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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

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): Keith Dolon (sound), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

1 Timothy 1:15a, 17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners....

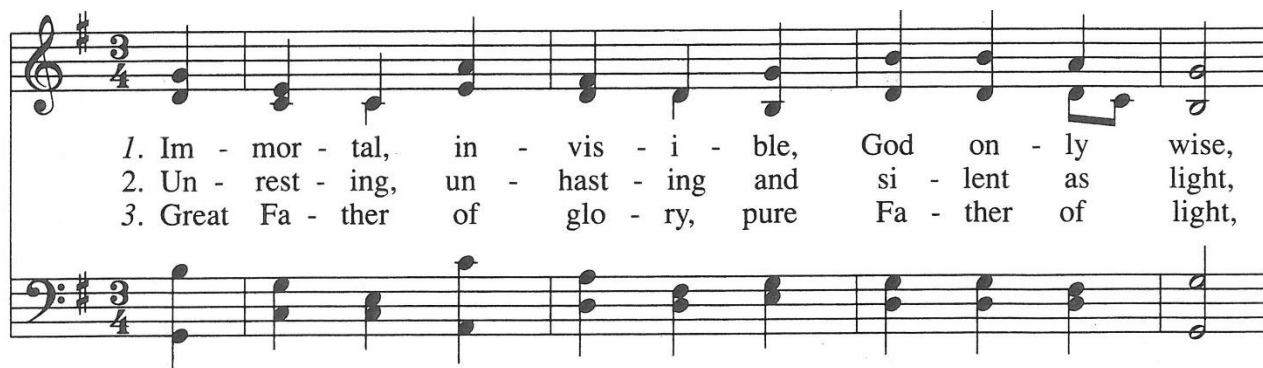
To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible,
the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Light face type: Leader
Bold Face type: Congregation

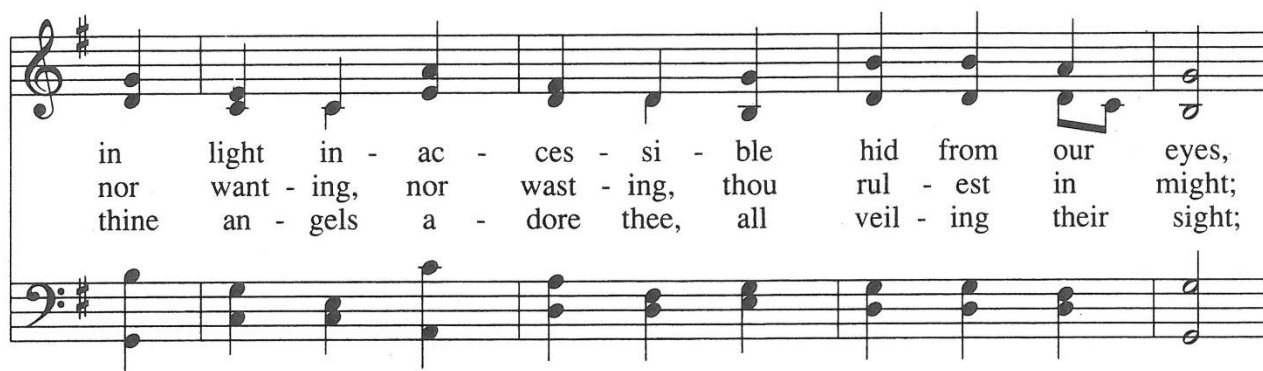
Response of Praise:

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

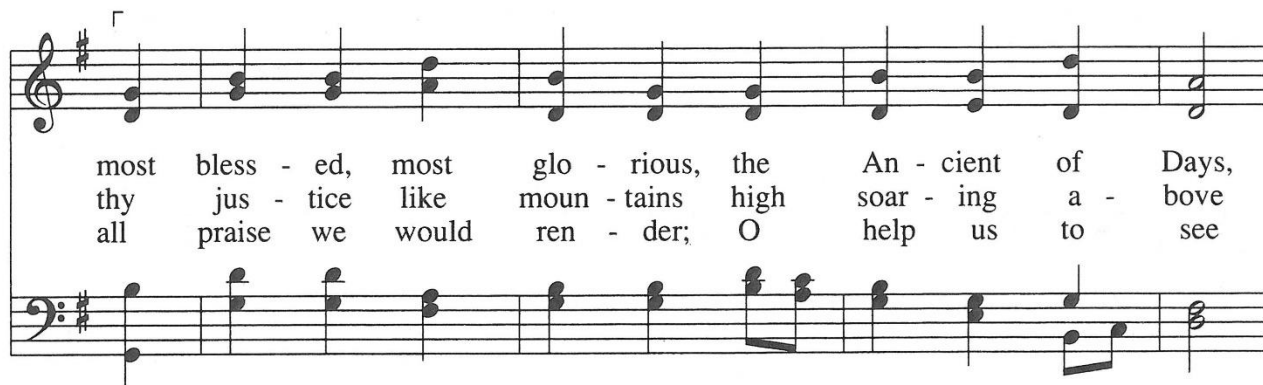


1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

JOANNA (or ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.
 Traditional Welsh hymn melody

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:

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

"Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day."

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ:

Matthew 11:27-29

"All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of November 8-14, 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)
Derry Township Supervisor Carter Wyckoff
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
US Representative Scott Perry
- **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)
Baduy of Indonesia
Population: 26,000; Languages: Badui; Religion: Islam

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues: Tim and Vicki**
- **Church Government in our Local Church** (our ordained officers):
Deacon Josh Franklin
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church, Shippensburg, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM)

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:

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare:
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bo - soms fill:

bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee;
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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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:

Mark 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes.² And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.³ He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain,⁴ for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him.⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.⁶ And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him.⁷ And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me."⁸ For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"⁹ And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many."¹⁰ And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country.¹¹ Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside,¹² and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them."¹³ So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

¹⁴ The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened.¹⁵ And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.¹⁶ And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs.¹⁷ And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.

¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him.¹⁹ And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

The Church: Being & Becoming (7): “**Mission: An Outward-Facing People Who Tell**”

Text: Mark 5:1-20

Pastor David Kertland

1. _____: **Our Need**

- a. Unclean spirit
- b. Useless chains
- c. Irresolute companions
- d. Guilt and sense of impending doom

2. _____: **“Other refuge have I none”**

- a. Possessions
- b. Persons
- c. Spirituality / the ‘spiritual’ realm

3. _____: **God’s Mercy**

- a. Jesus’s arrival
- b. Eyes to see
- c. Freedom
- d. Restoration (three aspects)
 - i. Communion
 - ii. Standing
 - iii. Renewal of life

4. _____: **Our Mission Begins**

- a. Three errors about salvation:
 - i. Immediate removal
 - ii. Drives us away from people
 - iii. Possible, apart from the gospel (good news about Jesus)
- b. What our mission looks like, part 1

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: I'll Give You Praise, My God, O King (Psalm 145)

1. ¹ I'll give You praise, my God, O King,
2. ³ Great is the LORD, de - serv - ing praise;

I will for - ev - er bless Your name;
His great - ness none can com - pre - hend.

² I will ex - tol You ev - ery day,
⁴ One gen - er - a - tion to the next

And ev - er - more Your praise pro - claim.
Will all Your might - y works com - mend.

John Hatton, 1793

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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

Today's Service Information

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- 2) **Music:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (38) and "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" are from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "I'll Give You Praise, My God, O King" (145A) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). 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). The headings of the sermon outline today come from language used by William Hendriksen in his commentary on *Mark*, 2002, 187.

**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 or by livestream at our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/hersheypca.

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