

Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026



Matthew 15:27

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

**Nicole Young, vicar
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
and on YouTube.**

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

Welcome Statement

You are always welcome at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a growing community of believers in Jesus Christ, rooted in God's love and guided by Christ's example. We strive to reach out with compassion, offering a place where you can grow in faith, experience God's grace and feel safe and celebrated. At New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, we want you to gather with us at our table. Rooted in our Lutheran faith and belief that we are all children of God and made in God's image, we welcome all people with dignity and love.

In Romans 15:7, Paul writes, "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

By this belief, we are committed to intentionally following Jesus' example of unconditional hospitality, love and justice. Here, you are not only included, you are respected. We affirm and value people of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, cultures, ages, abilities, body sizes, relationship statuses and economic or immigration statuses. We are committed to the ongoing work toward racial equity and inclusion in all we do. You are invited to fully participate in our worship, sacraments, leadership positions, gatherings, and ministries. In our identities, we are united by the common faith we hold, and recognize we each offer unique gifts and perspectives. We believe that this transforms lives and deepens the faith of our community.

Christ's door is open to all, so is ours.

Prelude

Faithful Leslie and Emily Gates
Lindsey Waltermeyer, accompanist

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New Hanover Lutheran became Leslie and Emily's church home 16 years ago, when the Gates family sought a congregation with children's church and a strong youth program. They are grateful for the many opportunities Emily has had to grow in faith, service, and community.

Leslie has loved singing since childhood and has participated in church and school choirs throughout her life. Music, service, and community involvement continue to be central to her faith journey.

She earned a BS in Biology from Shippensburg University (1994) and a clinical license in Cytogenetics from Thomas Jefferson University (1996). For the past decade, Leslie has worked remotely for Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine in Global Regulatory Affairs, focusing on drug labeling development. She completed her 200-hour registered yoga teacher certification in 2019 and teaches seasonally at church. Leslie also enjoys hiking, gardening, cooking, and gluten-free baking.

Emily is a passionate student and musician who grew up actively involved at NHELC. A 2025 graduate of Boyertown High School, she is now a sophomore nursing major at the University of Pittsburgh. When she's not studying, Emily enjoys playing ukulele, reading, and spending time in nature. Throughout high school, she was deeply involved in show choir and musical theatre. Emily and Leslie remain active members of NHELC and are excited to continue singing together as part of their shared faith and service.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Creating God, redeeming God, welcoming God, loving God, grace-filled God, as people gathered in your love, we celebrate your presence with us here. You make us, you create us, you shape us, you form us. We are yours! **Amen.**

Please rise as you are able.

Invocation

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.**

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW #886

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Centering Song *From the Inside Out*

Grace Band

A thousand times I've failed

Still Your mercy remains

And should I stumble again
Still I'm caught in Your grace
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame

Your will above all else
My purpose remains
The art of losing myself
In bringing You praise
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame

Chorus:

In my heart in my soul
Lord, I give You control
Consume me from the inside out, Lord
Let justice and praise
Become my embrace
To love You from the inside out
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame
And the cry of my heart
Is to bring You praise
From the inside out
Lord, my soul cries out

Repeat Chorus

Ending:

Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame
And the cry of my heart
Is to bring You praise
From the inside out
Lord, my soul cries out
From the inside out
Lord, my soul cries out, Lord.

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Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Kaydence Singley

A reading from the book of Isaiah

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 67

Kaydence Singley

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

God, our own God, has blessed us.

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

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Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the

blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

A moment of silence for reflection

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day

Give Me Faith

Grace Band

I need You to soften my heart

And break me apart

I need You to open my eyes

To see that You’re shaping my life

Pre-Chorus:

All I am

I surrender

Chorus:

Give me faith to trust what You say
That You're good and Your love is great
I'm broken inside I give You my life

I need You to soften my heart
And break me apart
I need You to pierce through the dark
And cleanse every part of me

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge (2x):

'Cause I may be weak
But Your Spirit's strong in me
My flesh may fail
My God You never will

Chorus 2x

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Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.
All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
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
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.
Offering

Special Music *The Gift of Love* Chris Lenz

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*Christopher Lenz, lyric baritone holds a Bachelor of Music degree
in Voice Performance from Temple University.
Professional classical appearances include concerts at Carnegie
Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, the San Juan Symphony Hall of Puerto*

Rico and both the Philadelphia Academy of Music and the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

Mr. Lenz has performed as one of the VOICES OF THE PHILLY POPS under Maestro Peter Nero for ten years.

