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"Cézanne once proclaimed, 'With an apple I want to astonish Paris,' and he succeeded, even in his most deceptively simple still lifes, to dazzle and delight. Turning to the Provençal apples and Beurré Diel pears grown in the vicinity of the family's estate near Aix, he dispensed with traditional one-point perspective and examined the fruit, plates, and table from various viewpoints—straight on, above, and sideways.'"

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This month as we continue to learn more about "knowing Jesus" through his "I Am" statements recorded in the Gospel of John, we will learn that Jesus used the image of fruit and fruitfulness to talk about our union with him. As we continue to get to know him better, pray that we would be a fruitful people even during this time because we remain connected to him who is the source of all life.



[Hershey Presbyterian Church \(PCA\)](#) desires to be a welcoming, grace-filled, all-nations community of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition. We seek to love God and our neighbor as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to *worship God, proclaim Christ, and love others.*

Preparing to Worship God

Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA! We are glad to have you join with us in the worship of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

Thanks to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Ephraim Church (violin), Keith Dolon (sound), Joe Kearns (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), Pastor David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet); Nate Moore (sound), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 135:3,13-14

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

For the LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants.

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Bold typeface: Congregation

***Response of Praise:**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in **God the Father Almighty**,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in **Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord**,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Amen

***Gloria Patri**

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther,
And to the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Ghost:
as it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now, and ev-er shall be,
world with-out end.
A-men, a-men.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 103

Q. 102. What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. In the third petition, which is,

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven,

we pray that God, by his grace,

would make us able and willing

to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things,

as the angels do in heaven.

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Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ:

Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 9-15, 2020

Intercession for the World:

- **The Hershey Community** (to learn about local township news, subscribe to the Derry Township Weekly eNews at www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-eneews)
Derry Township Assistant Chief of Police Timothy Roche
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
Vice President Mike Pence
- **Countries of Origin of our Church Members and Friends.** Did you come from a country different from the ones that we regularly pray for? Please let us know and we will add your country of origin to our list:
Egypt
- **Unreached People Group** (includes 6,693 people groups or 40.4% of the world's people groups (approximately 3,109,034,000 persons). In these people groups, there are "few evangelicals and few who identify as Christians." There is "little, if any, history of Christianity" within the people group. See www.joshuaproject.net). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send Untied out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)
Azhe of China Population: 63,000; Language: Azhe; Religion: ethnic religions

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues: John**
- **Church Government in our Local Church** (our ordained officers):
Deacon Keith Dolon
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
Manor Presbyterian Church, Cochranville, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Mission to the World (MTW)

The Lord's Prayer: Our time of intercession will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

"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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Our Tithes & Offerings

This is the time in our service when our tithes and offerings are presented to God as an act of our worship. You can drop your offering in the designated place. If you are worshipping with us online, you can present your tithes and offerings to God by mailing them to Hershey PCA, 1521 Sand Hill Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036, or by making an online donation through our website at hersheypca.com.

Song of Preparation:*Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three verses. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system includes the lyrics for the second system. The third system includes the lyrics for the third system. The fourth system includes the lyrics for the fourth system. The score is marked with chords: G, D, G, G/D, D7, G.

1 Lord, we hear your word with glad-ness: you have spo-ken— we re - joice:
2 May we hear with un - der-stand-ing, by your Spir - it taught and led.
3 You have spo-ken; yours the full-ness, ours the wealth of this your Word.

words of love and life and free-dom—help us make their truth our choice!
May the springs of all our be - ing by your liv - ing Word be fed.
Debt-ors, then, as liv-ing let - ters we must make your gos - pel heard!

Now in ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion for your Word we wor - ship you;
May our hearts ac - cept with meek-ness all the grace your light makes known.
By your Spir - it's power trans - form us; shed your sav - ing light a - broad

spo-ken, writ - ten, known in Je - sus, ours to - day to prove a - new.
May o - be-dience mark our foot-steps till we make each word our own.
till our lives by love in ac - tion show our world the truth of God!

Listening to God's Word

***Prayer for Illumination**

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

***Reading of Scripture:**

John 15:1-17

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ **I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.** ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: Knowing Jesus: The “I Am” Statements of Jesus in John’s Gospel (7)

“I am the vine; you are the branches”

Text: John 15:1-17

Pastor David Kertland

1. Jesus’s _____

- a. *Jesus is the true _____ .*
- b. *Jesus is the _____ and primary _____
of God’s work and blessing in the world.*
- c. *The church’s relationship with God is always _____ Jesus.*
- d. *The _____ of “abiding” in Jesus.*

2. The Church’s _____

- a. *The church has no _____ life of its own.*
- b. *The church cannot fulfill its purpose if it _____ the gospel.*
- c. *The church has no _____ to God if it turns away from Jesus.*

3. Are you _____ in Jesus?

- a. _____ God’s Word?
- b. _____ believing prayer?
- c. _____ one another?

