

**Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025**

A photograph showing several hands of different skin tones holding a rustic wooden cross. The cross is made of light-colored wood with dark, wavy grain patterns. It has a simple, slightly irregular shape. The hands are positioned around the cross, with some fingers gripping the arms and others supporting the base. The background is dark and out of focus.

**“Just as I have
loved you,**

**you also should
love one another.”**

John 13:34

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Nicole Young, seminarian minister
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry
Lindsey Waltermeyer, Grace band leader**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org
[facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)
and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Prelude

Welcome

Nikki Young

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* ELW #582

Prayer of the Day

Nikki Young

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Centering Song *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Grace Praise Band

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus 2x

Ending:

Worship Your holy name

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Donna Kehs

Sunday School Teachers Thank You

Nikki Young

In dusty rooms where you made stories come to life,
You shaped our hearts amid the strife.
With patient hands and loving grace,
We did crafts, we talked and had fun in this place.

Like builders working stone by stone,
You helped us claim this faith as our own.
Though under construction—dusty and loud,
You led on and made us proud!

With every verse and every prayer,
You built with kindness, strong and fair.
Not just in lessons, but by your way,
You showed what love and truth convey.

So here's our thanks, deep and sincere,
For every word that drew us near.
You laid foundations firm and true—
God bless the work He did through you.

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Donna Kehs

A reading from the book of Acts

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they

heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying,
 “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads
 to life.”

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia*

1. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

1. How I love him 2. Blessed Jesus 3. My Redeemer 4. Jesus is Lord 5. Alleluia 6. Alleluia

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Gospel

John 13:31-35

Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Pastor Scott

A moment of silence for reflection

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

Grace Praise Band

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Chorus:

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly
With You God

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free

Chorus

Bridge (sing 2x):

It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven
Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows

Chorus

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

**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 to the dead.
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.**

**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.**

Please be seated.

Installation of Jena Marinelli

Pastor Scott

After prayerful deliberation, we, of The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, have appointed Jena Marinelli, to serve in the position of Director of Education for the New Hanover Sunshine Learning Center.

Address and Questions

Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

Jena, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.
Amen.

Please rise as you are able.

People of God, will you receive Jena Marinelli into this ministry as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Jena, I now declare you installed as our Director of Education. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, as you called apostles and evangelists, pastors and teachers to instruct, comfort, admonish, and care for us, so you have called Jena Marinelli. Fill her with wisdom and patience, with love, and with faithfulness to your word, that she may with gladness teach, comfort, counsel, and guide your people to maturity in Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

People of God, I present to you Jena Marinelli, your Sunshine Learning Center Director of Education! Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

Please be seated.

Installation of Sunshine Learning Center Board Pastor Scott
The following people have been appointed by the Church Council to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these people will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

Donna Kehs – President

Zachary Quigley – Vice President

Danielle Dugan – Treasurer
Marlene Hansley – Secretary
Nancy Gross
Maryann Hook
Jena Marinelli
Todd Rothermel
Pastor Scott Staub
Nicole Young

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been appointed to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified. You have responded to the call of God to be Board Members and provide support, leadership and guidance to the Sunshine Learning Center staff and students.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your siblings in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been appointed?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands. The board members face the assembly.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these Board Members, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

I now declare you installed as officers and board members of the Sunshine Learning Center. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

People of God, I present to you your Sunshine Learning Center Board! Let us welcome them in the name of Christ.

Prayers of Intercession

Nikki Young

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The Lord's Prayer

Nikki Young

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Peace

Nikki Young

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.

The people give a sign of peace to each other.

Please be seated.

Offertory

The offering will be taken at this time.

Offertory Anthem

The Lamb

Chancel Choir

Offertory Response *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ELW #186

The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Announcements Pastor Scott

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* ELW #400

Dismissal Nikki Young

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude *Trumpet Tune* Anthony Giamanco

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Announcements

Facility Use for Meetings or Events Requests All meeting and event requests by committees, members or non-members are to be communicated to the church office manager. The request will include the date and time, purpose, amount of people attending, necessary space and equipment, of the meeting or event. Given the information the meeting or event will be posted on the church calendar by the office manager (only). Providing an announcement for the bulletin, newsletter or social media posting does not constitute a request or guarantee a space.

There is a Facility Use policy, and fees do apply in some cases. In no case will fees be waived. Deposits are required to hold the space, date and time. If the meeting or event is not posted on the church calendar or you do not place a deposit if necessary, you do not have permission to use the space. Contact Susan Gutshall, church office manager at (610) 326-1335, or email her at

susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org for requests or information.