He was awarded first prize in the advanced division of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition. He has performed in more than 40 musicals and operas throughout the United States and has also appeared in the movies, UNBREAKABLE and JERSEY GIRL and the CBS television series, HACK.

Please feel free to visit his website at www.lenzartist@weebly.com.

The offering will be taken at this time.

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Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Response *We Give Thee but Thine Own*



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.

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The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

Reception of New Member

Lenore Gates

Sending Hymn *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* ELW #551

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

The Joyful Trumpet

Gene Clarke

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Announcements

Today

We welcome Lenore Gates, who will be received into membership this morning.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of her granddaughter Cora's eighth birthday by Corrine Bartholomew.

The sponsor signup schedule is available on signupgenius on the church's website. Click on the link newhanoverlutheran.org/worship_signups_2026 or QR Code to sign up today. Or, contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at 610-326-1335.



Serving Today: Marty Hauser, head usher; Alivia Singley, usher; Kaydence Singley, lector; Janine Springer, children's sermon, Hannah Waltermeyer, acolyte

Next Sunday: Jim Gross, head usher; Brian Flack, usher; Nancy Gross, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Noah Waltermeyer, acolyte

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: Barb Eisenhart, Corrine Bartholomew and Judy Sloan

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.

Join the Rejoicing Spirits service this afternoon at 3:00 in NHELC's sanctuary for an uplifting worship experience. 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.

Have a pastoral emergency?

Contact Vicar Nikki Young at 267-329-9697.

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

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

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

Garden Harvesting and Maintenance – Monday, 7:00 AM, Garden of Hope

Staff Meeting – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 20A

AARP Board – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1

AARP – Monday, 11:30 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

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

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

Walnut Woods Service – Wednesday, 10:00 AM

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 14

Mini Golf and Ice Cream – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, Waltz's Golf Farm, Limerick

Garden Harvesting and Maintenance – Thursday, 7:00 AM, Garden of Hope

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 7

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 14

Scout District Roundtable – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

Set Up for The Great Swamp Picnic – Friday, 6:00 PM, picnic grove

Picnic Setup – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, picnic grove

The Great Swamp Picnic – Saturday, 4:00 – 8:00 PM, picnic grove

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

Ice Cream & Mini Golf - Wednesday, August 19th Join us at Waltz Golf Farm for some mini golf and ice cream on Wednesday, August 19th, at 7:00 PM. We will have some fun prizes. Ice cream will be order what you want. You may pay for your golf game when you get there. The cost is \$10 or \$11, depending on which course you choose. **Please sign up by today, August 16th**, so they can be prepared for our group. Sign up online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-64921250-mini>.

Upcoming Events

Backpack Blessing Students, teachers, and school staff are welcome to join us on Sunday, August 23rd, for our 9:00 AM worship service. Bring your backpack or just come up front to take part in the blessing.

Interested in our newest youth shirt? If you would like to purchase our “God is Greater than the Highs and Lows” shirt, you are in luck! Email Hayley Quigley (hquigley19@gmail.com) if you are interested. Shirt cost will be \$15-20, and payment is required to place your order. More information to come!

Join a choir Music is a treasured part of our life together as an ELCA congregation, proclaiming God’s grace and giving voice to our faith. Through hymns, anthems, and special music, our choir and musicians enrich our worship, inspire our hearts, and help lead the congregation in joyful praise. We are deeply grateful for those who share their musical gifts in service to Christ and the church. If you enjoy singing and are looking for a meaningful way to serve, we warmly invite you to join our choir. Whether you have years of experience or simply a love of music and a willing spirit, your voice can help lead our congregation in joyful

praise as we “sing to the Lord a new song” (Psalm 96:1). There is a place for you in our music ministry. Together, we celebrate God’s abundant love and help our congregation sing with joy, hope, and thanksgiving.

To learn more about our adult or children’s choir, or to become a member, contact Patricia Nyce, director of music, at 267-252-3020 or patricia.nyce@newhanoverlutheran.org. We would be delighted to welcome you and your family to our music ministry!

