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Front Cover Artwork

Mary Vaux Walcott, *Woolly Agoseris (Agoseris villosa)*. 1919. Watercolor. 10 x 7 in. Smithsonian American Art Museum.

Mary Morris Vaux (1860-1940) was born in Philadelphia. She received a set of watercolor paints at age eight and began experimenting with painting flowers. After her mother's death when Mary was nineteen, she assumed the responsibility of looking after her two younger brothers and her father. The family spent summers in the Canadian Rockies, where Mary and her brothers studied mineralogy and recorded the flow of glaciers in drawings and photographs. After 1887, Mary returned to western Canada almost every summer with her brothers and became an active mountain climber, outdoorswoman, and photographer. One summer a botanist asked her to paint a rare blooming arnica; her success in recording the flower encouraged her to concentrate on botanical illustration. For many years Mary Vaux explored difficult terrain in the Canadian Rockies, looking for important flowering species to paint.

In 1913 she met Charles Doolittle Walcott, then secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, when he was conducting geological research. They were married a year later. Beginning the following summer, the couple spent from three to four months each season in the Canadian Rockies, where Dr. Walcott continued his geological and paleontological studies. During these summers Mary Vaux Walcott painted hundreds of watercolor studies of native flowers.

At the urging of botanists and wildflower enthusiasts, a selection of four hundred of her illustrations was published in 1925 by the Smithsonian Institution in a five-volume edition titled *North American Wild Flowers*. In 1935 she contributed the illustrations to the volume *North American Pitcher Plants*, also published by the Smithsonian.

https://americanart.si.edu/artist/mary-vaux-walcott-5197

Agoseris glauca (synonym for Agoseris villosa) is a North American species of flowering plants in the daisy family. The plant is native to western and northwestern North America from Alaska east to the Northwest Territories and Ontario, south to California, Arizona, and New Mexico. It grows in many habitat types.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agoseris glauca



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), 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

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

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² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; ⁵ hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

⁶ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

⁷ He led them by a straight way **till they reached a city to dwell in.**

⁸ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

⁹ For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

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⁴³ Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

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



*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.

*Doxology

In this ascription of praise to God comes as a response to God's provision for us. Through it we call everyone in the created order to celebrate and praise our Provider God.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow: praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Deuteronomy 5:16

Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Heidelberg Catechism Question 104

- O. What is God's will for us in the fifth commandment?
- A. That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I obey and submit to them, as is proper, when they correct and punish me; and also that I be patient with their failings for through them God chooses to rule us.

Confession of Sin

Leader: Brothers and Sisters,

The law causes us to acknowledge and confess our many sins and wickedness, not hiding them from the face of almighty God, our heavenly Father, but confessing them with a humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy.

Therefore, I urge you to join me with a pure heart and a humble voice before the throne of grace, praying:

Unison: Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desire of our own hearts, we have offended against Your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought not to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and so we are helpless without You.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders, spare us, as we confess our faults,

restore us, as we are penitent,

according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and devout life, to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of May 9-15, 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 Fire Chief Patrick Leonard

• **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):

US Senator Patrick Toomey

• 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:

Japan

• **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)

Bahra Gaunle of Nepal

Population: 400; Language: Nepali; Religion: Buddhism

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

• Health issues:

Peter

- Those Who Serve in our Local Church (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):

 Deacon Keith Dolon
- Our Denomination (PCA): Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA): Reformed Presbyterian Church, Ephrata, PA
- Supported Missionary or Organizations: Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM) of the PCA

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.



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 2:4-10

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

⁸ and

"A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

Stand Firm in the True Grace of God (12)

God's Spiritual House (2): "Being Built Up <u>On</u>: Our Foundation"

Today's Text: 1 Peter 2:4-10 Pastor David Kertland

1			Our Foundation
	a.		is the stone on which the whole house is built
	b.	Two	projects, two being built
	c.	The "	_ " of God's building project
2			Our Foundation

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."

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Receiving of the Elements

Prayer

Confessing Our Faith in God

*Song of Dedication and Service: The Church's One Foundation Je - sus Christ, her Lord; church - 's one foun da - tion is earth, na - tion, yet one o'er all lect from ev - 'ry scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op pressed, 3. Though with a per - ish! Her dear Lord to church shall nev - er 4. The Word: the wa - ter and she is his new cre a - tion by birth; of va - tion one Lord, one faith, one her char - ter sal sies dis tressed. her - e rent sun - der, by by schis - ms a the guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to end; to ho - ly bride; be his from heav'n he came and sought her to par - takes one ho - ly food. she bless - es, ho - ly name one long?" up, "How saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes vet hate her, and false sons pale, though there be those that for her life he died. with his own blood he bought her, and dued. with ev - 'ry grace en hope she press - es, and to one night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song. the And soon pre shall vail. trai - tor she ev - er gainst or foe or

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,

6. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest. on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D. Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

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

Today's Service Information

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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. 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** (<u>www.pcanet.org</u>).

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.



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