Pastor's Personal Meeting Schedule The pastor is available for personal meetings Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM by appointment only. Please make an appointment by calling (610) 326-1335 or email at psstaub@gmail.com. Given prior commitments and events, some appointment times are not available.

As we are doing currently, all funeral notices, death or personal crisis emergencies will be handled as soon as possible. The pastor's voice mail at (610) 326-1335 goes directly to his email address and is accessible to the pastor and checked. Friday and Saturday are the pastor's days off, and pastor appreciates your respect in not contacting him for non-emergency requests. Sunday is a day of worship, fellowship, visitation and teaching for the pastor. Please respect the pastor's preparation and dedication to addressing the spiritual needs of the community and individuals and do not initiate any non-emergency discussion with the Pastor prior to the worship service and/or during an educational class. Any discussions or questions about all non-emergency issues should be made by appointment during the ascribed appointment times above.

Today

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of their granddaughter Tricia's birthday by Pr. Scott and Marsha Staub.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of their son Jackson's first birthday by Daniell and Jim Dugan.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Don and Jo Anne Wirt.

Today: Head Usher: Todd Rothermel, Usher: Stacey Rothermel, Lector: Donna Kehs, Children's Sermon: Donna Kehs, Acolyte: Ava Hubley

Next Sunday Head Usher: George Trowbridge, Usher: Zach Quigley, Lector: Miller Quigley, Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley, Acolyte: Collins Quigley

Altar Guild members serving this month: Jean Moser, Jane Johnson, Jo Anne Wirt and Yvonne Peto.

The Nursery room is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment; toys and books are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

Red Geraniums orders are due today. Order forms for Pentecost red geraniums are available on the desk in the welcome center. The cost for one single geranium is \$6.50. The cost for a pot of three geraniums is \$21.00. To order, fill out a form and place it along with your payment in an envelope. The envelope may be placed in the offering plate. Geraniums may be picked up after the 9:00 AM service on Pentecost.

All are welcome to this afternoon's Rejoicing Spirits service at 3:00 in NHELC's sanctuary. The Rejoicing Spirits ministry is geared toward people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but provides a meaningful worship experience for people of all abilities. Come at 2:30 for refreshments and a social. For more information, contact Donna Kehs or Stacey Rothermel.

This Week

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, kitchen door

J.A.M. – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1, sanctuary

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Polling Location – Tuesday, room 1

Walnut Woods Service – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, offsite

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, picnic grove

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:00 PM, kitchen door
Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 24

Gathering – Thursday, 12:30 PM, room 1
Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 24

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Reception – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, rooms 1 and 11
Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

Upcoming Events

There's still time to register for Camp Falckner! Camp will be held July 21-24, 2025 in the church picnic grove. This overnight camp is open to all youth who will have finished grades 5 -12. Registration can be completed [online](#), but there are also paper copies available in the Welcome Center. Reach out to [Lindsey Waltermeyer](#) with any questions.

Kids Camp Registration is NOW OPEN! We are heading North for Kids Camp this year! The NHELCS True North Kids Camp will be June 16th – June 20th from 9:00 AM – noon. Potty trained preschoolers – rising 5th graders are welcome to attend. Youth headed to 6th grade and up are welcome to be junior counselors. Register and/or sign up to volunteer NOW! Go to <https://vbspro.events/p/35b361>.

May Gathering is on Thursday, May 22nd, at 12:30 PM. Hear from *New York Times* columnist and bestselling author Frank Bruni, who offers a wise and moving memoir about aging, affliction and optimism after partially losing his eyesight. A light lunch will be offered. Please bring a dessert to share. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-56437423-maygathering> or at the desk in the welcome center.

325 Year Anniversary Committee Preaching Series Schedule
This year we have invited individuals who have served or were sponsored by NHELCS as pastors or pastoral students to preach. We are happy to announce the following schedule:

The Rev. Kevin Tracey – May 25th – Past Baptized/Confirmed member and currently a serving ELCA pastor in the SEPA synod.

The Rev. David Plieger – August 24th – Past member, current ELCA pastor, 1st Troop 367 Eagle Scout – 60-year Ordination celebration date

The Rev. Bishop Bryan Penman – November 2nd – Current ELCA SEPA Bishop - 325 Yr. Celebration Worship & Reception Guest

The Rev. Thomas Lang – November 30th – Past NHELC pastor (2006 – 2016) and retired ELCA pastor

The Rev. Rebecca Knox – December 7th – NHELC Vicar and currently serving ELCA Pastor/Chaplain – 20-year Ordination date
Look for more updates coming soon on other events and guest preachers. Please welcome our guests and join in the fellowship following the services.