The NHELC Book Club is reading “6:40 to Montreal” by Eva Jurczyk. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, October 6th, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

God on Bikes Do you ride a motorcycle? We already have God on Tap; would you be interested in God on Bikes? Weather permitting, motorcyclists will travel to an “interesting” place, that would include a lunch stop. Participants will help dictate the day we ride, be it a Saturday or during the week. All input of “an interesting place” would be greatly appreciated! It doesn’t matter what kind of bike you ride! Text or email Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 or email him at RDPTW6489@Gmail.com with questions or if you are interested.

Concert Honors First Responders The Boyertown Area Alumni Marching Unit along with the Boyertown Area High School and Middle School East and West Show Choirs will offer a musical presentation on Friday, September 11th, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Boyertown Middle School West. A free will offering will be received at the door.

Help Needed

Local families in the Pottstown area need our help. Throughout the months of August, September and October, NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items to be distributed to local families through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center and fellowship hall for the donations. For a list of items most needed, see the August issue of New Hanover Highlights. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

Also, a special thank you to all who donated during the spring months to the Pottstown Cluster boxes. With the help of a Thrivent Action Team project, we donated 155 pounds of food and personal care items.

The Food Ministry is looking to fill the following vacancies:

- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Assigns meal delivery drivers, meal staging support and kitchen help.

- **Purchasing Agent:** This person will purchase produce, kitchen supplies, packaging materials and manage food and meal inventories.
- **Cooks:** Two positions are needed immediately, more positions possible. Chefs Chris F & Jim D are cooking one day every four weeks each. We are looking for at least two other cooks to do the same to fill a four-week period. Chefs Chris and Jim will get the new cooks familiar with the kitchen and activities required.

Contact Steve Weidner at foodministry@newhanoverlutheran.org if interested or to learn more. Job descriptions are available.

Reminder

Attention committee and group leaders. Be sure to turn out the lights when leaving the church.

Resources

Want to keep up with all the latest news from NHELC? 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 Vicar Nikki.

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

Help is needed in the church garden. Can you help with harvesting and maintenance on Mondays and/or Thursdays throughout the summer beginning at 7:00 AM? And, if that doesn't fit your schedule, can you pull weeds at your convenience? NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

Any questions, contact Jim Mack at jimmack203@gmail.com or Steve Weidner at foodministry@newhanoverlutheran.org. Your help is appreciated.

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

Over 300,000 meals have been distributed! 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 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

In case you want any information, enter this link in your web browser: <https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/> or connect using this QR Code.



Additional Information

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 Church 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.

Prayer Requests

Military: Shawn Dietz, 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

Keeley Staples	Logan Conley	Katy Mahon-Miller
Luann Hanley	William Trotter	Kathy Kane
Maxwell Girard	Pat Fryer	Jean Renninger
Pr. Kork Moyer	Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini
Raul Castro	Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch
Wilma Lahr	Melissa	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus
Eric & Wendy Hess	Sue Care	Deb Matthews
Marceline	Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson
Chris Fatzinger	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	Verdie Smith	Helen Foulke
Carla Hausmann	Joan Price	Ralph Borneman
Lucille Powell	Joan Scheffey	Chuck Beck
Rich Freed	Joe	Joe
Casey Flack	Penny Frymoyer	David Helfrich, Sr.

Tara Hauck	Hazel LeVan	David Gottshall
Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge	Dave Pollock
Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick	Steve Morriss
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Carol Feick
Alice Nester	Linda Adams	Donna Day
Janet Linskey	James Dawson	Diane Davidheiser
Timmy Fabian	Betty Hinrichs	Steve Weidner
Carolyn and Rodney Snell		Judy Moser
Jackson Bernard		

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We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

Save the Date!

THE GREAT SWAMP PICNIC

Saturday, August 22nd

4:00 – 8:00 PM

The Great Swamp Picnic, a 100+ year tradition, is an annual gathering for NHELC members as well as the community. Lots of food and fun for all! Hot roast beef sandwiches, pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, kettle soups, ice cream and more! Free kids games and music by the **Boyertown Area Alumni Band**.

We need your help! Lots of volunteer opportunities are available leading up to and the day of the picnic.

Friday, August 21st

6:00 PM – Set Up in the Grove

Saturday, August 22nd

9:00 AM – Final Set Up

4:00 – 8:00 PM – Volunteering during the picnic, anytime

Calling all bakers! We need your help! Please consider making and donating a cake or pie. Attendees of the picnic always enjoy an amazing selection of delicious pies and cakes. You can drop off your donation at the Grove on Friday, August 21st, at 6:00 PM or anytime on Saturday, August 22nd, beginning at 9:00 AM.

