



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021

Front Cover Artwork

Edward Hopper, *Gloucester Harbor*. Oil on canvas. 26.375 x 38.3125 in. Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York.

Edward Hopper first visited Gloucester in Massachusetts in 1912 looking for inspiration. Aged 30 at the time Hopper was struggling to be recognized as an artist, making a living through commercial illustration instead. It would be his paintings of the houses and architecture of the seaside port of Gloucester produced during his stays in the 1920's that would see his career take-off. Yet in those earlier paintings, mostly of the Italian Quarter which included Gloucester Harbor, his recognizable use of color and shadow, his depiction of authentic America were to the fore. Measuring 66.04 cm x 71.12 cm, Gloucester Harbor captured a scene now long gone with the modernization of the fishing industry. It is an impressionist view that provides for the precision in the detail on the house in the foreground, while experimenting with light and shadow for the distant features. Gloucester attracted artists for the exceptional nature of its light, enhanced by the sea, and Edward Hopper would produce over 100 pieces from there.

<http://www.edward-hopper.org/gloucester-harbor/>



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): Dave Eakin (vocals), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Grace Salyards (French horn), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (piano), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Prelude

Praising God

Call to Worship

As our call to worship this morning we are using the historic "Paschal Greeting" also known as the "Easter Acclamation" based on Luke 24:34. In this greeting, we celebrate the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Pastor:	<i>Christ is risen!</i>
Congregation:	<i>He is risen indeed!</i>
Unison:	<i>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!</i>

Light Text = Read by Leader
Bold Text = Read by All

***Response of Praise:**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

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.

* “‘Catholic’ means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples.”

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

1 John 1:8

God's Word declares to us:

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

Confession of Sin

Let us now confess our sin to God:

Leader:

God of everlasting love,

We confess that we have been unfaithful to your covenant.

We have worshipped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.

We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people.

We have not loved you nor our neighbor as you have commanded.

Congregation:

Forgive us, gracious God.

Be our God and call us your very own people.

And bring us back into the fullness of fellowship with you and with one another.

Through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

1 John 1:9

God's Word assures us:

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of April 4-10, 2021

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 Manager Christopher Christman
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
PA State Representative Thomas Mehaffie
- **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:
China
- **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 out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)
Bahelia of Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan
Population: 205,100; Language: Bengali, Hindi, Urdu, Bhojpuri; Religion: Hinduism and Islam

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**
Bill
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):
Sound Team
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
Providence Presbyterian Church, York, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Rick and Clare, serving in a sensitive area

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.

Reading of the Gospel:*Luke 24:1-27**

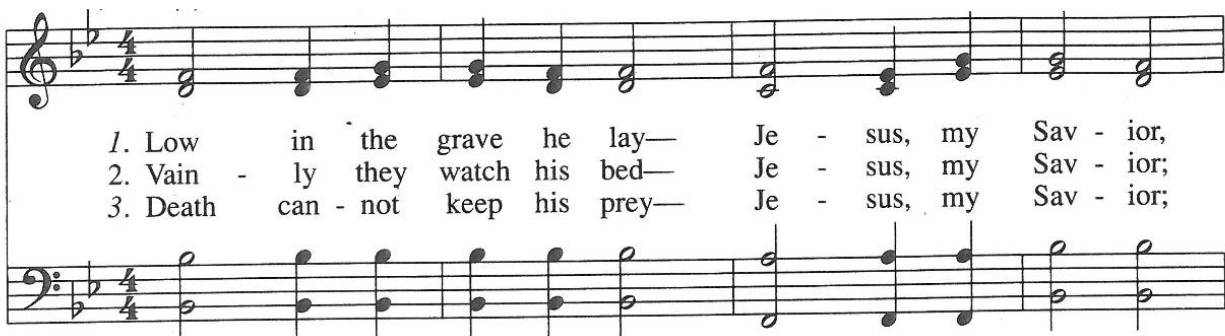
On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."⁸ And they remembered his words,⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad.¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

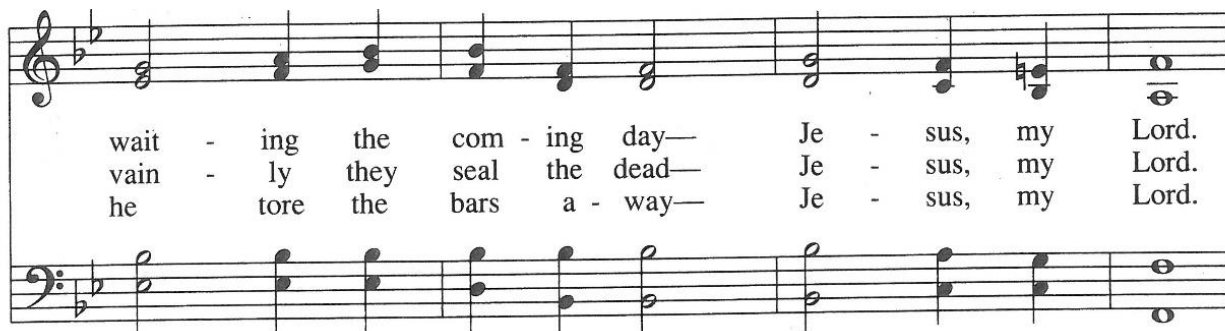
During this song, children from 3 years old through kindergarten
are invited to attend Junior Church in the church office.