NHELC takes historic road trip. Save the date! Tuesday, July 22, 2025 As part of our 325th Anniversary celebration, we are planning a tour of Historic Trappe. There are three historic properties open for tours. **The Center for Pennsylvania German Studies**, located in the Dewees Tavern, has five exhibition galleries featuring a wide variety of furniture, fraktur, textiles, and other objects as well as a research library and archives. **The Henry Muhlenberg House** is a fully furnished museum interpreting the families of Lutheran pastor Henry Muhlenberg and his son General Peter Muhlenberg. **The Speaker's House**, home of Frederick Muhlenberg, is an ongoing restoration project and the site of a Pennsylvania German kitchen garden. We are planning to tour all three of these buildings. The cost is \$15 per person. Also on tour is the **“Old Trappe Church”** and **“The Brick Church.”** The Reverend Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was pastor of the “Old Trappe Church”, which was built in 1743. In 1852, the construction of the current building, “The Brick Church”, was begun to accommodate the growth of the congregation. On July 22nd, participants will meet at NHELC at 9:00 AM and carpool to Trappe. In the morning, we will tour the three Trappe historic buildings then enjoy lunch at the Trappe Tavern. Touring the historic churches will follow at 1:30 PM. In the afternoon, the campers from Camp Falckner will be joining us for the church tours.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Welcome Center.

The next book club will meet on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 6:30 PM. The book to be discussed is “James” by Percival Everett. We will be meeting at the WQ Diner located at 99 West King Street in Pottstown. Any questions, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Vincent Ryan, minister of music at Advent Lutheran Church in Harleysville, will provide an organ concert at Falkner Swamp UCC on Saturday, May 31st, at 4:00 PM. Mr. Ryan performed as a soloist and accompanist in the US, Germany, Sweden and Kenya. He has composed or arranged over 300 works and is published by Lorenz, Hal Leonard and others. In addition to playing the organ, Mr. Ryan will invite participants to assemble a real, portable pipe organ. A punch and cookie reception will follow. A freewill donation will be received to help support the church’s 300th anniversary celebration.

Join members of Christ Lutheran Church in Barto for a Reading Fightin Phils game on Saturday, June 21st, at 6:45 PM. They have a reserved block of tickets in the Blue Section 3 on the first base side behind home plate. Tickets are \$15. A parking pass is \$9. **Ticket money is due Wednesday, May 21st.** Fireworks will be held following the game. Any questions and to reserve your tickets, contact Nancy Fioriglio from Christ Lutheran Church at 484-680-3164.

Help Needed

Are you creative? Are you curious to learn how our online worship is produced? The video team is seeking two additional volunteers to help support our online worship services. We are looking to add an additional person to work the cameras and monitor the streaming feeds during Sunday services. (It isn’t difficult - and training will be provided). A second person is also needed for video preparation a few days prior to the Sunday service. This prep activity will include setup of the streaming software and publishing the YouTube and Facebook events which can be done remotely using your own computer. This setup takes about one hour and can be completed at your convenience anytime

three days prior to the service. A step-by-step setup document and training will be provided. For both positions you'll have the chance to add your own creative touches and ideas to produce memorable experiences for New Hanover's online viewers. See Rick Hausch, or email the team at video@newhanoverlutheran.org to help out or for more information.

Want to be a member?

Please fill out a yellow card, "Your Voice from the Pew", located in the pew rack and give to Pastor Scott or place the card in the offering plate. Check off "Interest in Church Membership."

Resources

325th Anniversary Key Chains and Magnets: The 325th Anniversary Committee has provided three more anniversary souvenirs for all members. Check out the basket on top of the display case in the Welcome Center near the photo display panels for magnets and two kinds of key chains. The anniversary pens and coloring books are there also in addition to a wrapper for the Moments in Time inserts.

Want to keep up with all the latest news from NHELCC? Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.



Do you enjoy the praise band songs? Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it's free!) to listen to the songs.



Peer Support Information The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health

resources. The Ferns is totally peer-supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact the church and leave a message for the peer support program or reach out to Pastor Scott.

The Peer Support Ministry webpage on the church's website (newhanoverlutheran.org) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

Mental Health and Wellness Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELC has links with helpful information available on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

NAMI Help Line 1-800-950-6242 is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text "Helpline" to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

PA Addiction Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Online live chat offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

You Can Help

NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items through the end of June. Donations will be distributed to local families through the Pottstown Cluster. A list of the Cluster's most needed items is available in the May issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Donation collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

Help the Ronald McDonald House

Dear Congregants,

We're thrilled to reintroduce a small act of kindness that can make a big difference! The Ronald McDonald House supports families in need, offering them rest and nourishment during challenging times. One simple way we can contribute to their incredible mission is by saving aluminum can tabs.