If you are willing to help or have any questions about volunteering or the picnic, contact Sally Sugita at 610-505-9682.

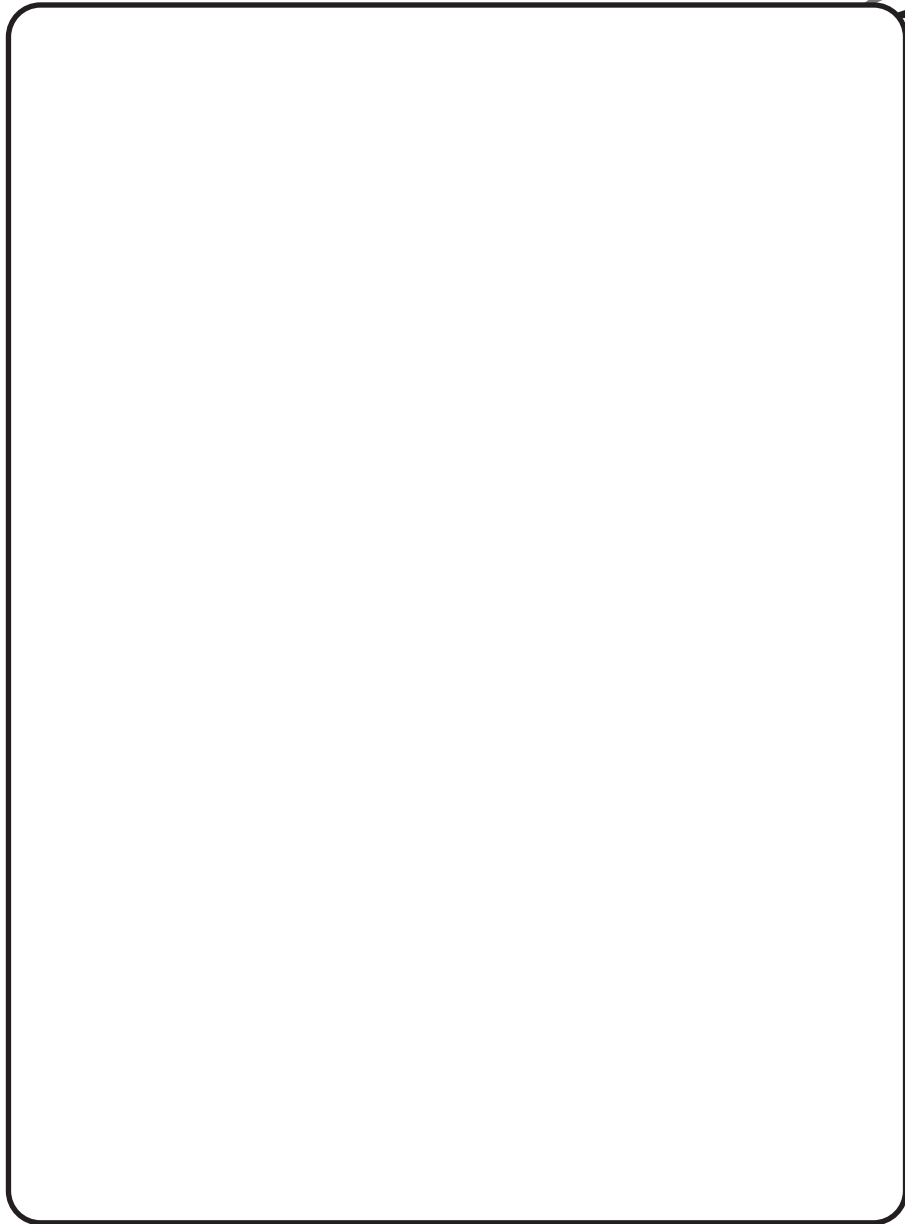
Flea Market Treasures

Got some attic treasures that need a new home? Bring them to the picnic grove on Friday, August 21st, for the picnic flea market. Sorry, we cannot accept large furniture or electronics. Any questions, call Vicki Mutter at 484-363-0639.

The picnic grove is located on Swamp Picnic Road between Rte. 663 and Lutheran Road. We hope to see you there!

