

**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): Ephraim Church (violin), Keith Dolon (sound), Bob Eickelberg (preaching), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (leading worship), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

## Prelude

## Praising God

### \*Call to Worship:

### Psalm 103:13-18

*As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

**<sup>14</sup> For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.**

<sup>15</sup> *As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;*

**<sup>16</sup> for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.**

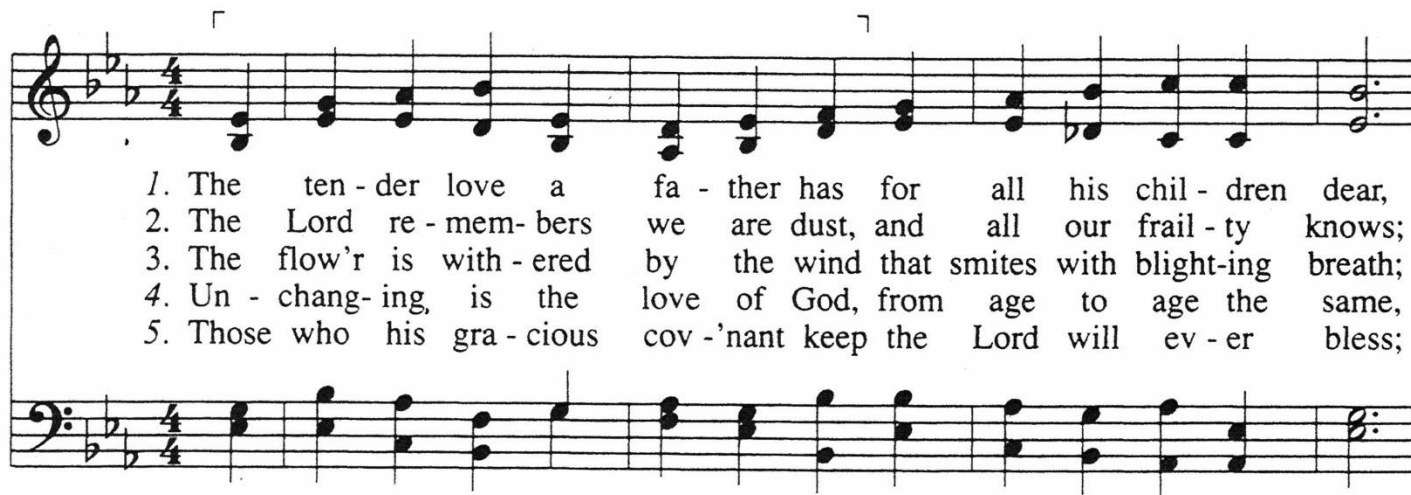
<sup>17</sup> *But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,*

**<sup>18</sup> to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.**

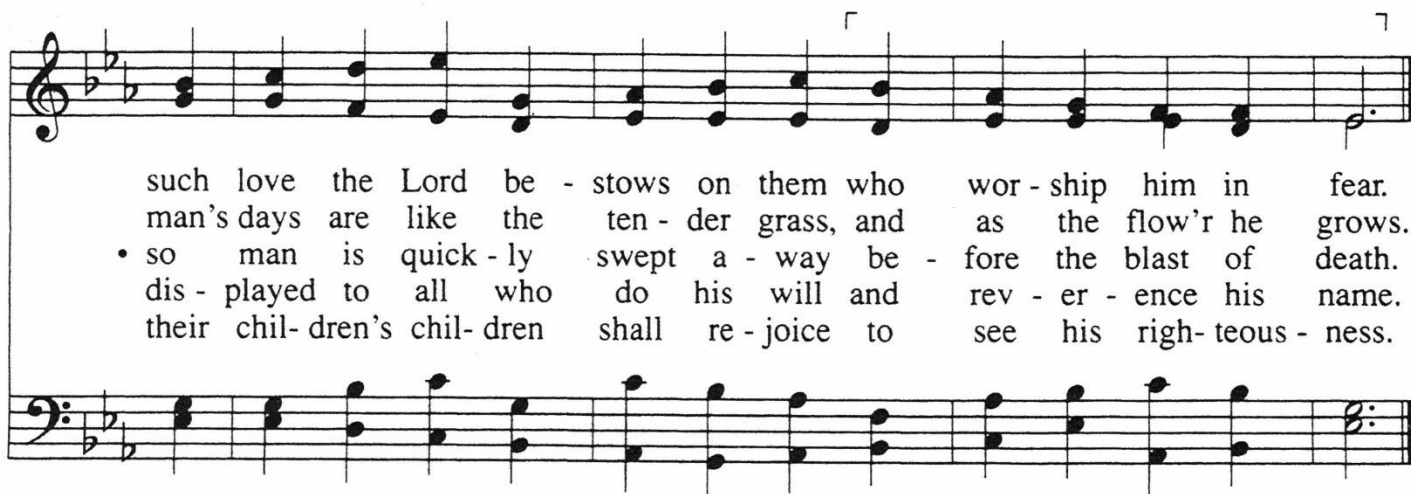
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**\*Response of Praise:**

