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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): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Dave Eakin (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Jared Salyards (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

#### **Prelude**

# **Praising God**

## \*Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1, 10-16, 43

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

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Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 prisoners in affliction and in irons,
 for they had rebelled against the words of God,
 and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

<sup>12</sup> So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; **they fell down, with none to help.** 

13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
 and he delivered them from their distress.
 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
 and burst their bonds apart.

<sup>15</sup> Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

<sup>16</sup> For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.

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<sup>43</sup> 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** 

## \*Song of Response:

# Rejoice, the Lord Is King



Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

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# \*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

#### \*Confession of Faith

#### based on Isaiah 11:1-5 & Revelation 5:9-10, 12, 13

Today, we confess together these Scriptures which speak of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises that God would send us a deliverer and a righteous king, and who is worthy of all honor and praise!

There came forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots bore fruit.

The Spirit of the LORD rests on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

He delights in the fear of the LORD.

He does not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he judges the poor, and decides with equity for the meek of the earth. He strikes the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he kills the wicked. Righteousness is the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

...

He is worthy to take God's scroll and to open its seals for he was slain, and by his blood he ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

He has made us a kingdom and priests to our God, and, we shall reign on the earth.

...

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

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To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

#### \*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**

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

#### **Confession of Sin**

## **Assurance of Pardon in Christ**

Psalm 103:8-11

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of May 16-22, 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 Director of Public Works Thomas Clark** 

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

US Senator Robert Casey, Jr.

• 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:

Kenya

• **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)

Bahrupi of India

Population: 4,600; Language: Marathi; Religion: Hinduism

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

• Health issues:

**Iohn and Catherine** 

- Those Who Serve in our Local Church (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders): Deacon Josh Franklin
- Our Denomination (PCA): Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):

Hanover Valley Presbyterian Church, Hanover, PA

• Supported Missionary or Organizations: Covenant College

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.

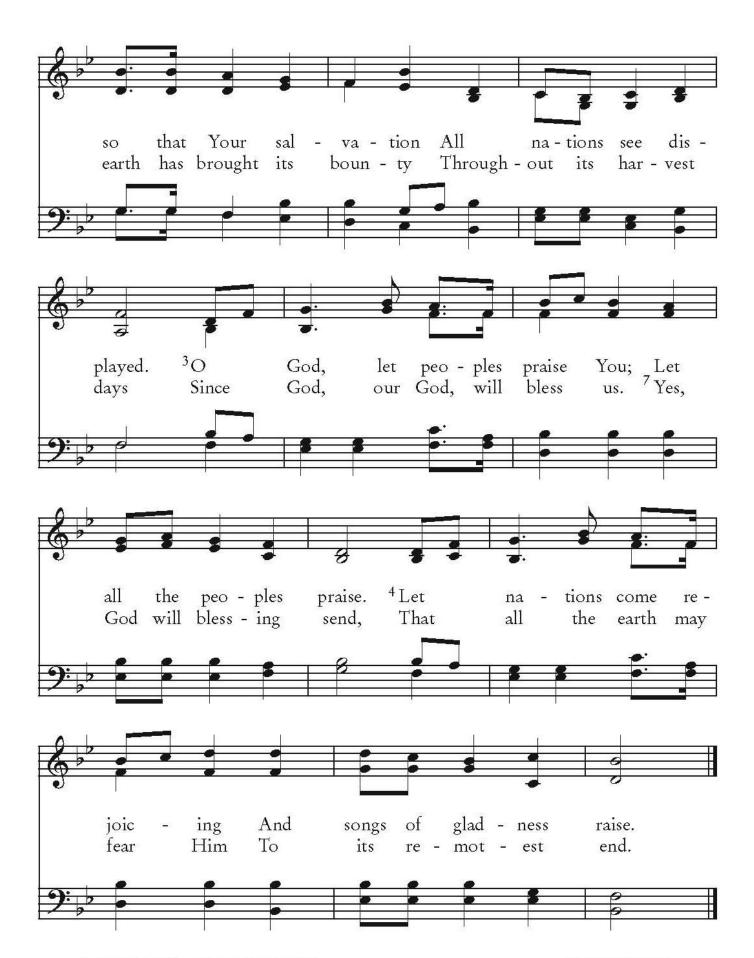
# **Our Tithes & Offerings**

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:

## O God, Show Mercy to Us (Psalm 67)





# 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, <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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."

<sup>7</sup> 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,"

<sup>8</sup> and

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

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

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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 (13)

# God's Spiritual House (3): "Being Built Up <u>For</u>: Our Calling in the World"

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

1.	in God's spiritual house			
	a.	The	of the p	riest
	b.	The	of the p	riest
2.	Our		as priests in Goo	d's spiritual house
	a.	To offer		(verse 5)
	b.	To proclaim God's		to the nations (verse 9)
3.			as priests today	
	a.	Offering & Promoting the		of God through Christ
	b.	Announcing and Bringing	God's	in Christ to others.

# **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."

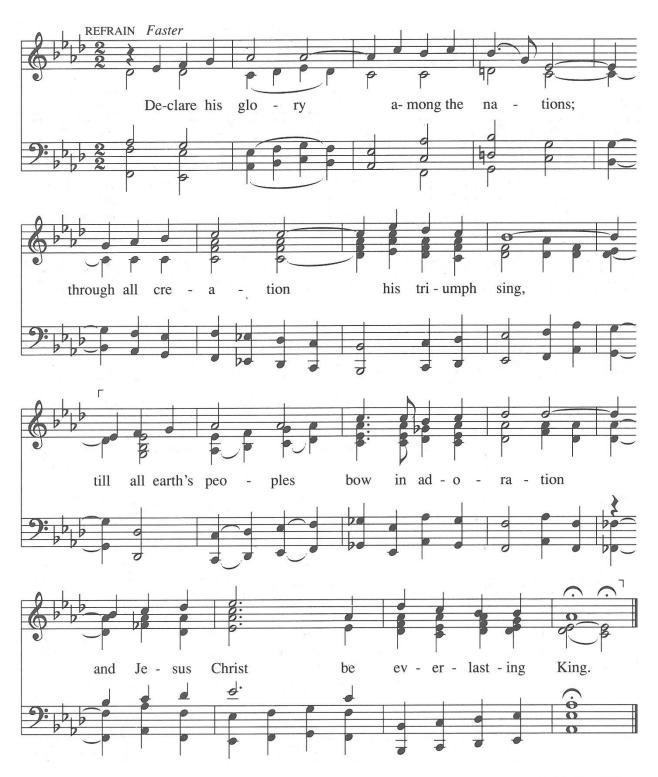
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**Receiving of the Elements** 

#### **Prayer**

# **Confessing Our Faith in God**





Margaret Clarkson, 1976

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# **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.

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#### **Today's Service Information**

- 1) **Artwork:** Cover: Mary Vaux Walcott, *Woolly Agoseris (Agoseris villosa)*. 1919. Watercolor. 10 x 7 in. Smithsonian American Art Museum. https://americanart.si.edu/artist/mary-vaux-walcott-5197 In the public domain.
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