

Bring The Fattened Calf
And Kill It. Let's Have A
Feast And Celebrate.

Luke 15-23

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Reformation Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Word

October 27, 2024

New Goshoppen United Church of Christ

1070 Church Road † East Greenville PA 18041

www.newgoshucc.org † 215-679-2041

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

8:00 a.m. In person in the Sanctuary

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

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church

There's a wonderful story by Isak Dinesen called *Babette's Feast*, about a strict, dour, fundamentalist community in Denmark. Babette works as a cook for two elderly sisters who have no idea that she once was a chef to nobility back in her native France. Babette's dream is to return to her beloved home city of Paris, so every year she buys a lottery ticket in hopes of winning enough money to return. And every night her austere employers demand that she cook the same dreary meal: boiled fish and potatoes, because, they say, Jesus commanded, "Take no thought of food and drink."

One day the unbelievable happens: Babette wins the lottery! The prize is 10,000 francs, a small fortune. And because the anniversary of the founding of the community is approaching, Babette asks if she might prepare a French dinner with all the trimmings for the entire village.

At first the townspeople refuse: "No, it would be sin to indulge in such rich food." But Babette begs them, and finally they relent, "As a favor to you, we will allow you to serve us this French dinner." But the people secretly vow not to enjoy the feast and instead to occupy their minds with spiritual things, believing God will not blame them for eating this sinful meal as long as they do not enjoy it.

Babette begins her preparations. Caravans of exotic food arrive in the village, along with cages of quail and barrels of fine wine.

Finally the big day comes, and the village gathers. The first course is an exquisite turtle soup. The diners force it down without enjoyment. But although they usually eat in silence, conversation begins to take off. Then comes the wine: *Veuve Cliquot 1860*, the finest vintage in France. And the atmosphere changes. Someone smiles. Someone else giggles. An arm comes up and drapes over a shoulder. Someone is heard to say, "After all, did not the Lord Jesus

say, love one another?" By the time the main entrée of quail arrives, those austere, pleasure-fearing people are giggling and laughing and slurping and guffawing and praising God for their many years together. This pack of Pharisees is transformed into a loving community through the gift of a meal. One of the two sisters goes into the kitchen to thank Babette, saying, "Oh, how we will miss you when you return to Paris!" And Babette replies, "I will not be returning to Paris, because I have no money. I spent it all on the feast."

Can you think of anyone else who gave his all to make us a loving community through the gift of a meal?

*If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest,
if you are mourning and you long for comfort,
if you are struggling and you desire victory,
if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior,
God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.
To the stranger in need of fellowship,
to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
and to whoever will come,
this congregation opens wide its doors
and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

It is Reformation Sunday as we celebrate the 507th Anniversary on this day we honor Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on the Castle Church doors in Wittenberg, German. It is the origin of the Protestant Reformation.

Praise

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

Music of Gathering

Ein' feste Burg – Wilhelm Marpurg
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – arr. Wilbur Held

Chiming of the Trinity

*Apostolic Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise: No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – Ein' feste Burg

Corporate Confession

-Adapted from Prayers of Bill Wessner

Let us put aside our good works

and remember that we do sin and fall short of the glory of God.

Lord of all,

**the demands of your righteousness
are too hard for us to fulfill alone,
so we rush off with this excuse
and ignore your law.**

**You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more,
and we abuse this freedom
as if it were a license to selfishness,
self-indulgence and self-righteousness.**

**You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood of your
Son, yet we make it cheap without serious repentance.**

We fail to see the power of your faithfulness.

We are your people, but do we know you as our God?

Forgive us Lord, the sins we know in our heart.

Save us Lord from the sins we hide.

(pause for reflection and self-examination)

God of our refuge and strength...
have mercy on us, write on our hearts. Amen

God does show us God's own righteousness,
and divine forbearance.
Through the work of the Holy Spirit given to us,
we may come to know the truth and be made free.
Jesus Christ the Son of God sets us free from our slavery to sin.
Our sins are forgiven.
Through his death and resurrection
a place is made for us in the household,
and we may be known as children of God.
To the glory of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine – John Rutter
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Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-ters; you are
wor-thy of praise; glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you for the ra-di-ance
of your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.



Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your



ma-jes-ty, glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be-tween the



Cher-u-bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.



