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## Front Cover Artwork

Vincent van Gogh, *Congregation Leaving the Reformed Church in Nuenen*, January-February 1884 and Autumn 1885. Oil on canvas. 41.5 cm x 32.2 cm. Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands (Vincent van Gogh Foundation).

<https://www.vangoghmuseum.nl/en/collection/s0003V1962>

The work was painted in Nuenen, a small village in the North Brabant district of the Netherlands, a few miles northeast of Eindhoven. Van Gogh's father became the pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church in Nuenen in 1882, and Van Gogh lived with his parents at the vicarage in Nuenen from December 1883 to May 1885. During this time, he made a number of paintings of the local peasants and also paintings of the church.

The painting shows Van Gogh's father's small church, with hedge and bare trees. Van Gogh made the painting for his mother, while she was confined to her house with a broken leg. It was based on an earlier sketch; like the sketch, the painting originally included a peasant with a spade in the foreground, but it later painted out - probably in late 1885 - when Van Gogh also added the congregation, and leaves to bare trees. The congregation are in mourning clothes: Van Gogh's father had died in March 1885.

*Congregation Leaving the Reformed Church in Nuenen* was stolen on December 7, 2002, along with Van Gogh's early painting of *Beach at Scheveningen in Stormy Weather*, and remained missing for over 13 years until it was recovered by the Italian Guardia di Finanza at Castellammare di Stabia near Naples in January 2016, without its original frame. Its recovery was not announced until September 2016, and it was subsequently returned to the museum and went back on display in March 2017.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Congregation\\_Leaving\\_the\\_Reformed\\_Church\\_in\\_Nuenen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Congregation_Leaving_the_Reformed_Church_in_Nuenen)

Although this painting with its darker palette may evoke feelings of a sorrowful time, it also gives us comfort. The beauty of late fall speaks of God's faithfulness throughout each season of the year. The pictured congregation stands together in their sadness and loss. As we endure this season of trial in our day, we are reminded of Paul's words to "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15) and to "not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)



**[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), Josh Franklin (leading worship); Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

## Prelude

## Praising God

**\*Call to Worship:**

**Lamentations 3:22-26**

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
**his mercies never come to an end;**

they are new every morning;  
**great is your faithfulness.**

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

**The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.**

It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

Light face type: Leader  
**Bold Face type: Congregation**

## **Response of Praise:**

## **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is thy Faithful, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

### ***Chorus:***

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided –  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

### ***Chorus***

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessing all mine, with ten thousand beside!

### ***Chorus***

## **Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

## **\*Confession of Faith:**

## **Revelation 21:22 – 22:5**

Leader: The final book of the Bible, Revelation, begins with these words:

*“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.”*

Part of that revelation to John includes a beautiful reminder about where history is heading.

In our day of turmoil and struggle, as we gather to worship God, let us remember and confess together these words of hope.

## **Congregation:**

***“And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.***

***<sup>2:1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.”***

### **\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world with-out end.  
A-men, a-men.

## **Facing Up to Our Sin before God**

### **Reading of God's Standard:**

**Deuteronomy 5:11**

*"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."*

### **Confession of Sin**

### **Assurance of Pardon in Christ:**

**1 Peter 1:17-21**

*If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of November 1-7, 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))  
**Derry Township Supervisor Natalie Nutt**
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):  
**US Senator Robert Casey, Jr.**  
**This week's elections**
- **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:  
**Honduras**
- **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)  
**Badhik of India**  
**Population: 16,000; Languages: Hindi; Religion: Hinduism**

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

- **Health issues: Elmer**
- **Church Government in our Local Church** (our ordained officers):  
**Deacon Keith Dolon**
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):  
**Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church, Quarryville, PA**
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**  
**Anees and Fareda, serving in a sensitive area**
- **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church** (See "30 Days of Prayer" from MTW):  
**For believers in restricted-access countries being persecuted for their faith.**  
**For perseverance, protection, and boldness.**

**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:            Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness**

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
Make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only  
That makest me dwell in safety.

Teach me, Lord, teach me truly how to live,  
That I may come to know thee,  
And in thy presence serve thee with gladness,  
And sing songs of praise to thy glory.

## **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:**

### **Ephesians 5:15-21**

*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,<sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.*

*<sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

*<sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,*

*<sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,*

*<sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of  
our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*<sup>21</sup> submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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



**Sermon:**

The Church: Being & Becoming (6):

***“Fellowship: A Neighbor-First People Who Submit”***

Text: Ephesians 5:21

Pastor David Kertland

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ phrase (reading Ephesians 5:21 in context)

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ question (a specific application)

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ motivation (a glorious motivation)

**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:**

**Oh, How Good It Is**

Oh, how good it is when the family of God  
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
are the fruits of his presence here among us.

**Refrain:**

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
and with one heart we'll live out his Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
For he dwells in the presence of his people.

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share,  
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

**Refrain**

Oh, how good it is to embrace his command  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one, we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

**Refrain**

## Receiving God's Blessing

**\*Initial 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.*

**Transitional postlude & end of online service**

# Receiving Provision from God

## Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) welcomes to receive the Holy Supper all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and obey Christ, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church that proclaims the gospel or who have been approved by our Session after indicating a desire to participate (BCO 58-4). Children should await communicant membership before participating.

Let this table, and our communion together, point you to Jesus—to receive grace from him, to hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that He is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

If you are *not* a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, let that urge you to cry out to Jesus and pray the following prayer (or one like it):

**Prayer of Belief:** "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you and rest on you alone for my salvation."

*If you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning, please share that with a friend or talk with our pastor who can help you take the next steps in the faith.*

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation & Warning

### Words of Institution & Prayer

### Receiving of the Elements

### Prayer

## \*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.*

## \*Choral Response:

## Benediction

May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favor rest upon us from above.  
Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord,  
and possess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.

## Postlude

### Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Vincent van Gogh, *Congregation Leaving the Reformed Church in Nuenen*, January-February 1884 and Autumn 1885. Oil on canvas. 41.5 cm x 32.2 cm. Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands (Vincent van Gogh Foundation. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (32), "Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness" (727), and Benediction (730) are from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Oh, How Good It Is" 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:** 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 or by livestream at our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/hersheypca](https://www.facebook.com/hersheypca).

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