What do you like best about your worship space?

Draw a picture of it here!

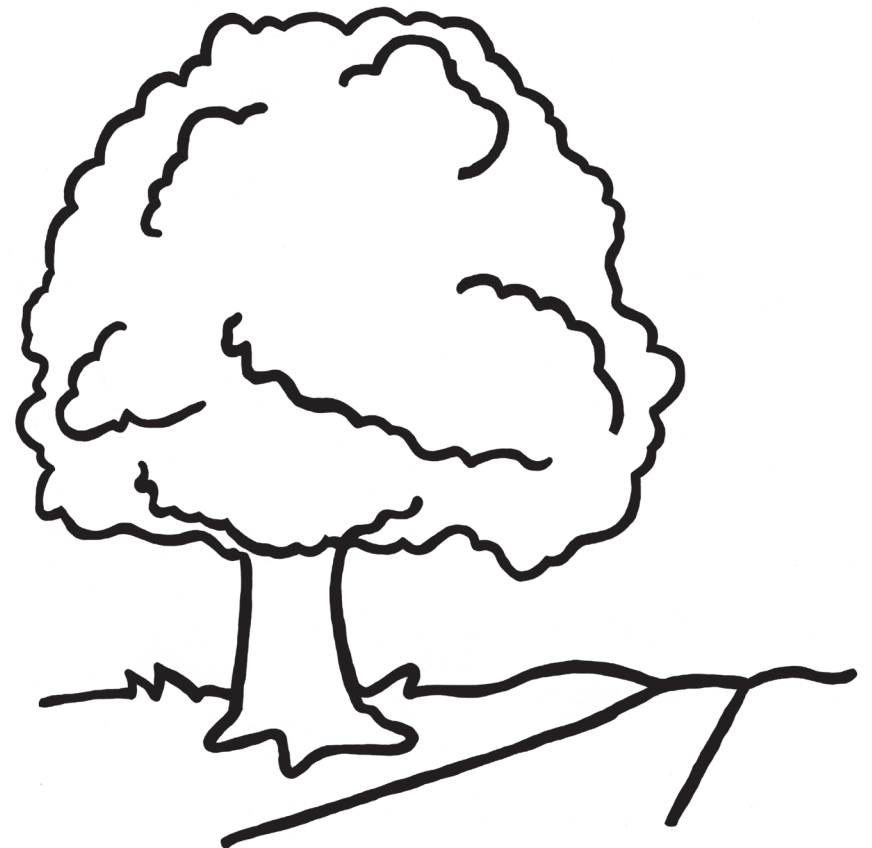


PRE-READER

Pentecost 12

- Today is the **12th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- During this season, we remember to keep **asking God** for **what we need**.

Draw what you need from God inside this symbol for Pentecost.

