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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), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), Pastor David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet); Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Cisco Victa (leading worship), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalms 106:47-48

*Save us, O Lord our God,
and gather us from among the nations,
**that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.***

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
**And let all the people say, "Amen!"
Praise the Lord!***

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*Response of Praise:

Come & Praise (Psalm 135)



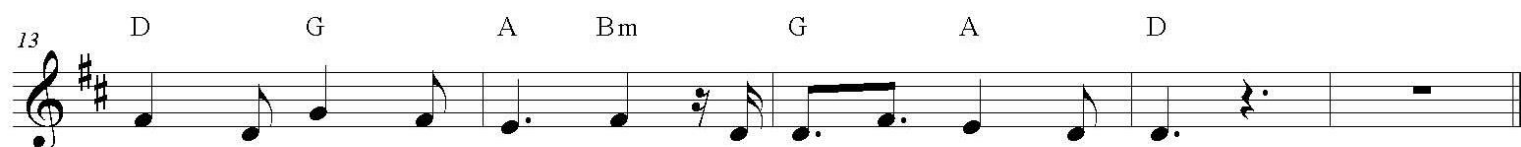
1. Come and praise the Lord, oh peo - ple; come and praise the name of the Lord. Give him
2. For I know our Lord is great - er, far a - bove all oth - er gods. On the
3. He has struck down all the cap - tors, He has con - quered might - y kings. By the
4. Now as peo - ple of the prom - ise flee from i - dols made of men. Be not



praise, oh you his ser - vants gath - ered by His word. Praise the
earth and in the heav - ens, all He loves and wills He does. He is
blood of His own first - born He has set the cap - tives free. He has
formed in - to their like - ness, put not your trust in them. *Bless the



Lord for all His good - ness, sing His name for all its joy, for the
sov - ereign o'er cre - a - tion, He sends light - ning with the rain. He is
called us to a king - dom, He has made us heirs with Christ, and His
Lord, oh house of Ja - cob! Bless the Lord, oh you His saints! In the



Lord has called His cho - sen a na - tion for His own.
rul - er o'er all na - tions, the King a - bove all kings.
name en - dures for - ev - er, His peo - ple jus - ti - fied.
ci - ty that is com - ing the true God we will praise. (to tag*)

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*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

***Confession of Faith:**

Hebrews 1:1-2:1

Leader: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Congregation: ³**He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

Leader: ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,
"I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son"?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
"Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷Of the angels he says,
"He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers a flame of fire."

Congregation: ⁸**But of the Son he says,**
"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.
⁹**You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."**

¹⁰**And,**
"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
¹¹**they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,**
¹²**like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.**
**But you are the same,
and your years will have no end."**

Leader: ¹³And to which of the angels has he ever said,
"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Congregation: ^{2:1}**Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.**

*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 104

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

A. In the fourth petition, which is,
Give us this day our daily bread,
we pray that of God's free gift we may receive
a competent portion of the good things of this life,
and enjoy his blessing with them.

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Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ:

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Song of Thanksgiving:

I Love the Lord (Psalm 116:1-8)

1. ¹ I love the LORD be - cause He hears my plead - ing.
2. ⁵ Our God, the LORD, is mer - ci - ful and righ - teous;



² He's heed - ed me; through life I'll call on Him.
⁶ Gra - cious, the LORD pre - serves the sim - ple ones.



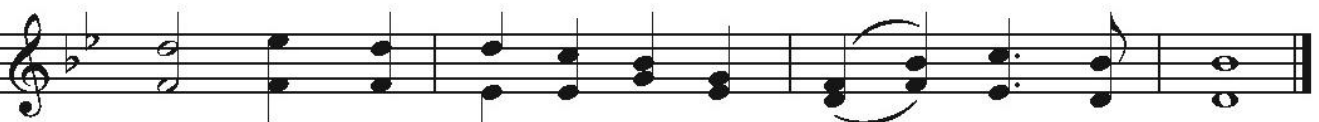
³ Bound by the ropes of death and She - ol's ter - rors;
When I was low, to me He gave sal - va - tion.



In deep dis - tress I grief and trou - ble found.
⁷ Turn back a - gain, my soul, and be at rest;



⁴ Then on the LORD's name in prayer I called:
Rest, for the LORD has dealt well with you.



"O LORD, I pray to You, de - liv - er my soul!"
⁸ My help - less soul You have de - liv - ered from death.



Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 16-22, 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 Terry D. Ferree
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
US Supreme Court Justices
- **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:
India
- **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)
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Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues: Jim**
- **Church Government in our Local Church** (our ordained officers):
Deacon Josh Franklin
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Ephrata, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
PCA Administrative Committee

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:**

O God, Beyond All Praising

Unison 7

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line of each system.

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Michael Perry, 1982

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From Gustav Holst, *The Planets*, 1918

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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 8:48-59

⁴⁸ *The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?"*

⁴⁹ *Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."*

⁵² *The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?"*

⁵⁴ *Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."*

⁵⁷ *So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?"*

⁵⁸ *Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."*

⁵⁹ *So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.*

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 (8)

‘The Ridiculous Claim of Jesus’