***Song of Preparation:**

Up from the Grave He Arose

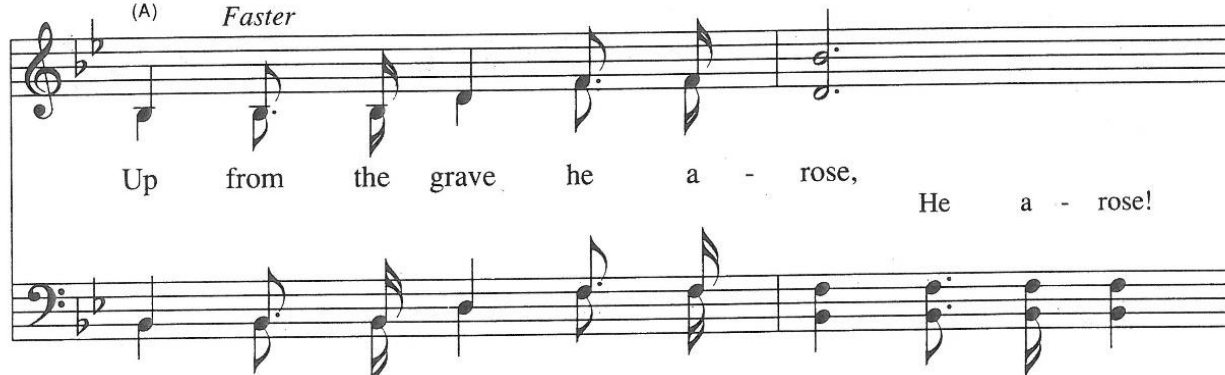


1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior,
2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;
3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;



wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord.
vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord.
he tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord.

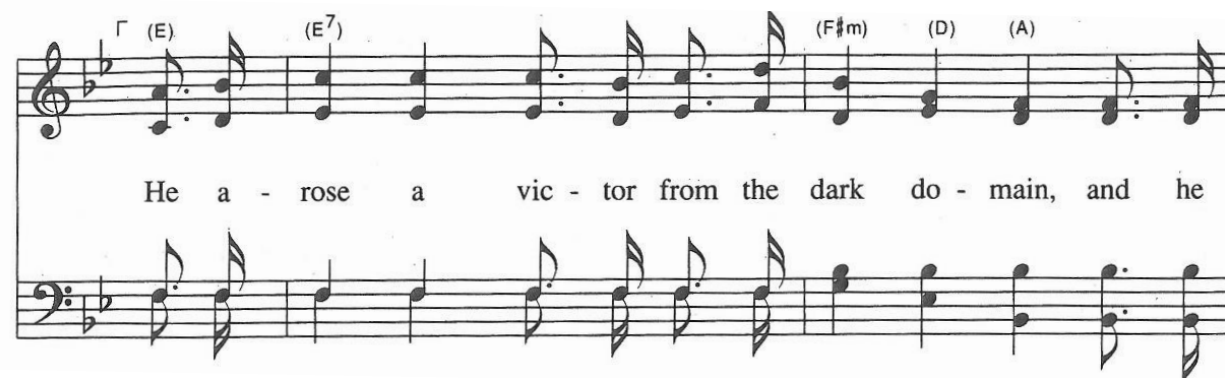
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(A) *Faster*



Up from the grave he a - rose, He a - rose!



with a might - y tri - umph o'er his foes. He a - rose!



He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a - rose! He a - rose!

He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

Robert Lowry, 1874

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Robert Lowry, 1874

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:

1 Peter 1:17-21

And 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,¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you²¹ 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: Stand Firm in the True Grace of God (8)

Sermon:

“For Our Sake”

Today's Text: 1 Peter 1:20-21 Overall Passage: 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

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Pastor David Kertland

1. God's _____ : Jesus Christ was foreknown, now made manifest.
2. God's _____ : Jesus Christ was raised from the dead and given glory.
3. God's _____ : For the sake of you (plural).

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)

Receiving Provision from God

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation & Warning

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 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, we invite 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."

Have 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.

Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said,

'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying,

'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Prayer

Receiving of the Elements

Prayer

Confessing Our Faith in God

***Song of Dedication & Service:**

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!

1. How can it be the One who died has borne our sin in sac - ri - fice,
2. For joy a-wakes as dawn-ing light when Christ's dis - ci - ples lift their eyes.
3. Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts be - lieved;
4. Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and pow'r of grace
5. The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to pow'r-f'lly save;

To con - quer ev - 'ry sting of death? Sing, sing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!"
A - live He stands, their friend and King: Christ, Christ He is ris - en.
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!"
And pour - ing out their lives they gained life, life ev - er - last - ing.
He frees our hearts to live His grace. Go, tell of His good - ness.

Christ is ris - en, He is ris - en in - deed! Oh, sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" Join the

cho - rus, sing with the re - deemed: "Christ is ris - en, He's ris - en in - deed!"

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 8/8. The score is divided into five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

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.*

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.

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Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Cover: Edward Hopper, *Gloucester Harbor*. Oil on canvas. 26.375" x 38.3125". Whitney Museum of American Art, New York. Downloaded from <https://www.wikiart.org/en/edward-hopper/gloucester-harbor>. In the public domain.
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