**The Tender Love a Father Has**



1. The ten - der love a fa - ther has for all his chil - dren dear,  
2. The Lord re - mem - bers we are dust, and all our frail - ty knows;  
3. The flow'r is with - ered by the wind that smites with blight - ing breath;  
4. Un - chang - ing, is the love of God, from age to age the same,  
5. Those who his gra - cious cov - 'nant keep the Lord will ev - er bless;



such love the Lord be - stows on them who wor - ship him in fear.  
man's days are like the ten - der grass, and as the flow'r he grows.  
• so man is quick - ly swept a - way be - fore the blast of death.  
dis - played to all who do his will and rev - er - ence his name.  
their chil - dren's chil - dren shall re - joice to see his righ - teous - ness.

From Psalm 103:13-18  
*The Psalter*, 1912

CAITHNESS C.M.  
*Scottish Psalter*, 1635

## **\*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:

**Galatians 4:4-7**

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,<sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.<sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"<sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*

## Confession of Sin

Written by William Cowper on Jeremiah 23:6 (Olney Hymns 67)

**My God! how perfect are thy ways!  
But mine polluted are;  
Sin twines itself about my praise,  
And slides into my prayer.**

**When I would speak what thou hast done  
To save me from my sin;  
I cannot make thy mercies known  
But self-applause creeps in.**

**Divine desire, that holy flame  
Thy grace creates in me;  
Alas! impatience is its name,  
When it returns to thee.**

**This heart, a fountain of vile thoughts,  
How does it overflow?  
While self upon the surface floats  
Still bubbling from below.**

**Let others in the gaudy dress  
Of fancied merit shine;  
The LORD shall be my righteousness  
The LORD for ever mine.**

## Assurance of Pardon in Christ:

**1 John 3:1**

*See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 11-17, 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](http://www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-enews))  
**Hershey Life Lion Critical Care Transport**
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):  
**PA Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman**
- **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:  
**Canada**
- **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](http://www.joshuaproject.net)).  
"...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send Untied out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)  
**Bade of Nigeria**  
**Population: 323,000; Language: Bade; Religion: Islam**

### Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues: Peter**
- **Church Government in our Local Church** (our ordained officers):  
**Children's Ministry Leaders**
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):  
**Proclamation Presbyterian Church, Mount Joy, PA**
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**  
**Cam and Kaela Smith, serving with RUF at Penn State**

**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](http://hersheypca.com).*

**\*Song of Preparation:**


**Before the Throne of God Above**



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, And tells me of the guilt with -  
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect spot - less right - eous -

