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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): Ephraim Church (violin), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Brad Weaver (sound), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (piano).

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us,

and we are his;

we are his people,

and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him;

bless his name!

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

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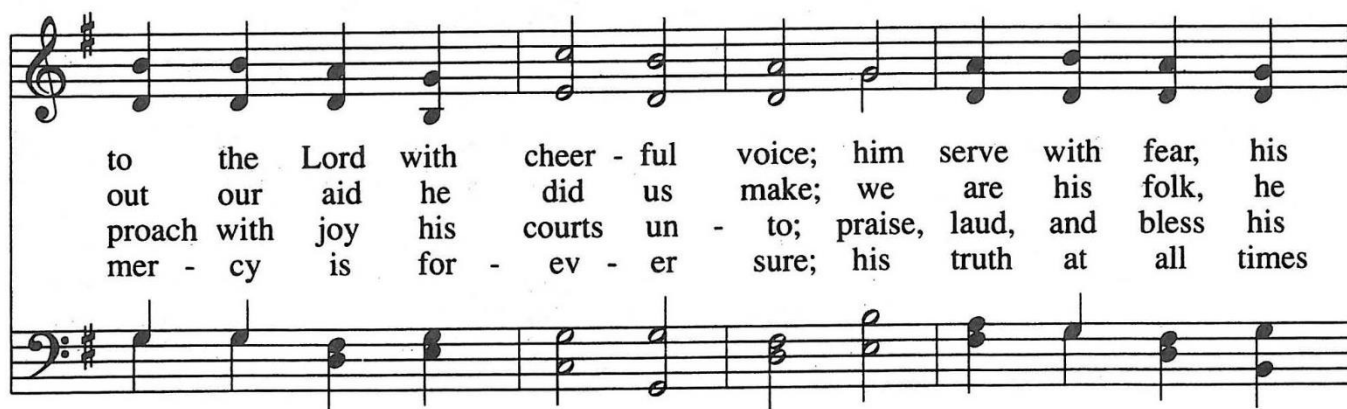
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***Response of Praise:**

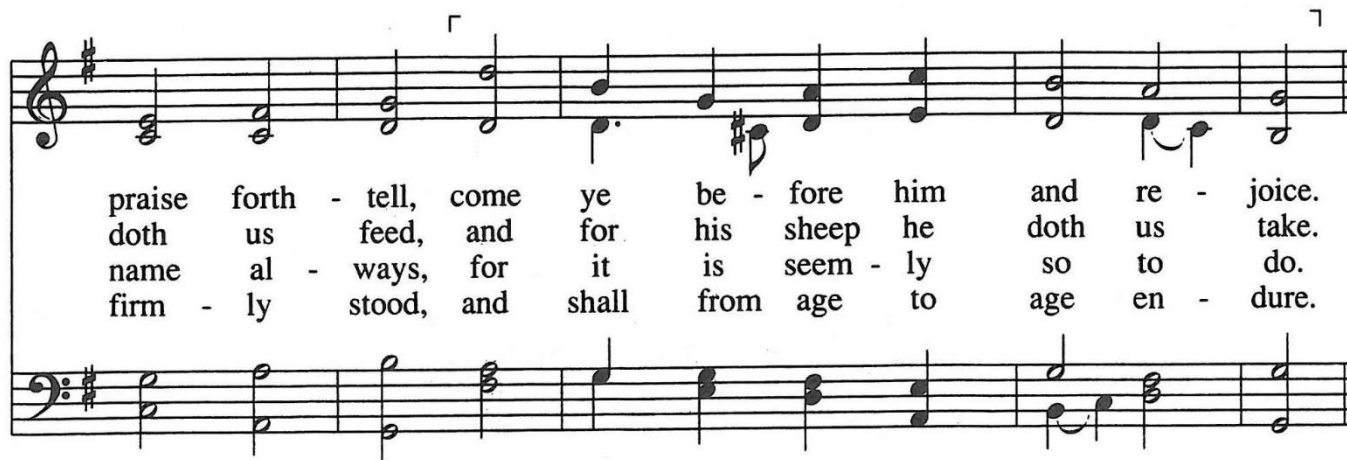
All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his



to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Psalm 100
 William Kethe, 1561

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
 Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

***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

Isaiah 45:18-23

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!):

"I am the LORD, and there is no other. ¹⁹ I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right. ²⁰ "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. ²¹ Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. ²² "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. ²³ By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

Confession of Sin

from Psalm 51:1-4,10-12

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!**

**For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your word and blameless in your judgment.**

**Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us.
Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.**

**In this way, O heavenly Father, we beg of you, that you would graciously
forgive all our sins, and that you would so keep, preserve, and equip us by your
Spirit that remaining in your grace we would walk in your ways and live
according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, in whose
name we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Isaiah 53:5