Glo-ry to you, be-hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of



hea-ven, glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly



Spir-it; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

*Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

We Hear and Respond

Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

St. Luke 15:11-32

11 And he said, 'A certain man had two sons, 12 and the younger of them said to the father, Father, give me the portion of the substance falling to *me*, and he divided to them the living.

13 'And not many days after, having gathered all together, the younger son went abroad to a far country, and there he scattered his substance, living riotously; ¹⁴and he having spent all, there came a mighty famine on that country, and himself began to be in want; ¹⁵and having gone on, he joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him to the fields to feed swine, ¹⁶and he was desirous to fill his belly from the husks that the swine were eating, and no one was giving to him.

17'And having come to himself, he said, How many hirelings of my father have a superabundance of bread, and I here with hunger am perishing! ¹⁸having risen, I will go on unto my father, and will say to him, Father, I did sin—to the heaven, and before thee, ¹⁹and no more am I worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hirelings.

20 'And having risen, he went unto his own father, and he being yet far distant, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and having ran he fell upon his neck and kissed him; ²¹and the son said to him, Father, I did sin—to the heaven, and before thee, and no more am I worthy to be called thy son.

22 'And the father said unto his servants, Bring forth the first robe, and clothe him, and give a ring for his hand, and sandals for the feet; 23and having brought the fatted calf, kill *it*, and having eaten, we may be merry, ²⁴because this my son was dead, and did live again, and he was lost, and was found; and they began to be merry.

25 'And his elder son was in a field, and as, coming, he drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing, 26 and having called near one of the young men, he was inquiring what these

things might be, ²⁷and he said to him—Thy brother is arrived, and thy father did kill the fatted calf, because in health he did receive him back.

28 'And he was angry, and would not go in, therefore his father, having come forth, was entreating him; ²⁹and he answering said to the father, Lo, so many years I do serve thee, and never thy command did I transgress, and to me thou didst never give a kid, that with my friends I might make merry; ³⁰but when thy son—this one who did devour thy living with harlots—came, thou didst kill to him the fatted calf.

31 'And he said to him, Child, thou art always with me, and all my things are thine; ³²but to be merry, and to be glad, it was needful, because this thy brother was dead, and did live again, he was lost, and was found.¹

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Proclamation of God's Word

Dr. Williams – "PD"

The Father's Feast

*Baptismal Hymn: No. 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry - Waterlife

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Blake Henry Moyer

Son of Jeffrey and Kelly

Brother of Sean

Godparents: Gregg & Teri Scholl

Grandparents: Mark & Diane Sugalski and Steve & Emy Moyer

The Institution

Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ:

¹ Robert Young, *Young's Literal Translation* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 1997), Lk 15:11–32.

Let us hear our Lord's command concerning the sacrament of holy baptism.

After he had risen victorious from the grave, Jesus said to his disciples:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them

in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

—Matthew 28:18-20, NIV

In obedience to this command, the church baptizes believers and their children.

The Scriptural Promise – Acts 2:38-39

Peter said to them,

"Repent, and be baptized

every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ

so that your sins may be forgiven;

and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is for you, for your children,

and for all who are far away,

everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

—Acts 2:38-39, NRSV

The Presentation

Having heard God's gracious promises to us in Christ,

do you desire that Blake Henry be baptized?

We do.

In presenting your child for baptism,

you announce your love for Jesus Christ,

your eagerness to participate in the life of Christ's body,

the church,

and your commitment to live as Christ's disciples in the world.

With joy, we celebrate together the gift of God's grace in Christ.
Who presents Blake Henry for baptism?

We do.

The Renunciations

Since you are presenting this child for baptism,
we ask you, before God and his people,
to reject sin and to profess your faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you renounce all evil and powers in the world
that defy God's righteousness and love?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin
that separate you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

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, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 universal Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

A Covenant Promise

Since you have presented Blake Henry for baptism,
we ask you the following questions before God and his people.
Do you profess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and
Savior and affirm the promises of God made to you and your
children in his Word?

We do.

Do you promise to instruct Blake Henry
by word and example, with the help of the Christian community,
in the truth of God's Word,
and in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ?

Do you promise to pray for *him* and teach *him* to pray?

Do you promise to nurture *him*

within the body of believers, as citizens of Christ's kingdom?

