



**Hershey Presbyterian**  
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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): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Keith Dolon (sound), Bob Eickelberg (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

### Psalm 24:7-10

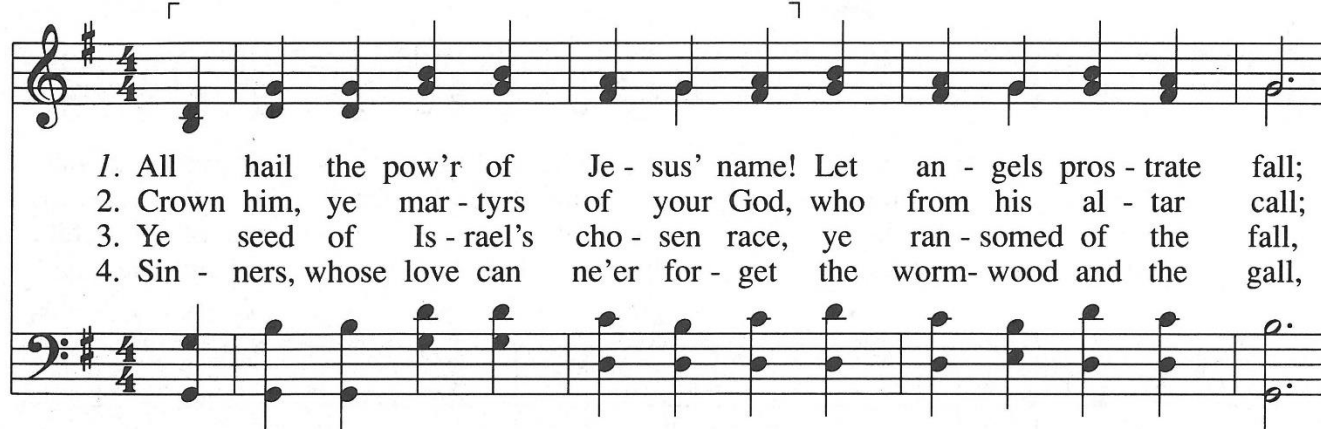
*Lift up your heads, O gates!*  
*And be lifted up, O ancient doors,*  
***that the King of glory may come in.***

*Who is this King of glory?*  
***The LORD, strong and mighty,***  
***the LORD, mighty in battle!***

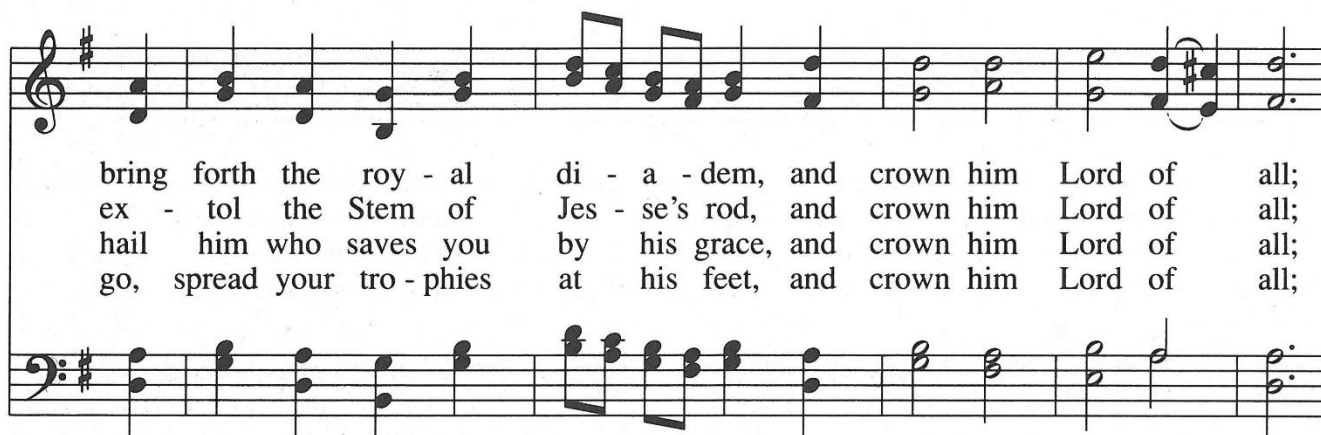
*Lift up your heads, O gates!*  
*And lift them up, O ancient doors,*  
***that the King of glory may come in.***

*Who is this King of glory?*  
***The LORD of hosts,***  
***he is the King of glory!***

