rev'd Compton

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;  
hear my voice when I cry to you.  
Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,  
and guard the door of my lips.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;  
let me not be occupied in wickedness.  
But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God,  
in you I take refuge;  
do not leave me defenseless.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

The Psalter – Psalm 51:1-5, 12-15

Rev'd Compton

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;  
**according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out my offences.**

<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my faults  
**and my sin is ever before me.**

<sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned  
**and done what is evil in your sight,**

<sup>5</sup> So that you are justified in your sentence  
**and righteous in your judgement.**

<sup>12</sup> Cast me not away from your presence  
**and take not your holy spirit from me.**

<sup>13</sup> Give me again the joy of your salvation

**and sustain me with your gracious spirit;**

<sup>14</sup> Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked

**and sinners shall return to you.**

<sup>15</sup> Deliver me from my guilt, O God,

**the God of my salvation,**

**and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy**

**Spirit. As it was in the Beginning is now and shall**

**be forever.**

## The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 16:9-17

Rev'd Pence

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.' " <sup>10</sup> And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' "

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup> And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the

number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.' " <sup>17</sup> And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less.<sup>1</sup>

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Hymn: No. 523

***You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*** – Bicentennial

\*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

St. John 6:35-40  
Rev'd Thompson

Hear the Gospel of Christ.  
**Glory to Christ our Savior.**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." <sup>2</sup>

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ex 16:9–17.

<sup>2</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 6:35–40.

Homily

Rev'd Myren

## ***I Am the Bread of Life***

Response

**As your word, O Lord,  
gives light to our path,  
may we behold the glory of your presence  
and so, rejoice to sing your praise,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Evening Prayer

Rev'd Kern

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

Evening Offering

Rev'd Schanely

*Church Envelopes will be given back to the indicated congregation. Loose Offering will go the Reformation Fund that sponsors "Rise Against Hunger" and the Thanksgiving Feast.*

\*Offertory Presentation: No.708

***We Give Thee but Thine Own*** - Schumman

\*Thanksgiving

Rev'd Schanely

\*Hymn: No. 675

***All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*** – Tallis' Canon

\*Dismissal with Blessing

Rev'd Kern

\*Chimes

\*Going Forth

## **Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church this evening.**

Following worship, you are invited to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and fellowship. Homemade Soup and Bread await you there. Thank you to the Consistory and Friends for supplying our feast for this evening.

We welcome **Colin O'Malley** as our Guest Organist. He is the Organist and Director of Music at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Wyncote and is Institutional Director for Cunningham Music, Philadelphia.

### ***Worship Leadership This Evening***

<i>Rev'd. Steve Myren</i>	<i>Pennsburg United Church of Christ</i>
<i>Rev'd Nick Pence</i>	<i>Palm Schwenkfelder Church, Palm</i>
<i>Rev'd Serena Sellers</i>	<i>St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg</i>
<i>Rev'd Kevin Compton</i>	<i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill</i>
<i>Rev'd Becky Schanely</i>	<i>St. John's Lutheran Church, Sumneytown</i>
<i>Rev'd Stephanie Thompson</i>	<i>Friedens United Church of Christ, Sumneytown</i>
<i>Rev'd Erick Kern</i>	<i>New Goshenhoppen Church, Assistant Pastor</i>

Our prayers for Dr. David Williams as he is home with bacterial bronchitis/pneumonia this evening. He looks forward to being with the faith communities in the coming weeks.

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

Greeter/Usher (Narthex):	Peter Hemperly
Greeter/Usher (Roberts' Church Office):	Bruce Adam
Greeter/Usher (Elevator):	Thomas Bancroft

## 836

## Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!  
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.  
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.



# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart 523

*Refrain* D Bm G F#m D/F# Em A D

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat;

Bm F#m Em A D *Fine*

come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Bm G F#m G A7 Bm

- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
- 2 With joy-ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,

Em A Em Em7 *to Refrain* A

so when you call your fam-ily, Lord, we fol-low and re-joice.  
 that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heaven-ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth-er in your name in truth and char-i-ty.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Submitted together, this text and tune were chosen from about two hundred entries to be the official hymn for the 41st International Eucharistic Congress held at Philadelphia in 1976. At the center of its many biblical images, the third stanza draws on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17.

TEXT: Omer Westendorf, 1976

MUSIC: Robert E. Kreutz, 1976

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BICENTENNIAL

CM with refrain

## We Give Thee but Thine Own 708

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,  
 3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.  
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

## 675 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

1 All praise to thee, my God, this night, for all the  
 2 For - give me, Lord, through Christ, I pray, the wrong that  
 3 O - may my soul on thee re - pose, and with sweet  
 4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
 bless - ings of the light! Keep me, O keep me  
 I have done this day, that I, be - fore I  
 sleep mine eye - lids close. Re - fresh my strength, for  
 crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
 safe from harm with - in the shel - ter of thine arm!  
 sleep, may be at peace with neigh - bor, self, and thee.  
 thine own sake, to serve thee well when I a - wake.  
 heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

\*May be sung as a canon.

Originally consisting of twelve stanzas, this was the bedtime hymn of the boys at Winchester School in England. Now it is one of the best-known evening hymns in English (usually matched with this tune and sung in canon), and its final stanza has taken on a life of its own.

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.  
 MUSIC: Thomas Tallis, 1567, adapt.

TALLIS' CANON  
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