We do, God helping us.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Act of Baptism

Congregational Commitment & Welcome

Brothers and sisters,
we now receive Blake Henry into Christ's church.
I charge you to nurture and love *him*
and to assist *him* to be Christ's faithful disciple.

**With joy and thanksgiving,
we now welcome you into Christ's church;
for we are all one in Christ.**

**We promise to love, encourage, and support you
and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Morning Prayer

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

The Saints in Action

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings
Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by
scanning the QR code with your camera



Offertory Music

Beautiful Savior – Robert Hobby
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*The Offering Received: No. 606

The Doxology – Old 100th

*Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above – Mit Freuden Zart

Following the Light of Christ into the World

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

* Dismissal and Blessing

*Going Forth

Ein' feste Burg – Janet Linker
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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 Timothy 4.

BRASS BUCKETS: The devastation of Hurricane Helene has left many in our southern states without homes, necessities, and items for daily living and cleanup. Your gift in the Brass Bucket will be forwarded through Pennsylvania Southeast Conference to help those in need right now. If you leave a check in the bucket, please make it out to New Goshenhoppen Church and note in the memo line: Hurricane! Thank you for your generosity in helping our brothers and sisters to the south!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is being celebrated today with **Blake Henry Moyer**, son of Jeffrey and Kelly (Sugalski) Moyer. Godparents are Gregg & Teri Scholl.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS are located on a table in the vestibule at the Fellowship Hall side entrance and at the elevator entrance on the lower level. There is no charge for the booklets.

BLOOD DRIVE: Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sign-up to help Miller/Keystone Blood Center and the Health and Welfare Committee by donating blood at our next Blood Drive. Follow this link:

https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/8775

Group Code E064 to schedule your appointment or contact Sherry Peterson for help signing up.

PORK AND SAUERKRAUT SUPPER, Saturday, November 2nd from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$12 and children 5 to 12 \$6. Tickets at the door. Buffet style and all you can eat! Help is needed on Friday the 1st of November to peel potatoes and set up Fellowship Hall. We will also be looking for help in the kitchen on Saturday afternoon and evening. If you can help, contact Donna Fried at dfried@newgoshucc.org or talk to her at church.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS: Daylight Saving Time ends on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024. So, before retiring for the night, please turn your clocks back by one hour----FALL BACK.

FIRST MONDAY MEAL: Please join us Monday, **November 4** for another delicious First Monday Meal. The menu here at New Gosh will be a Baked Ziti with meatballs, roll, dessert, prepared and served by the Upper Montgomery Joint Authority. The meal will be *take out* style and distribution will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. **OR** if you prefer to *dine in*, Pennsburg UCC will be offering a *dine in* option serving Mexican Pasta (pasta shells, taco meat, salsa, cheddar cheese), Hawaiian sweet roll, and tangerine. Dinner is served there, promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!!

YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED on Sunday, November 10 at the annual Congregational Meeting. There will be one worship service that day at 10:30 a.m. Immediately following, we will begin the meeting. There will be light snacks and refreshments following the meeting. Please plan to attend.

ADULT GAME NIGHT: You are invited to a special night of fellowship on Sunday, November 10, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. The event will be held in Fellowship Hall. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring a snack to munch on in between games. Please call or email Janet Weikel to sign up for game night by Sunday, November 3rd. Phone: 215-679-8722 Email: jpweik27@yahoo.com

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 and in the Fellowship Hall vestibule for your contributions.

CHURCH LIBRARY: Children from the Sunday School classes met with me to see "their library." Unlike their schools' or the Valley library, there is no sign out procedure for the books. The children, youth and young adults just take their choice and, when finished, return it to any shelf on their bookcase. (Dewey Decimal system no longer in use here!) We have two bookcases for children and one each for youth and young adults. There is room for more books in each! If you have titles the kids, youth and young adults of New Gosh might enjoy finding on our library shelves, there is a box right behind the Social Room waiting to be filled! And THANK YOU!! (Terry Dworkin- the unofficial CY&YA library caretaker)