These tiny can tabs may seem insignificant, but they add up quickly. By collecting them, we can help the Ronald McDonald House raise funds to continue their vital work.

We invite you to join in on this effort. Save your tabs and simply drop them into the aquarium in the Fellowship Hall (under the coat rack). Together we can make an impact—one tab at a time.

Thank you for your support and kindness.

The Mission Services/Social Ministry Committee

You can help support our church with Redner's Save-a-Tape program. Here's how it works.

1. Visit the Customer Service Desk at any Redner's Warehouse Market to obtain a Save-A-Tape card.
2. Use this card every time you shop at Redner's. Your receipts will be marked as Save-A-Tape receipts.
3. Bring your collected receipts to the church. We'll total them up and submit them to Redner's for a 1% rebate on the total amount (excluding sales tax, milk and tobacco products).

Thank you to all who have saved and turned in their Redner's receipts! The Redner's Save-A-Tape program is an easy way to help us raise funds for the Mission Services/Social Ministry team.

Pictorial Directory Send pictures of members, classes and group activities to Nance White at Nance2237@yahoo.com as soon as possible to be included in the new pictorial directory.

You can donate to NHELC ministry electronically. Simply point your smartphone camera at one of these QR codes and follow the link.

Tithe.ly QR Code



Simply Giving QR Code



Volunteers are needed to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

Food Ministry

Nearly a quarter million meals have been delivered! NHELC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. **Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs.** 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards. Place monetary donations on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Reconciling in Christ Serving All and Loving Unconditionally

The RIC team presentations, "LGBTQIA+ 101" and "Pronouns - Why They Are Important", are on the church website under the Reconciling In Christ Journey page. In case you missed the presentations or would like to watch them again, you will find them by entering this link in your web browser: <https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/> or connect using this QR Code.



Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of Frank Santangelo (Terry's husband)

Military: Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Kyle Woods, Danny Foust

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Katy Mahon-Miller	Luann Hanley	Carol Estes
William Trotter	Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard
Pat Fryer	Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer
Betty Lou Shadle	Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini
Raul Castro	Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch
Wilma Lahr	Melissa	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Joan Wagner	Robert Ganovsky
Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus	Eric & Wendy Hess
Sue Care	Deb Matthews	Marceline
Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson	Chris Fatzinger
Hank Droneberg	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Jessica Trout	Verdie Smith
Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann
Joan Price	Betty Seroski	Ralph Borneman
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Rich Freed	Joe	Joe
Casey Flack	Tim Mutter	Denton Quick
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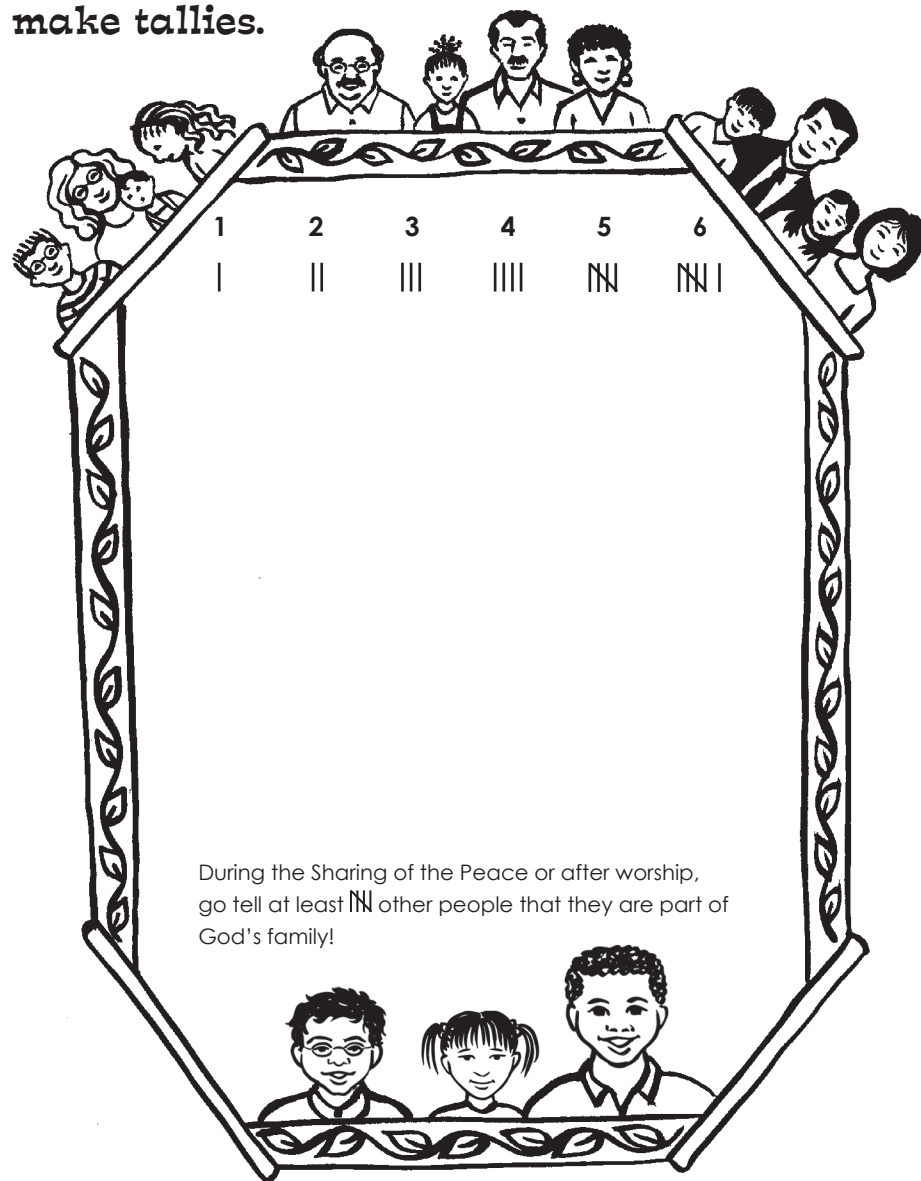
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God's family is so big! You are part of God's family. Everyone who is at worship with you today is part of God's family too. Count how many members of God's family are at worship today.

