

Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

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Front Cover Artwork

Vincent van Gogh, *Harvest at La Crau, with Montmajour in the Background*, 1888. Oil on canvas. 2' 5" x 3' 0". Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

<https://www.vangoghgallery.com/catalog/Painting/184/Harvest-at-La-Crau-with-Montmajour-in-the-Background.html>

"Van Gogh considered this impressive vista as one of his finest works. The colours of the southern French countryside in summer dominate this painting: the warm yellowy-gold of the wheat and azure green of the shimmering light. The painting shows the plain of La Crau, outside Arles, with in the distance the Alpilles mountain range. For the foreground Van Gogh used touches of paint in various directions, while for the background he applied more uniform colour patches, thereby creating extra depth."

<https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/the-harvest-vincent-van-gogh/UAFejbUbf7fwSg?hl=en>

Our Lord Jesus mentioned the harvest multiple times during his earthly ministry. In his parables, *"the harvest"* referred to the *"end of the age"* (Matthew 13:39), when he will gather his children to him as a farmer gathers the good grain. God's Word tells us that the Church participates in the harvest as we proclaim Christ to the world. May the sight of the crops being harvested this fall in our area, remind us of our work as harvesters for the Kingdom, and encourage us to *"pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest"* (Matthew 9:38).



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): Celeste Chen (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Keith Dolon (sound), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Mark Tedford (preaching), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 105:1-4

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

*² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!*

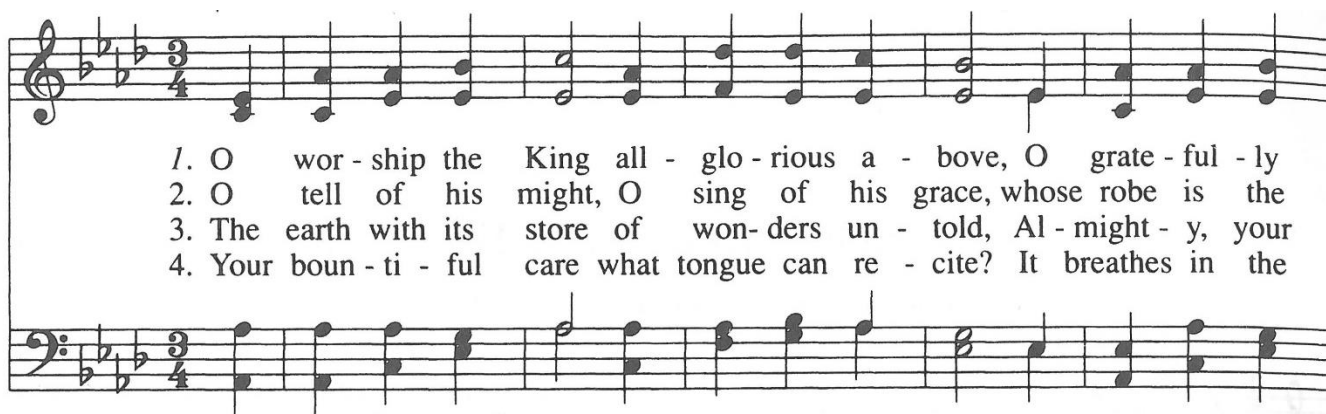
*³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

*⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!*

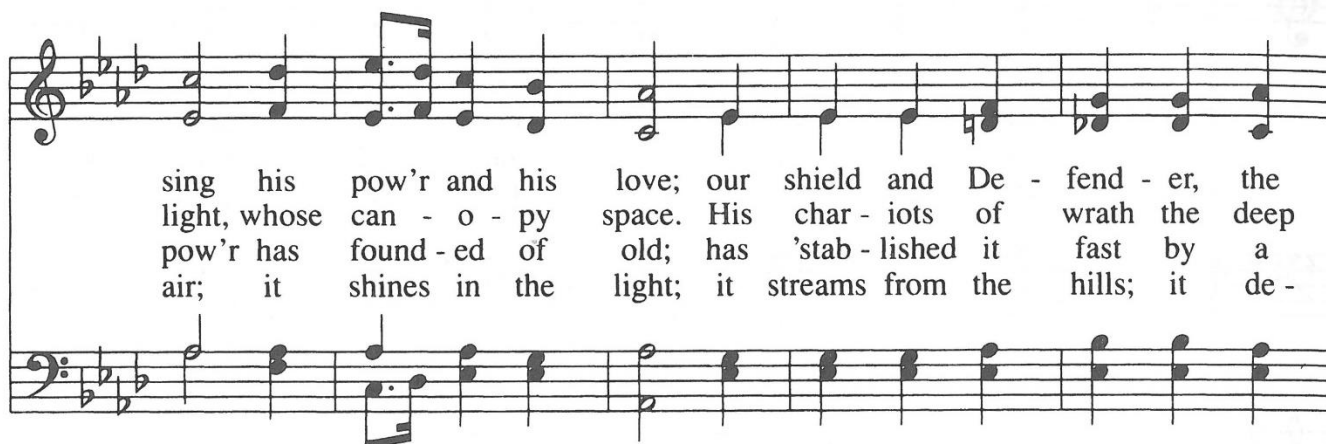
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***Response of Praise:**