Text: John 8:48-59

Pastor David Kertland

1. *Why did they find Jesus’s claim so _____ ?*

2. *The _____ of all of Jesus’s claims*

3. *Ridiculous or _____ ?*

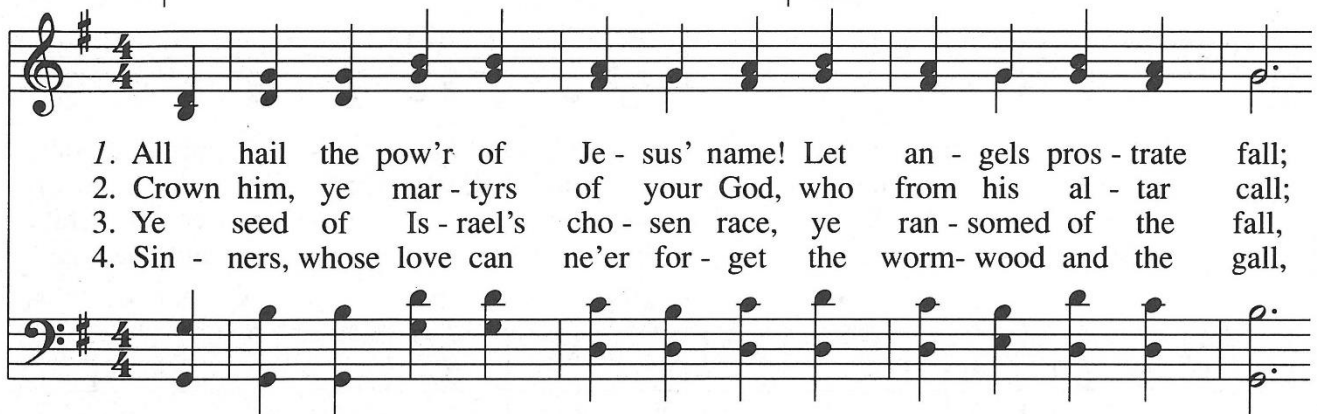
Prayer of Application

*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)*

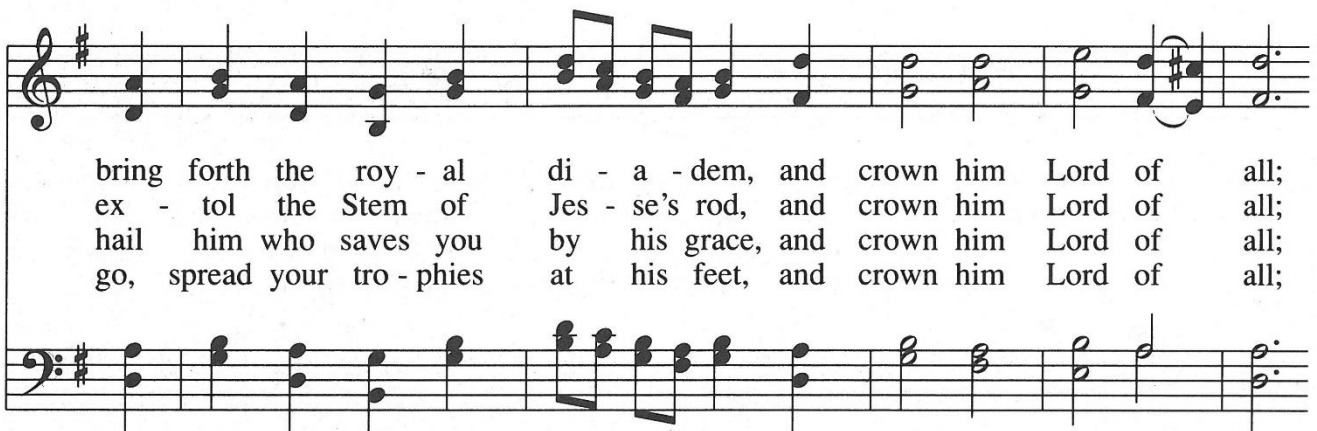
Confessing Our Faith in God

***Song of Dedication and Service:**

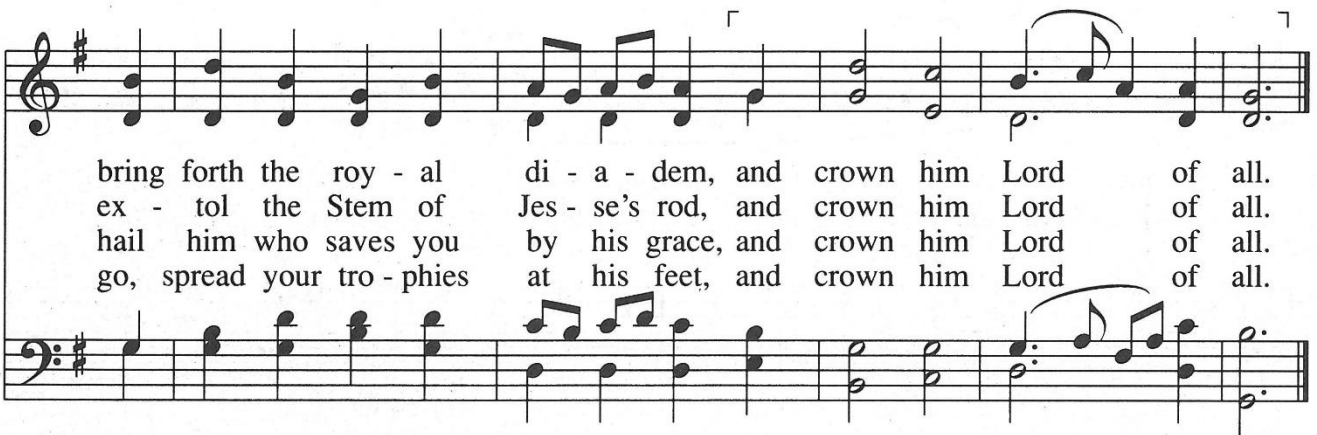
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;



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 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all.

Receiving God's Blessing

***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.
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- 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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