Write down a tally of the number of people you count. See directions below on how to make tallies.

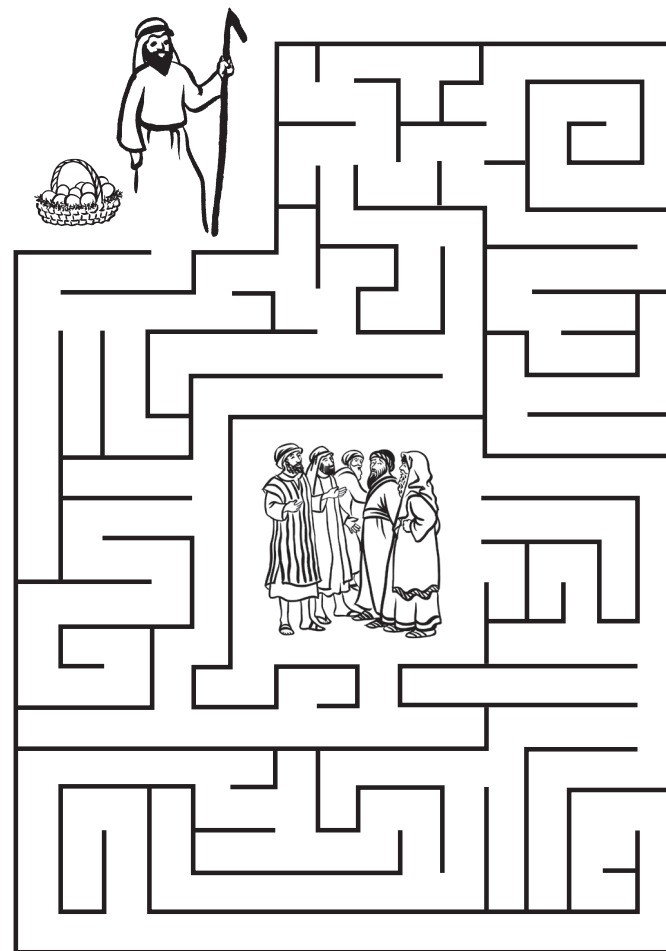


PRE-READER

Easter 5

- Today is the **5th Sunday** of Easter.
- During the season of Easter we remember that **we're all part of God's family!**

Help the farmer deliver this basket of eggs to the townspeople.