300TH ANNIVERSARY: On October 21, 2027, New Goshenhoppen Reformed Church will be celebrating its 300th anniversary. Since this will be a special event in the history of our church, the Historical Committee is looking to form a 300th celebration committee. Anyone who is interested in sharing their ideas or help in planning the event are invited to participate. Please contact the Church Office to submit your name or suggestions.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - December 14, 2024: The Lt. Matthew Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is participating in the Wreaths Across America program by placing wreaths on veteran's graves to honor those that have served our country. Consider sponsoring a wreath today at a cost of \$17 each. Wreaths will be placed on veteran's graves in December at New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ cemetery. To sponsor a wreath, please go to:

www.wreathsassamerica.org/PA0792. Select "Sponsor Wreaths"; enter quantity; the location to support should say "New Goshenhoppen UCC cemetery". At "More Options", you may select the "Grave Specific" option if you would like to honor and remember a veteran by having a wreath placed on a specific grave. All sponsored veteran wreaths are shipped directly to the location selected by the sponsor; wreaths are not shipped to individual wreath sponsors. Thank you, in advance, for your sponsorship and for joining in their mission: REMEMBER the Fallen...HONOR those who Serve...TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone that participated in the Land Use Committee Nature Photo Contest. 56 incredible photos were submitted. The committee decided to separate the entries into 6 categories and selected 1 winner from each category. We look forward to sharing these photos with the congregation so watch the bulletin board, *The Steeple* newsletter, and the Sunday worship bulletin.

ALTAR FLOWER INCREASE: Starting January 1, 2025, altar flowers will increase to \$45.00 for full sponsorship and \$22.50 for a half sponsorship. Any additional pieces for in front of the pulpit or under the cross will start at \$40.00 and up.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS may pick up their arrangements in the vestibule outside the **Fellowship Hall Entrance** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Flowers will remain there until Wednesday, after which time they will be discarded.

BULLETINS are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Gary Batzel by sister, Joyce Batzel; and in memory of brother, Dean Steinman by Stacie Miller and family.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in loving memory of our departed members by the Quilters of New Goshenhoppen.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (left) are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Ray I. Haas by friend, Dana Gabel.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (right) are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of father, Wilmer Gery by daughters, Janis Croisette, Gail Gerhard, Lynn Gery and Lauren Scholl.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT are presented in loving memory of Specialist Ray I. Haas by sisters, brothers and their families.

ATTENDANCE: 10/20/24 – 8:00 a.m. 50; 10:30 a.m. 60; Livestream (You Tube) 74. Sunday School 34. Organ Concert 70; Livestream 241.

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 10/20/24: Current & Benevolences \$5,111; Building, Improvement & Maintenance \$89. General Fund appeal to date \$16,130. Monthly EFT income \$5,060. Brass Buckets \$1,572.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: 73 giving units have responded. There is \$84,130 pledged. The amount received since 2023 is \$80,331 (including Capital Campaign memorial gifts.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$586,823.73
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$74,178.16</u>
	\$512,645.57
Year to Date Expenses	\$555,178.18
Special Projects BIM Income	\$158,534.53
Special Project BIM Expenses	\$273,606.22
Meadows Payback Income Year to Date	\$695.00

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S) – Reformation Sunday
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Ch. Ed. Bldg.)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
		Youth Fall Celebration & Hayride
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Consistory (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Blood Drive
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower level classrooms)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
Fri.	6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Heidelberg Room, Apostles Room, 4 th Grade Classroom)
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Daughters of the American Revolution (Heidelberg Room)
	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Pork & Sauerkraut Supper (FH & Kitchen)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S) – All Saints Sunday; Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Ch. Ed. Bldg.)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestream) – All Saints Sunday; Communion

Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m.

Narthex – Nancy Haines
 Roberts' Church Office – Tom Bancroft
 Elevator – Katie Stankunas
 Upper Narthex – Will Howe
 Liturgist/Acolyte – Melissa Jamison

10:30 a.m.

Narthex – Steve Lentz
 Roberts' Church Office – Sue Jacobs
 Elevator – Denise Fox
 Upper Narthex – Tom Bancroft
 Liturgist/Acolyte – Terry Dworkin



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

Fall in Love with
Saving Lives!

Upper Perks Community Blood Drive

New Goshenhoppen UCC

1070 Church Road, East Greenville, PA

Tuesday, October 29th

9:30 am – 2:00 pm

To schedule your appointment please follow
this Link or Scan QR Code or call MKBC at
1-800-223-6667, #2 and use Group Code E064

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275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

488 I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures

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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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.

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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#) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'mur - mur stilled: all is right: cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry! take your part:'. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.