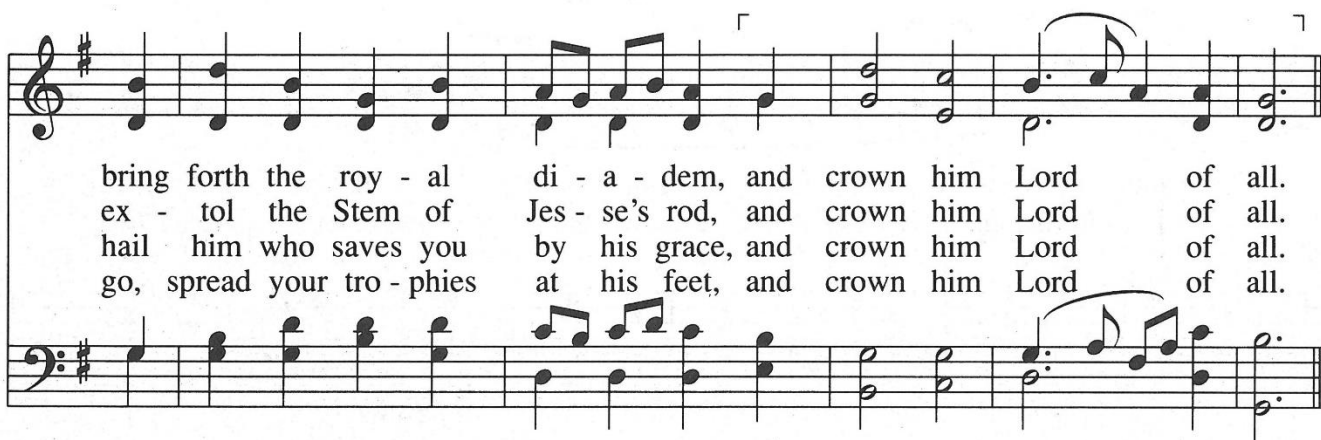
Light Text = Read by Leader  
**Bold Text = Read by All**

**\*Response of Praise:****All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;  
3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,  
4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm- wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;  
ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;



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go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall;  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all.

## **\*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

### **\*Confession of Faith:      Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 53-54**

Qt. 53. How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

**A: Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having after his resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with his apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after his resurrection, he, in our nature, and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where himself is, and shall continue till his second coming at the end of the world.**

Qt. 54. How is Christ exalted in His sitting at the right hand of God?

**A: Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father, with all fullness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth; and does gather and defend his church, and subdue their enemies; furnishes his ministers and people with gifts and graces, and makes intercession for them.**

## **\*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

## Psalm 24:1-6

*The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,  
<sup>2</sup> for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.  
<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
<sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.  
<sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
<sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.*

## Confession of Sin

## Assurance of Pardon in Christ

## Hebrews 12:1-3

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.*

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of April 24-May 1, 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](http://www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-eneews))  
**Derry Township Assistant Chief of Police Timothy Roche**
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):  
**PA Governor Tom Wolf**
- **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 out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)  
**Bahna of India, Nepal, and Pakistan**  
**Population: 1,029,000; Languages: Hindi, Maithili, and Urdu; Religion: Hinduism and Islam**

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

- **Health issues:**  
**Lois**
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):  
**Pastor David Kertland**
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):  
**Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg, PA**
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**  
**Mike and Ashley Troxell, serving with MTW in Honduras**