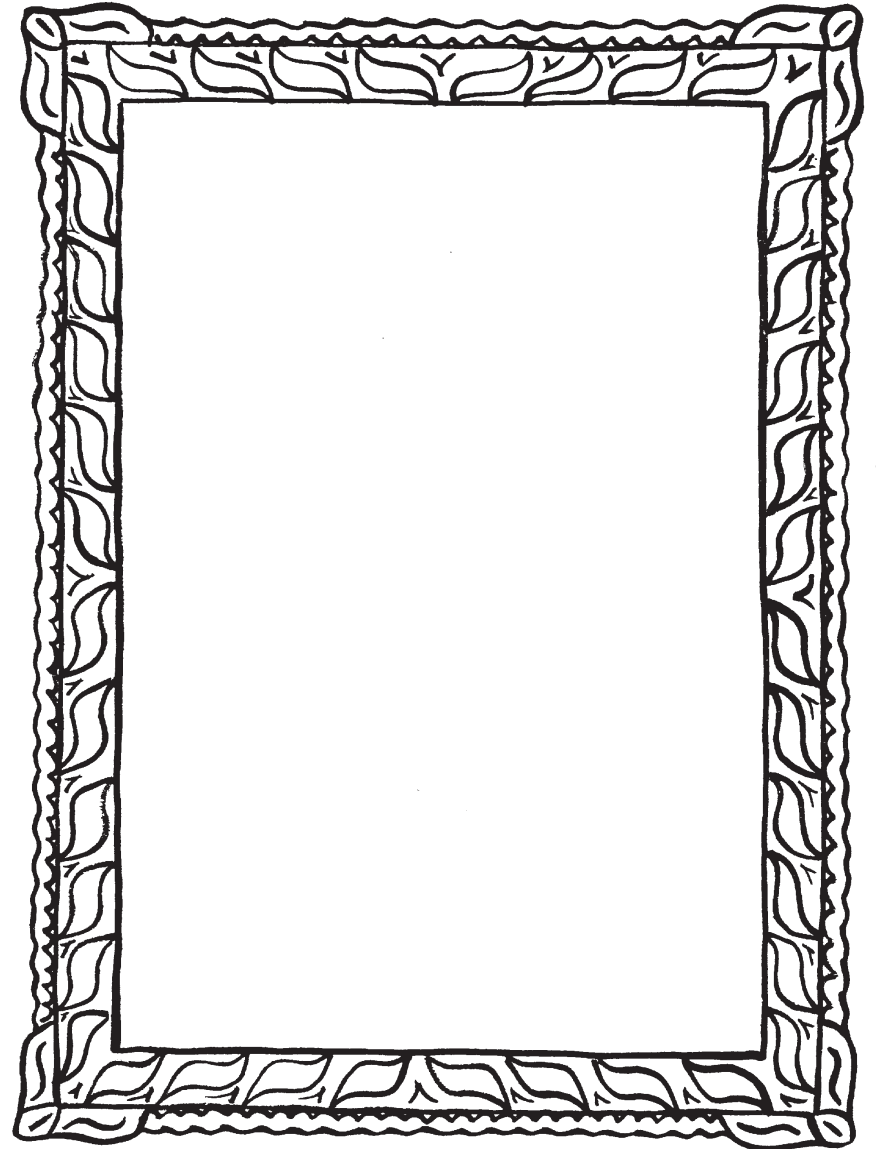




God was saying that all people were part of God's family!

Did you know you are part of two different families? You are a part of your own family, but you are also part of God's big family.

In the frame, draw a picture of your family.



God's Family

God's family is full of a lot of different people--people who are different on the outside and on the inside! Look around your worship space for the different people who have the characteristics below. Some you will be able to spot by just looking. For others, you'll have to ask after the service.

☐ Someone who has been confirmed



☐ A baby



☐ Someone who has brown hair



☐ Someone who has glasses



☐ Someone who is a Sunday school teacher



☐ Someone born in October



☐ Someone who has traveled outside of the country



☐ Someone who is over six feet tall



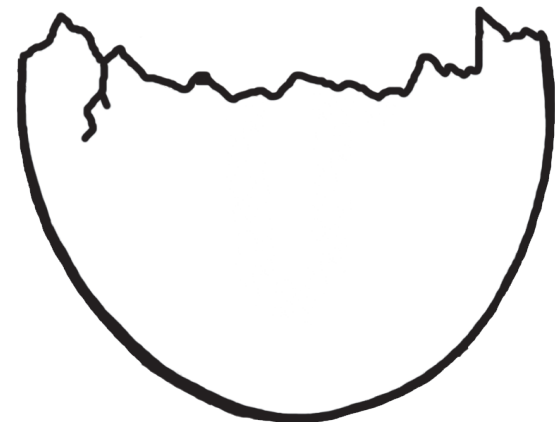
READER

Easter 5

- Today is the **5th Sunday** of Easter.
- During Easter, we think about **God's family**.
- In the season of Easter, we remember that **God's love is meant for everyone**.