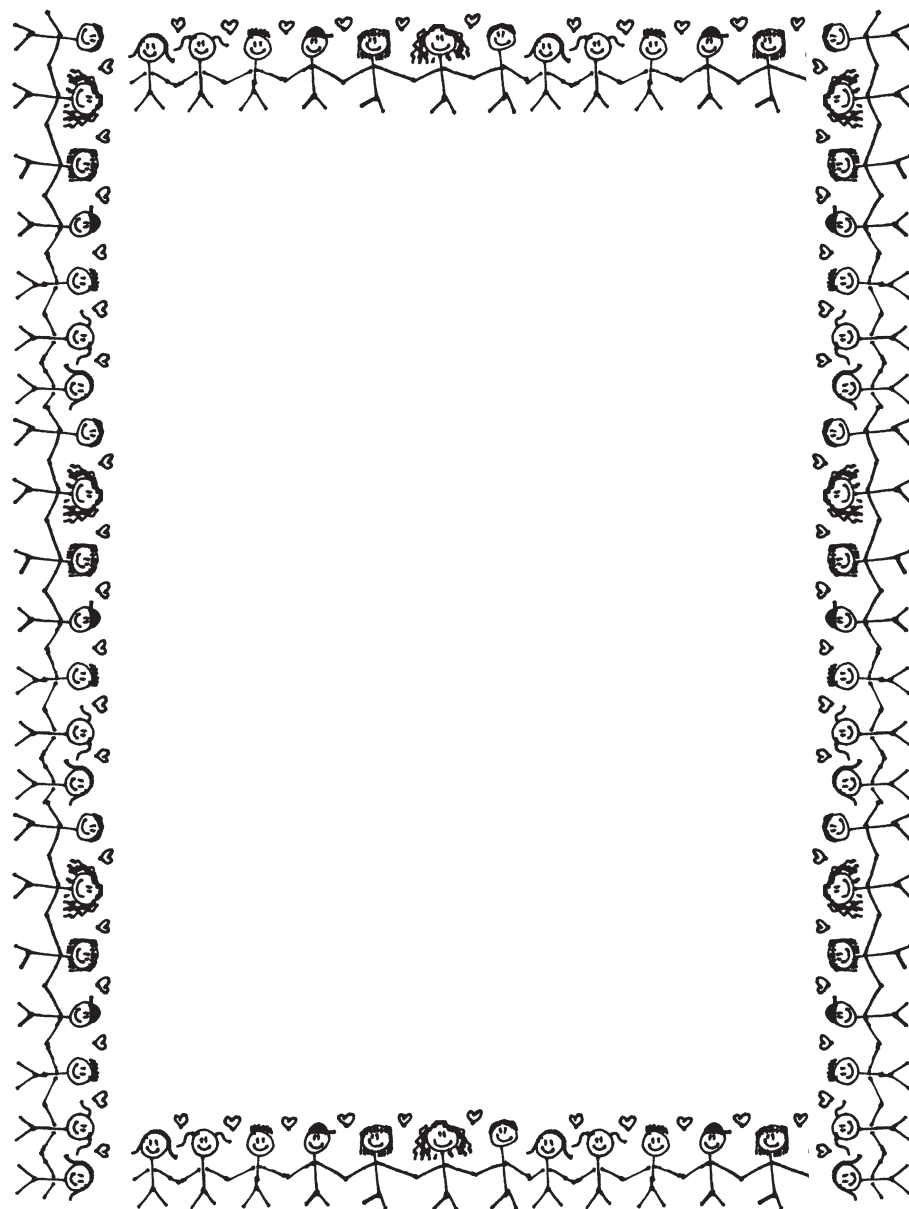




Jesus said, "You have great faith! I will heal your daughter."

The Bible is full of stories about families. Paul tells us that he is a member of Benjamin's family.

Draw a picture of your family here!



Prayers of the People

During worship, we take time to pray for all sorts of things. This time is called the Prayers of the People. We ask God to be with the leaders of our country, for help for the poor, and of healing for the sick. What did you pray about in worship today?

Write or draw about it here:



READER

Pentecost 12

- Today is the **12th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Pentecost lasts for more than **20 weeks**.
- During such a long season, we can be **persistent** with God.
- Being persistent means to **keep trying** and **keep asking**.

Be Persistent

God wants us to keep asking for the things we need. What do you need from God? Write a prayer inside the symbol for Pentecost.



Unscramble the shaded words to complete this week's memory verse.

Jesus answered her, "Woman, **tegar**

is your **afhit** ! Let it be done for you

as you **swih** ." Matthew 15:28a

Memory Verse



Jesus answered her, "Woman, _____ is
your _____ ! Let it be done for you as you
_____."

Keep Trying

In the Gospel lesson today we learned about being persistent with God. Try to solve this Sudoku math game using your persistence!

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the numbers 1 through 4.

			2
	3		
		1	
4			

Did You Know?

In the reading from Romans today, Paul tells us that he is a member of the tribe of Benjamin. This is one of the twelve tribes of Israel, the groups of people born from Jacob's twelve sons.

Here are the other tribes: Asher, Dan, Gad, Issachar, Joseph, Judah, Levi, Naphtali, Reuben, Simeon, and Zebulun.

Family Tree

In Romans, Paul talks about his family and heritage. He is an Israelite, from the tribe of Benjamin.

Who is in your faith family? Who has helped you learn more about God?

Who has taught you about Jesus?

Write or draw about them in this family tree. Draw more branches to fit more faith family members.



Look it Up!

The Apostle Paul uses a writing style called **diatribe**. He asks a question. Then he answers it. Look up Romans 11:1 to see an example.