Prayer of Application

*The sermon concludes with a prayer asking the Lord to help us to be those who listen to his word and obey it.
“...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:22)*

Confessing Our Faith in God

***Song of Dedication and Service:**

Jesus, I Come



1. Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus I
 2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Jes - us, I
 3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Jes - us, I
 4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jes - us, I



come; Je - sus I come. In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness and
 come; Je - sus, I come. In - to the glor - ious gain of Thy
 come; Je - sus, I come. In - to Thy bles - sed will to a -
 come; Je - sus, I come. In - to the joy and light of Thy



light, Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of my
 cross, Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of earth's
 - bide, Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of my -
 home, Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of the



sick - ness in - to Thy health, out of my want - ing and
 sor - row in - to Thy balm, out of life's sto - rms and
 - self to dwell in Thy love, out of des - pair in - to
 depths of ru - in un - told, In - to the peace of Thy



in - to Thy wealth, out of my sin and in - to Thy
 in - to Thy calm, out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant
 rap - tures a - bove, up - ward for - ev er on wings like a
 shel - ter - ing fold, ev - er Thy glor - ious face to be -



self, Je - sus I come to Thee.
 psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 dove, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 - hold, Je - sus, I come to Thee.

Receiving God's Blessing

Initial Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Transitional postlude & end of online service

Onsite worship continues

The Sacrament of Baptism

Exhortation to the parents: *

Reading the covenant promises: *

Genesis 17:7: "And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

Acts 2:39: "For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Acts 16:31: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Questions for the parents: *

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question for the congregation: *

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Prayer for Blessing

Baptism in the Triune Name

Concluding Prayer

*From the PCA's Book of Church Order, 56-4, 5, & 6.

***Song of the Covenant:**

In Your Arms, Lord Jesus Christ

Unison

1. In your arms, Lord Je - sus Christ, chil - dren have a
 2. Sav - ior, on these lit - tle ones place your Fa - ther's
 3. Wash them at the foun - tain, Lord, o - pened for our
 4. Yours they are, our her - i - tage, grant - ed in your
 5. Teach us, Lord, to teach your child; guide us as we

place: brought to you to feel your touch, Lord,
 claim; seal them as his chil - dren, Je - sus,
 • sin; we bap - tize with wa - ter's sym - bol:
 love: chil - dren of your prom - ise, Sav - ior,
 guide. Lead this lit - tle one to know you,

st. 1-4 *st. 5*

• bless them with your grace.
 give to them your name.
 • yours to cleanse with - in.
 send your Spir - it's dove.
 joy - ful at your side.

*Benediction:

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
Amen.*

Postlude

**We are glad that you have joined us for worship today
—either in person or by livestream.**

If you are new to Hershey PCA, feel free to reach out to Pastor Kertland at pastor@hersheypca.com. We would love to personally welcome you.

Updates, announcements, and a weekly schedule of events with meeting links are being communicated through our Prayer and Information email list. If you are not receiving these updates and would like to be on the email list, please send your name and email address to office@hersheypca.com.

Requests for pastoral or diaconal support can be made directly to one of our elders or deacons, or can be emailed to us at: pastor@hersheypca.com or deacons@hersheypca.com.

Join us online at 12 noon (EST) each weekday for **Daily Prayer** (Mon-Fri) and at 9 AM (EST) for **Sunday worship** onsite and online at our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/hersheypca.

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Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** *Still Life with Apples and Pears*, Paul Cézanne, ca. 1891-92. Oil on canvas, 17 5/8 x 23 1/8 in. Bequest of Stephen C. Clark, 1960. Accession Number: 61.101.3. On view at The Met Fifth Avenue in Gallery 826. Downloaded from www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/435883 on 07/23/2020. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (53) and "In your Arms, Lord Jesus Christ" (419) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness" (89) is reprinted from *Sing! A New Creation: Pew Edition* (Grand Rapids, MI: co-published by Calvin Institute of Worship, Faith Alive Christian Resources, and Reformed Church in America, 2001). "Jesus, I Come" is from *The Indelible Grace Hymnbook* downloaded from <http://s3.amazonaws.com/ruf-hymnbook-prod/hymns/663/original/jesus-i-come.pdf?1355799256>. Music for lead sheet was notated by Denise Seymour. Music used by permission: CCLI License #4779006.
- 3) **Quotes:** Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted. Various quotes used to explain prayers in our worship service from *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Worship* by Hughes Oliphant Old (Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI: 1995).



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