New Life

Just like God gives us new life, we see many signs of new life in God's creation. An egg is an example of new life. It reminds us that our world is continually being made new. In this egg shell, draw a baby chick.



Unscramble the words to discover what today's memory verse is.

Memory Verse

"Fi tehñ oGd gvaē tmeh eht smae gtif
hatt eh aveg su wneh ew bveelied ni
teh Ldro susJe tishrC, ohw saw I ttha I cloud
hniedr dGo?" -Acts 11:17

Opposites

In today's Bible story, Peter had a dream about animals. This dream was God's way of telling Peter that God loves all people, not just the Jewish people like Peter. Before this dream, Peter thought people who weren't Jewish—they were called Gentiles—were unworthy of God's love. After the dream, Peter knew that God's love was even bigger than Peter ever imagined.

Peter thought God only loved some people. But God showed him that the opposite was true—God loves all people. Write down the opposite of each item on the list below.

Night _____ Left _____

Near _____ Ceiling _____

Hot _____ Nervous _____

East _____ Winter _____

Male _____ Happy _____

Light _____ Give _____

Soft _____ Tall _____

Your Dream

Peter has a fantastic dream in today's story. In the space below, draw a picture of a hope or dream for your life, big or small.



Look It Up!

Today's Bible story is about Peter's dream. This is not the first time God has spoken to people in the Bible through dreams. Look up these verses to find out who else had dreams.

Genesis 41:1-7 _____ 1 Kings 3:5-15 _____

Genesis 37:5-11 _____ Daniel 2:1-23 _____

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

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10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

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Words and Music by
Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

CHORUS 1a

♩ = 73

C G D/F# Em C G

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor - ship His ho - ly name.

Dsus D C Em C D Em C D C/G G 2nd time to Coda

Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name.

VERSE 1

9 C/G G C G D Em C G

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing, it's time to sing Your song

13 D Em C G D Em

a - gain. What - ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,

17 C G Dsus D G C/G G D.S. al Coda

let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes. Bless the

21 C/G G Coda

You're

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VERSE 2

C G D Em C G D Em

rich in love and You're slow to an - ger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For

26 C G D/F# Em C G

all Your good - ness, I will keep on sing - ing; Ten thou - sand rea - sons for my

CHORUS 1b

Dsus D G C/G G C G D/F# Em

(instr. repeat)

30 heart to find. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

35 C G Dsus D C Em C D Em

Wor - ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll

VERSE 3

39 C D G G C G

wor - ship Your ho - ly name. And on that day, when my

43 D/F# Em C G D Em C G

strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your

47 D/F# Em C G Dsus D

praise un - end - ing ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er -

CHORUS 1b

51 G C/G G C G D/F# Em

more! Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

55 C G Dsus D C Em C D Em

Wor - ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll

59 C D G C D Em

wor - ship Your ho - ly name. Bless the wor - ship Your ho - ly name,

TAG

C D Em C D

wor - ship Your ho - ly name, Lord, I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name.

INSTRUMENTAL**ENDING**

C G D/F# Em C G Dsus D C Em C D Em

Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll

72 C D Em C D Em

wor - ship Your ho - ly name, wor - ship Your ho - ly name,

76 C D G

wor - ship Your ho - ly name. _____

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

(based on the recording by Pat Barrett | original key - A)

Words and Music by
Pat Barrett, Jason Ingram
and Chris Tomlin

INTRO

♩ = 103 Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G

It all comes down to this,
It) all comes down to this,

6 G Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G

what You re - quire of me: Love my neigh - bor as my -
to be Your hands and feet, good news to all the

CHORUS 1a

10 G Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D(4)/G

self, and You a - bove all things. Act just - ly, love
world, the truth will set us free. _____

14 C/G G Em/G D(4)/G C/G G Em D(4)

mer - cy, walk hum - bly with You, God. In all things, in

18 C G Em D(4) 1 C G 2 C G

all ways, walk hum - bly with You, God. It You, God. It's

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BRIDGE

C G/B D(4) C G/B

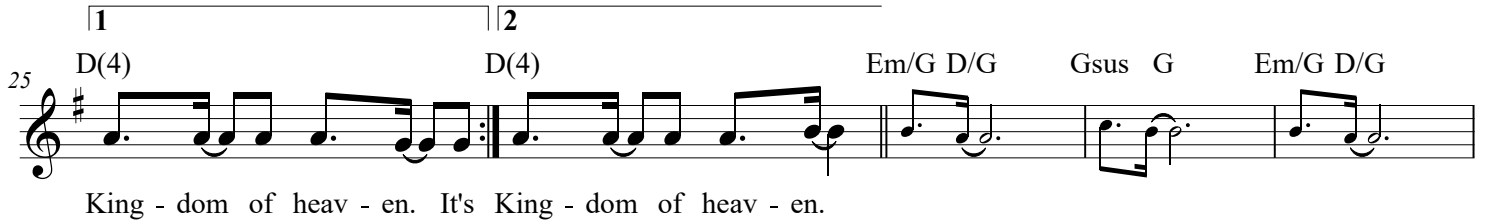


beau - ty for ash - es, it's mourn - ing to danc - ing. It's clos - er and clos - er, the