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

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From The Inside Out

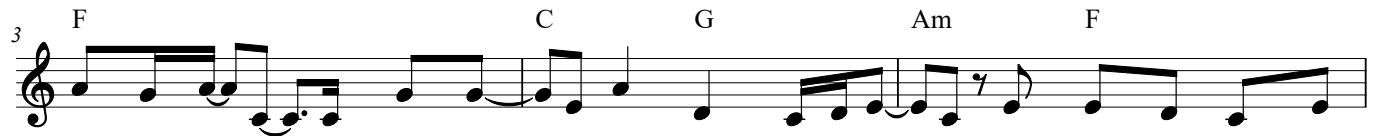
Words and Music by
Joel Houston

VERSE 1

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1. A thou - sand times I've failed, still Your mer - cy re - mains. And should I



stum - ble a - gain, still, I'm caught in Your grace. Ev - er - last - ing, Your light will shine when

INSTRUMENTAL 1



all else fades. Nev - er end - ing, Your glo - ry goes be - yond all fame.

VERSE 2



2. Your will, a - bove all else, my pur -



- pose re - mains. The art of los - ing my - self in bring - ing You praise. Ev - er - last -



- ing, Your light will shine when all else fades. Nev - er end - ing, Your glo - ry goes be -

CHORUS 1

20 C G F C
 -yond all fame. In my heart, in my soul, Lord, I give You con - trol.

23 Am G F Am
 Con-sume me from the in-side out, Lord. Let jus-tice and praise be-come my em-brace,

27 G Dm Dm
 to love You from the in - side out. in - side out. Ev - er - last -

CHORUS 2

Am F C G Am F
 - ing, Your light will shine when all else fades. Nev - er end - ing, Your glo - ry goes be -

34 C G C F G Am
 -yond all fame. And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise, from the in -

INSTRUMENTAL 2

37 F G F G F C Am
2nd time to Coda
 - side out. Lord, my soul cries out.

G F Am G Dm F G
Coda

42 *D.S. al Coda* 



cries out. Ev-er-last-

CHORUS 2

Am F C G Am F



- ing, Your light will shine when all else fades. Nev-er end - ing, Your glo-ry goes be -

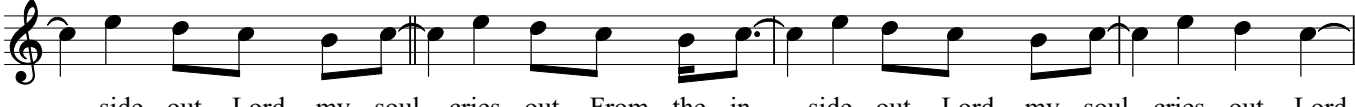
51 C G C F G Am



- yond all fame. And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise, from the in -

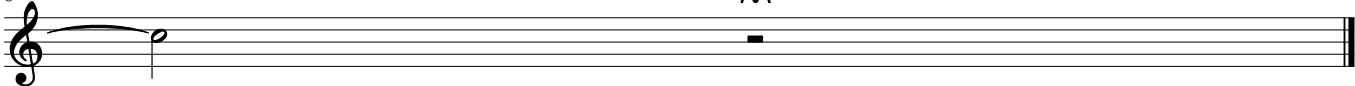
ENDING

54 F G F G F G F G



- side out. Lord, my soul cries out. From the in - side out. Lord, my soul cries out, Lord.

58 F



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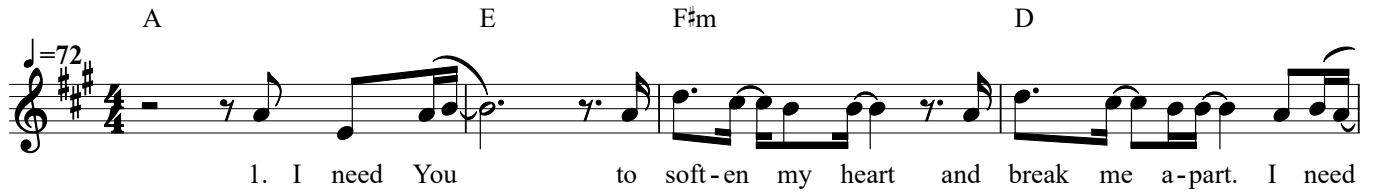
Give Me Faith

Words by
Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Wade Joye and London Gatch