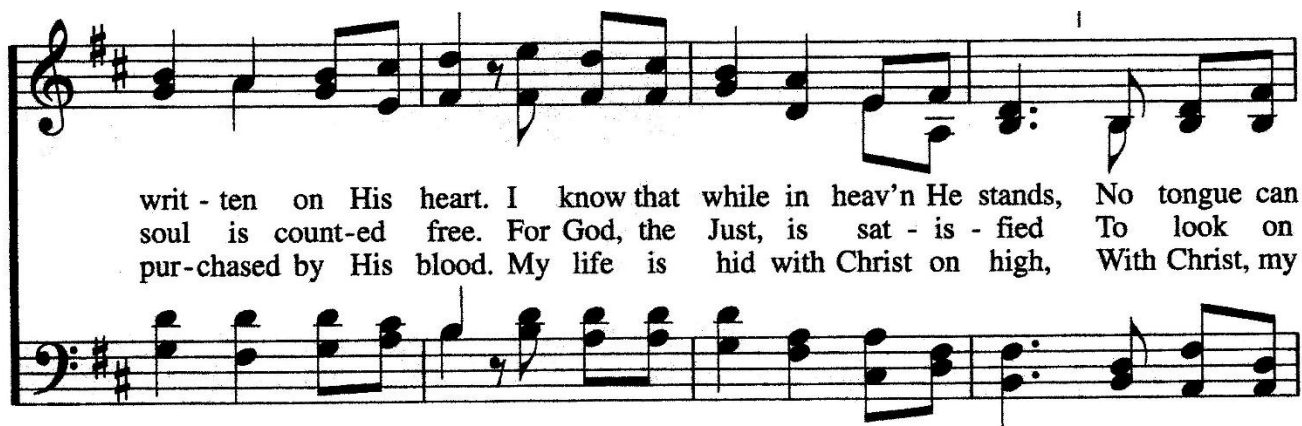


plea: A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ev - er  
in, Up - ward I look and see Him there, Who made an  
ness, The great un - change - a - ble I AM, The King of



lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His hands. My name is  
end of all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died My sin - ful  
Glo - ry and of Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not die; My soul is





writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can  
soul is count-ed free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied To look on  
pur-chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my



bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
Him and par - don me; to look on Him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God; with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God!

Words: Vikki Cook and Charitie Lees Bancroft  
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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:**

**Romans 8:14-17**

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:     *“Adoption: Sons and Daughters of the King of Heaven***

Text: Romans 8:14-17

Pastor Bob Eickelberg

1. Our Life as Orphans

2. Our Life as Adopted Sons and Daughters

When God the Father looks at His adopted children, He delights in them!

(Three book illustration by former Covenant College Professor Dr. Krabbendam.  
Celebrate it!)

3. Moses was adopted by the family of the king (Exodus 2:1-10 and Acts 7:20-22)

4. Mephibosheth was “adopted” (v.11) into the family of the king (II Samuel 9:1-13)

**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:**

**He Will Hold Me Fast**

A A/C# D D E A

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;  
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

(v3:F#m7)

5 A A/C# D D E A

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
 Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.  
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

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

I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;  
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;  
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

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

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

# Refrain

18 D E F#m F#m E/G# A

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

22 A Bm<sup>7</sup> A/C# D D E

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me

last time to CODA  $\Phi$

25 1. Aadd9 A/C# Dadd9 Aadd9 A/C#

fast.

28 Dadd9 A D.S. al Coda  $\Phi$  CODA

fast.

# Receiving God's Blessing

## \*Benediction:

**Hebrews 13:20-21**

*Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,  
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ,  
to whom be glory forever and ever. 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:** "The Tender Love a Father Has" (93) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Before the Throne of God Above" (187) is reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (Los Angeles, CA: The Master's Seminary Press, 2015). "He Will Hold Me Fast" in hymnal form was purchased at [www.gettymusic.com](http://www.gettymusic.com). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 7: Today's Confession of Sin is from John Newton's *Olney Hymns*, Hymn 67, "JEHOVAH our righteousness" [https://www.ccel.org/ccel/newton/olneyhymns.h1\\_67.html](https://www.ccel.org/ccel/newton/olneyhymns.h1_67.html). This hymn was recently quoted by Joe Novenson on the Ministry Network Podcast "Joe Novenson on Prayer for the Downcast" (August 31, 2020) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meNAVcYE5sA>. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@hersheypca.com) or [deacons@hersheypca.com](mailto: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](https://www.facebook.com/hersheypca).

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