TURNAROUND

1 2

D(4) D(4) Em/G D/G Gsus G Em/G D/G



King - dom of heav - en. It's King - dom of heav - en.

VERSE 3

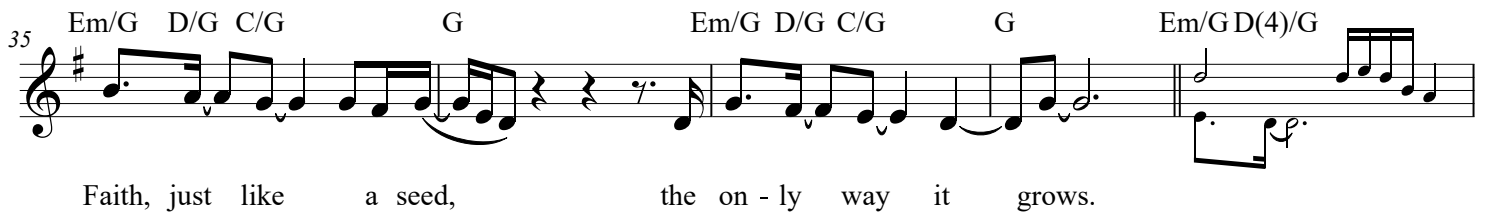
Gsus G Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G G



3. Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown.

INSTRUMENTAL

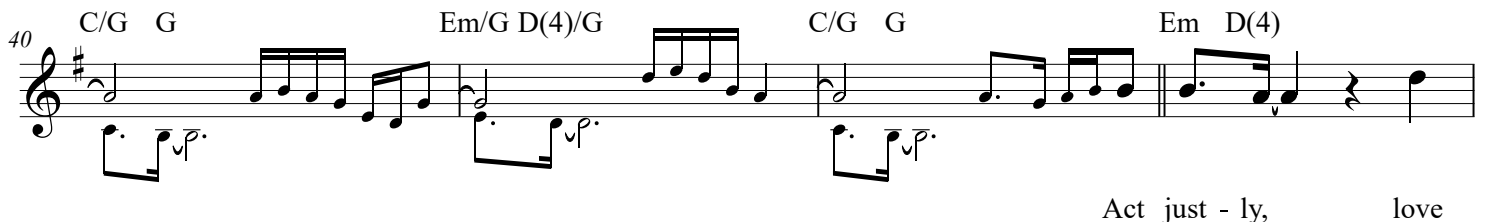
Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D(4)/G



Faith, just like a seed, the on - ly way it grows.

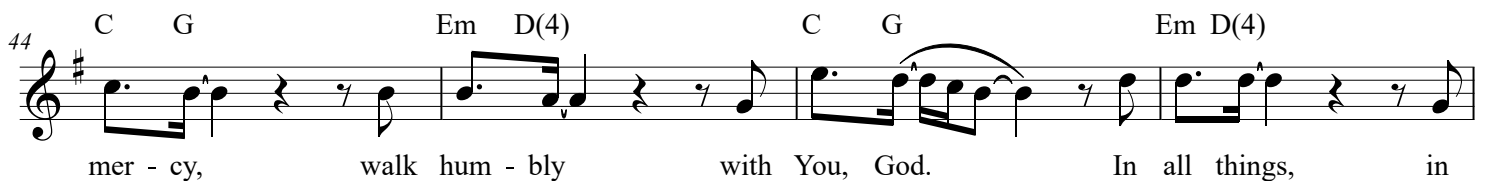
CHORUS 1b

C/G G Em/G D(4)/G C/G G Em D(4)



Act just - ly, love

C G Em D(4) C G Em D(4)



mer - cy, walk hum - bly with You, God. In all things, in

48

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins at measure 48. The first two measures are marked with 'C' and 'G' chords. The third measure is marked with 'Em' and 'D(4)' chords. The fourth measure is marked with 'C' and 'G' chords. The lyrics 'all ways, walk hum - bly with You, God._' are written below the staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

C G

Em D(4)

C G

all ways, walk hum - bly with You, God._

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.'

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not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
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God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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