Music By
Chris Brown

VERSE 1

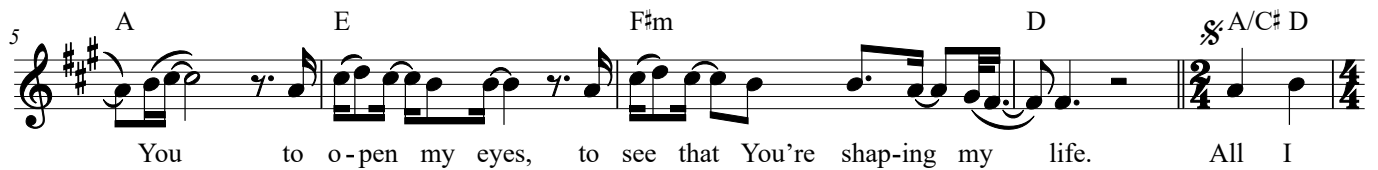
A E F#m D



1. I need You to soft-en my heart and break me a-part. I need

PRE-CHORUS

A E F#m D A/C# D



You to o-pen my eyes, to see that You're shap-ing my life. All I

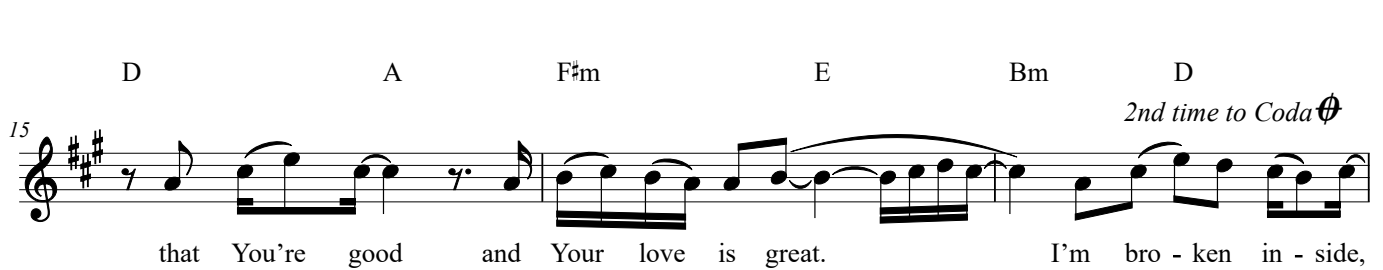
CHORUS

E A/C# D E D A E F#m



am, I sur-ren-der. Give me faith to trust what You say,

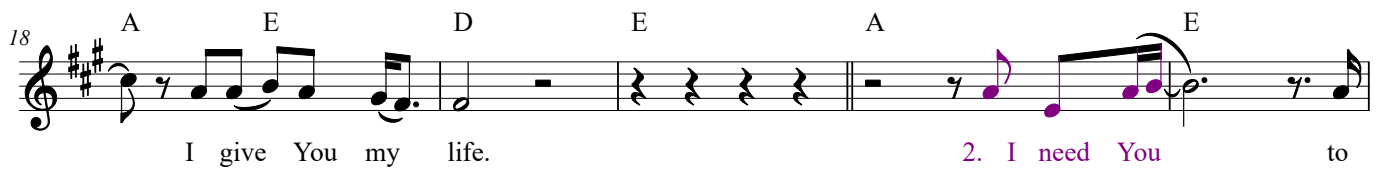
D A F#m E Bm D



that You're good and Your love is great. I'm bro-ken in-side,

VERSE 2

A E D E A E



I give You my life. 2. I need You to

F#m D A E



soft-en my heart and break me a-part. I need You to pierce through the dark, and

F#m D A E D A E F#m
Coda
 27 *D.S. al Coda* Φ **INSTRUMENTAL**
 cleanse ev-'ry part of me. I give You my life.

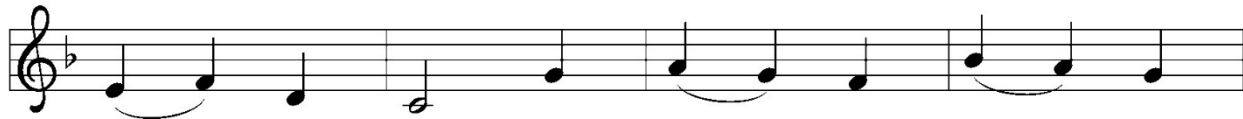
D A F#m E D A E F#m
BRIDGE
 32
 'Cause I may be weak, but Your Spir-it's strong in me.

D A F#m E D
 36
 My flesh may fail. My God You nev - er will.

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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