**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.

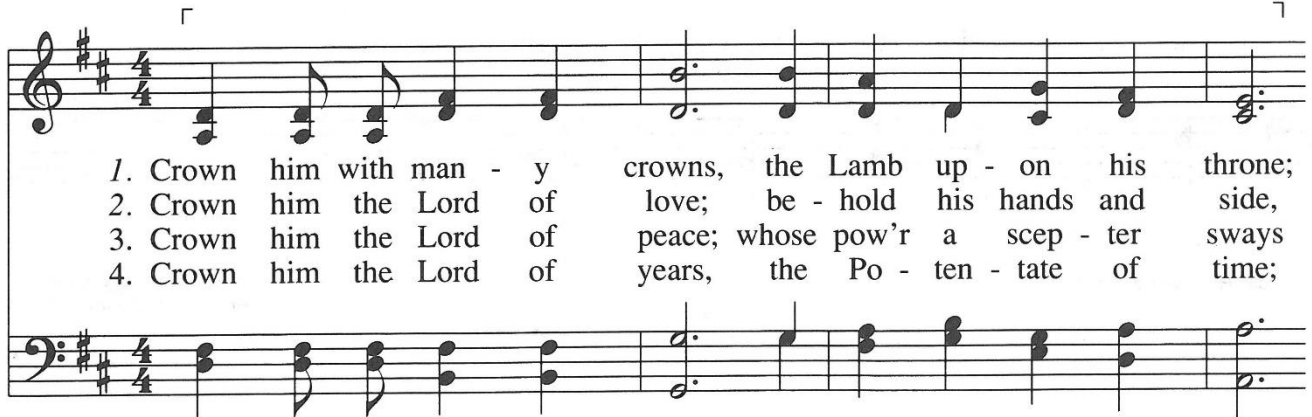
## Our Tithes & Offerings

*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).*

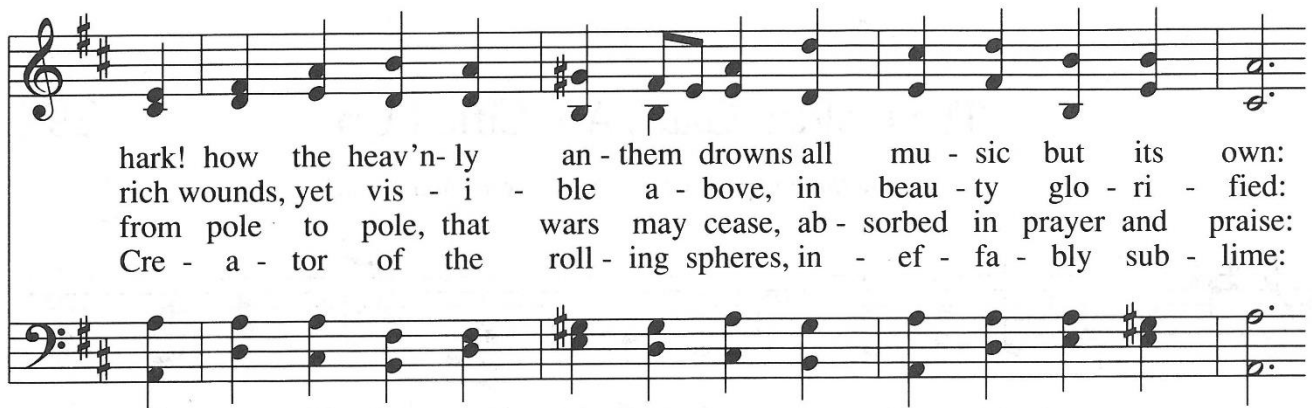
During this song, children from 3 years old through kindergarten  
are invited to attend Junior Church in the church office.