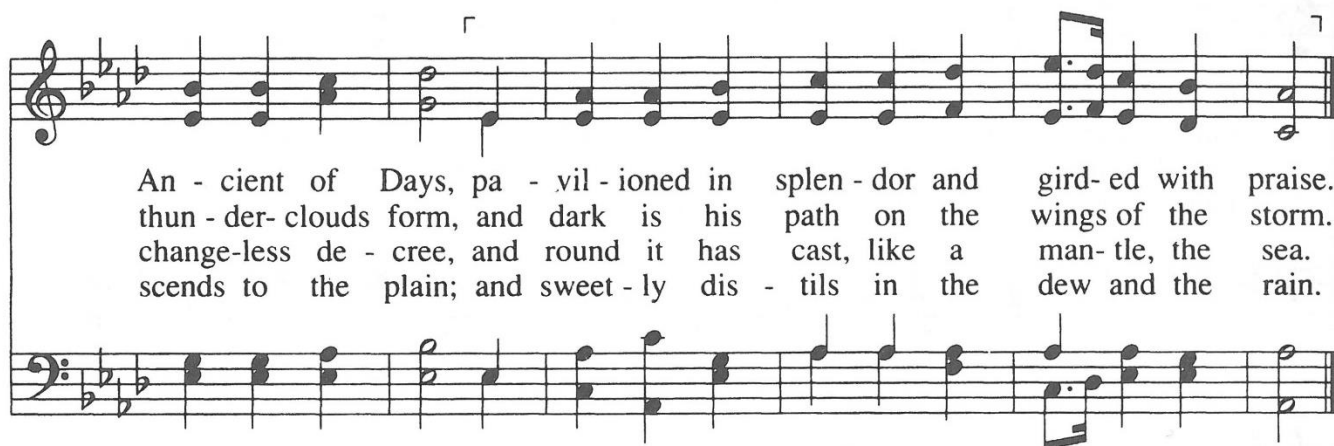
O Worship the King



1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the



sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change-less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.

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:

John 15:9-13

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ:

Psalms 103:8-12

*The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.*

*¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

*¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

*¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 4-10, 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-enews)
Hershey Medical Center EMTs and Emergency Department
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
PA Governor Tom Wolf
- **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:
Cameroon
- **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)
Badaik of Bangladesh and India
Population: 105,000; Language: Bengali and Sadri; Religion: Hinduism

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues: Elsie**
- **Church Government in our Local Church** (our ordained officers):
Women's Ministry Leadership Team
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
New Covenant Fellowship, Mechanicsburg, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Rick and Clare, serving with Frontier Ventures in California

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 Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2. O Light that fol - low'st all my way, I yield my
 3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe,
 flick- 'ring torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray,
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain,
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead,

that in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 that in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 and feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
 and from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

George Matheson, 1882

ST. MARGARET 8.8.8.6.
 Albert L. Peace, 1885

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:**

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

*“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

“No Separation”

Text: Romans 8:26-39

Pastor Mark Tedford

1. What can you say in response to God's love?
2. Who/what shall separate you from God's love?
3. God's great love is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:**

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean
 shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,
 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,
 died to call them all his own; how for them he
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
 in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

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

Postlude

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** van Gogh, Vincent, *Harvest at La Cra, with Montmajour in the Background*, 1888. Oil on canvas. 2' 5" x 3' 0". Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands. <https://www.vangoghgallery.com/catalog/Painting/184/Harvest-at-La-Cra,-with-Montmajour-in-the-Background.html>. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "O Worship the King" (2), "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" (708), and "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" (535) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 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).

**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 for **Sunday worship** at 10:00 AM (EST) onsite (weather permitting) or by livestream at our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/hersheypca.

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The Hershey PCA Office & Ministry Center office hours:
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