*[H]e was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.*

***Song of Thanksgiving:**

His Mercy Is More

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

-ni-scient, all know-ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with-out bot-tom or
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the
 blood was the pay-ment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af -

shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord,
 poor. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 -ford. Our sins they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,

new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of April 11-17, 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-eneews)
Derry Township Director of Community Development Charles Emerick
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
PA State Senator John DiSanto
- **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:
Egypt
- **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)
Baheng of China
Population: 54,700; Language: Pa-Hing; Religion: ethnic religions

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**
Ken
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):
Church Treasurer Mike Miller
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
New Life Presbyterian Church, York, 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

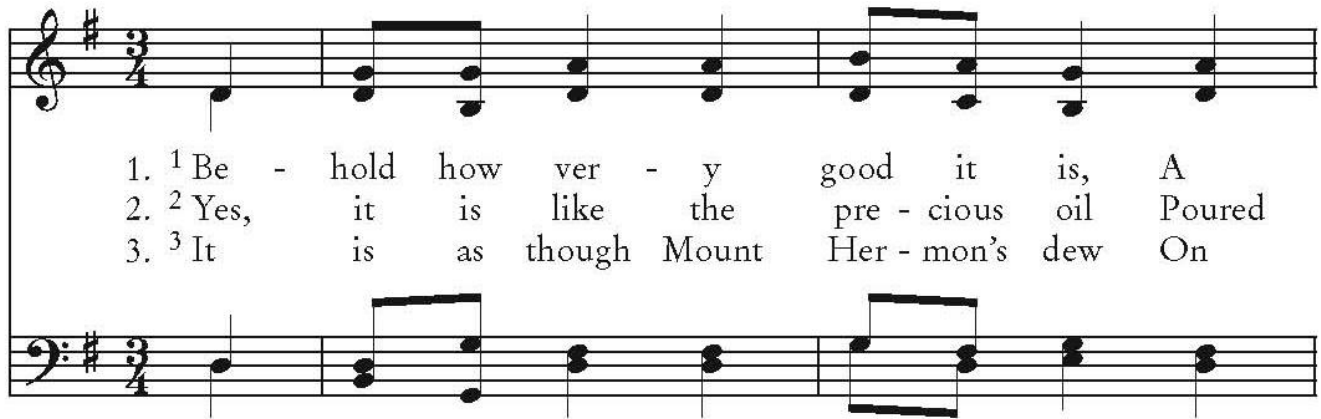
This is the time in our service when our tithes and offerings are presented to God as an act of our worship. You can drop your offering in the designated place. If you are worshipping with us online, you can present your tithes and offerings to God by mailing them to Hershey PCA, 1521 Sand Hill Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036, or by making an online donation through our website at hersheypca.com.

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

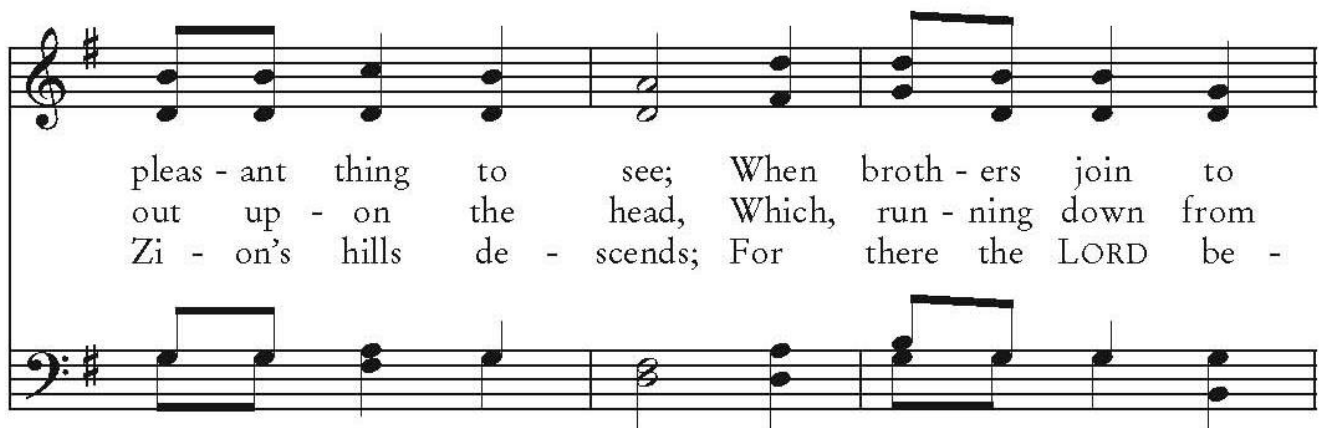
***Song of Preparation:**

Behold How Very Good It Is (Psalm 133)