**\*Song of Preparation:**

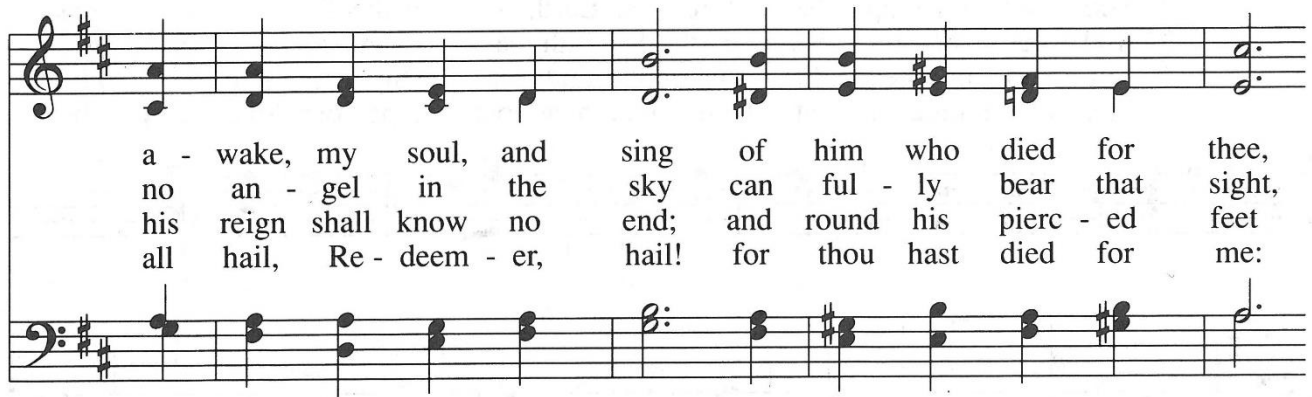
**Crown Him with Many Crowns**



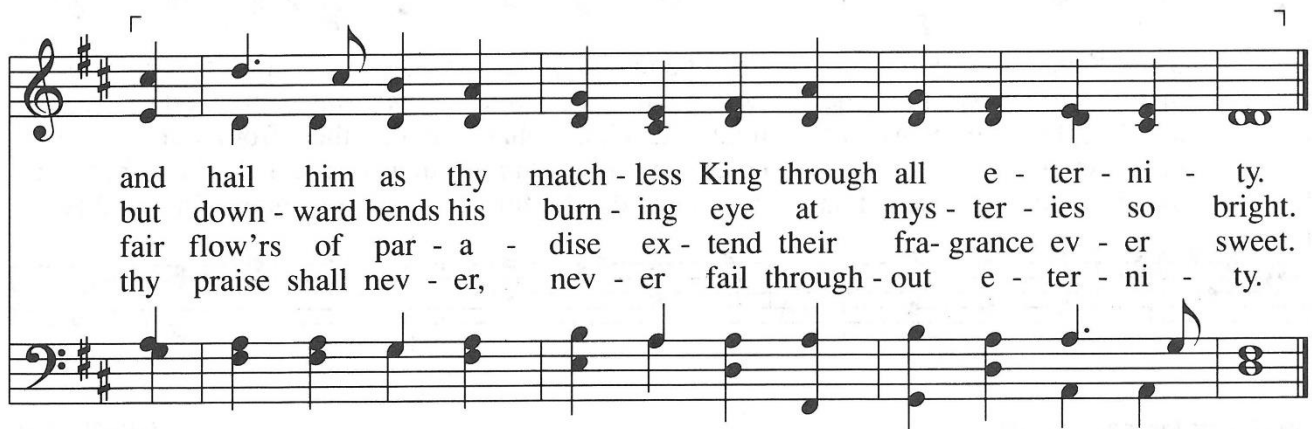
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways  
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:  
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.



# 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:**

**Luke 24:44-53**

*Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*

*<sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.*

**Acts 1:6-12**

*So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"<sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."<sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.<sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,<sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon:**

## ***“The Ascended Christ”***

Text: Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:6-12

Pastor Bob Eickelberg

Introduction: The important and vital can become familiar and forgotten. Here is one of many familiar truths that Christian exiles, strangers, sojourners, aliens should never forget.

- I. The physical ascension (carrying up) of Jesus into Heaven was another miracle in time, space, and history.
- II. The work of the ascended Lord Jesus Christ for His people.

He is Prophet,  
Priest,  
and King

This is true even during times of painful providence for the people of 1 Peter and now. This was true for Stephen as he was martyred in Acts 7:54-56.

“Others may seem to be ruling the universe in the world. Satan, for example. Or enemies of the Gospel. Make no mistake. Nothing is out of the control of King Jesus. Ultimately He alone is Lord of all.” Theodore A. Turnau III addressing Westminster Theological Seminary

The “worst heresy” according to the TV preacher is the source of our great comfort.

- III. The response of the people to the ascension and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Saul / Paul in Acts 9:4-5 and Acts 16:31 *“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...”*

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* Acts 1:8

*...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.* Hebrews 12:2-3

*And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.* Luke 24:52-53

## **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

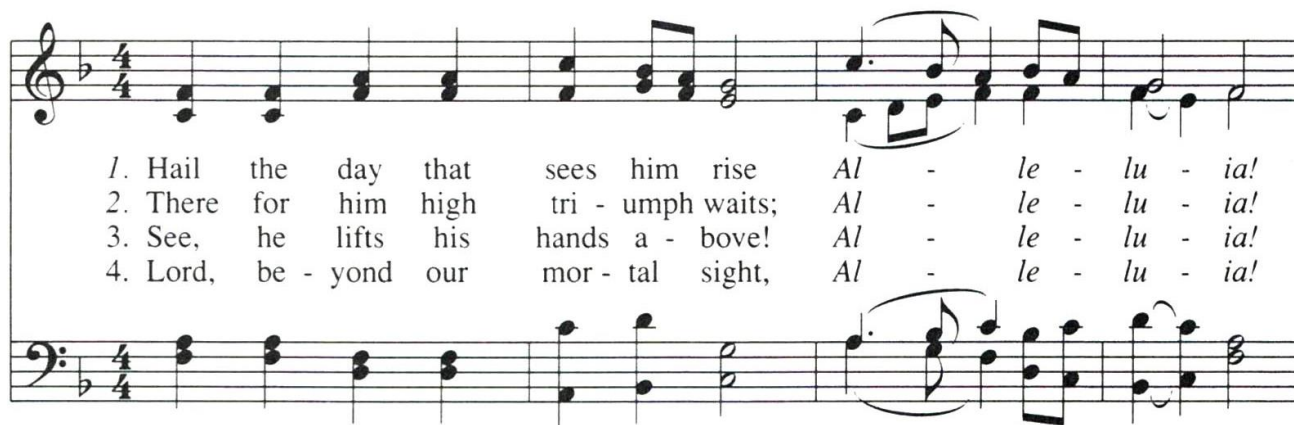
### Receiving of the Elements

### Prayer

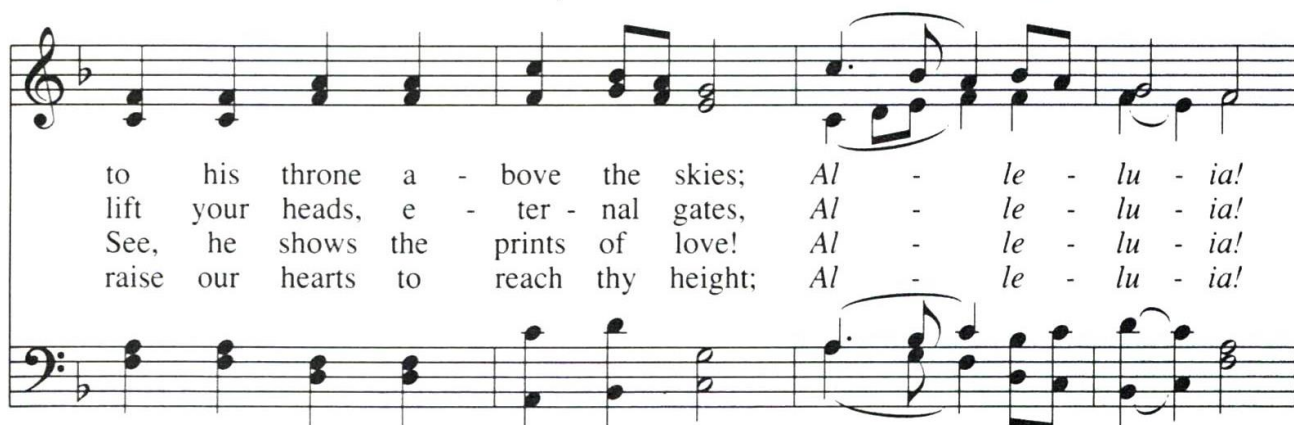
# Confessing Our Faith in God

**\*Song of Dedication and Service:**

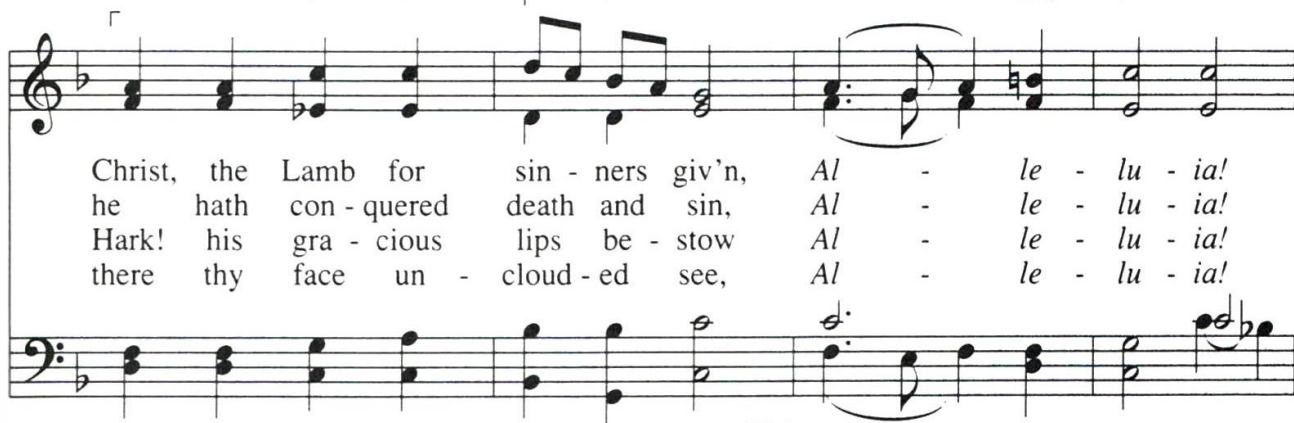
**Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise**



1. Hail the day that sees him rise Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. See, he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Lord, be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!



to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 he hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



en - ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Al - le - lu - ia!

# 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

### 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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**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).

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