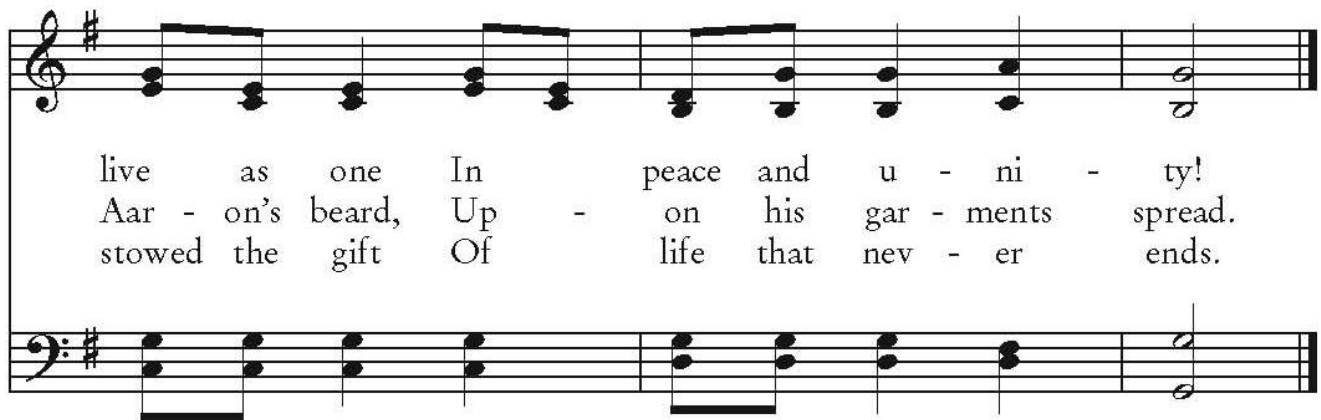
Carl G. Glaser, 1839



1. ¹ Be - hold how ver - y good it is, A
2. ² Yes, it is like the pre - cious oil Poured
3. ³ It is as though Mount Her - mon's dew On



pleas - ant thing to see; When broth - ers join to
out up - on the head, Which, run - ning down from
Zi - on's hills de - scends; For there the LORD be -



live as one In peace and u - ni - ty!
Aar - on's beard, Up - on his gar - ments spread.
stowed the gift Of life that nev - er ends.

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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:**

1 Peter 1:22-25

*Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love,
love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not
of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;
²⁴ for*

*“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”*

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Stand Firm in the True Grace of God (9)

“Growing Up Into Our Calling: 5 Imperatives (3)”

Today's Text: 1 Peter 1:22-25

Overall Passage: 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

Pastor David Kertland

Previously from this overall passage of 1 Peter 1:13-2:3:

Overall theme: The pattern of gospel growth in Christ.

Imperative 1: Set your hope fully on the present and future grace of God in Christ (1 Peter 1:13)

Imperative 2: Be holy in all your conduct (1 Peter 1:14-16)

Imperative 3: Conduct yourselves with fear—the fear of the Lord (1 Peter 1:17-21)

Imperative 4: _____ One Another Earnestly

What is this aspect of gospel growth?

From where does it come?

To what is Peter urging us?

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

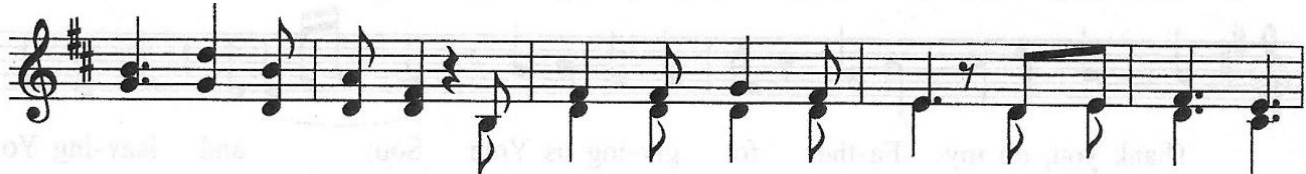
Confessing Our Faith in God

***Song of Dedication and Service:**

Oh, How Good It Is



1. Oh, how good it is when the fam -'ly of God dwells to-
2. Oh, How good it is on thie jour - ney we share, to re-
3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace His com - mand to pre-



- ge - ther in spi - rit, in faith and un - i - ty. Where the bonds of
- joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find
- fer one a - no - ther, for - give as He for - gives. When we live as



peace, of ac - cep - tance and love are the fruits of His pre - sence Here a -
strength, the af - flic - ted find grace, when we of - fer the bles - sings of be -
one, we all share in the love of the Son with the Fa - ther And the



- mong us. So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one
- long - ing.
Spi - rit.



heart we'll live out His Word. Till the whole earth sees the Re - dee - mer has



come For He dwells in the pre - sence of His peo - ple.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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

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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is a member congregation of the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org).

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

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.

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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