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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), David Kertland (preaching), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Jared Salyards (piano), Don Wood (vocals).

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1, 23-32, 43

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

...

²³ *Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the great waters;
²⁴ they saw the deeds of the LORD,
his wondrous works in the deep.*

²⁵ *For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.*

²⁶ *They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their evil plight;
²⁷ they reeled and staggered like drunken men
and were at their wits' end.*

²⁸ *Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.*

²⁹ *He made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.*

³⁰ *Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.*

³¹ *Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
³² Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.*

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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

Song of Response:*All Creatures of Our God and King**

All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
• Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
• mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,



Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225
Tr. by William H. Draper, 1926
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LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.
Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

From Romans 15:2-13

We confess our faith together today from the Scriptures.

Leader: *Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, 'The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.*

Congregation:

As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.'

And again it is said, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.'

And again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.'

And again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.'

Leader: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

***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

James 1:16-22

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

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:

In 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 desires of our own hearts,

we have offended against Your holy laws,

we have left undone those things which we ought 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 on 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

Hebrews 9:26b-28

He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of May 30-June 5, 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)
Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Doctors, Nurses, Staff, and Board of Directors
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
President Joe Biden
- **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:
Taiwan
- **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)
Bai, Central of China
Population: 877,000; Language: Bai, Central; Religion: ethnic religions

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**
Tim and Vicki
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):
Women's Ministry Leadership Team
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
Second City Church, Harrisburg, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Mission to North America (MNA)

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.

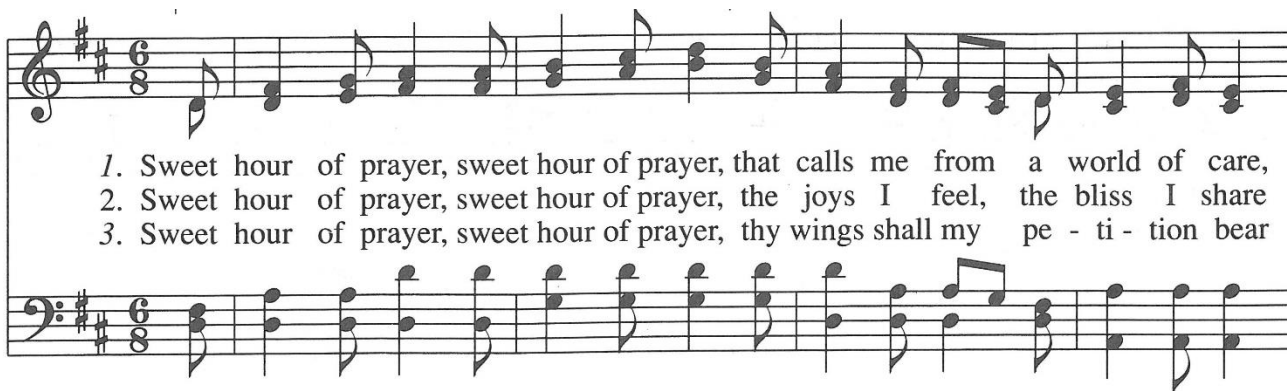
Our Tithes & Offerings

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.

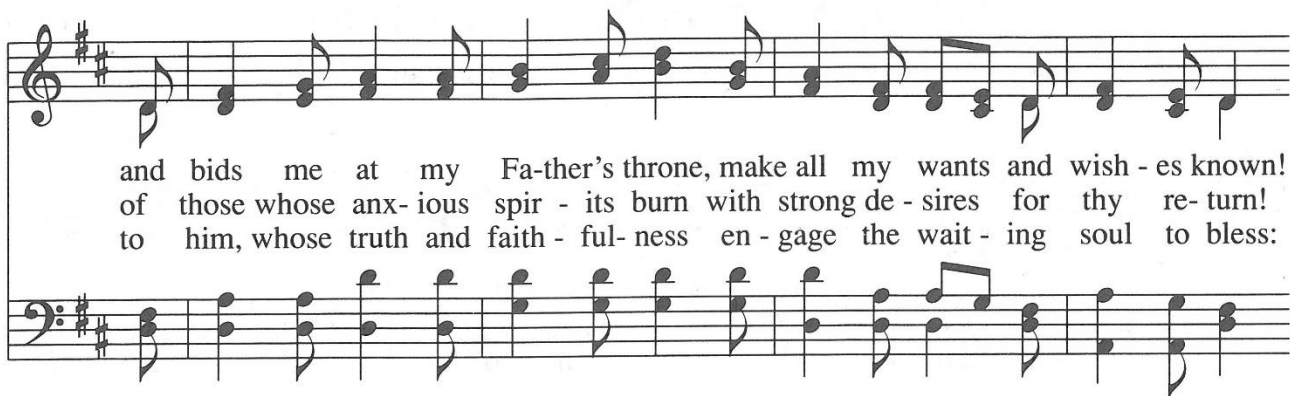
During this song, children from 3 years old through kindergarten
are invited to attend Junior Church in the church office.

***Song of Preparation:**

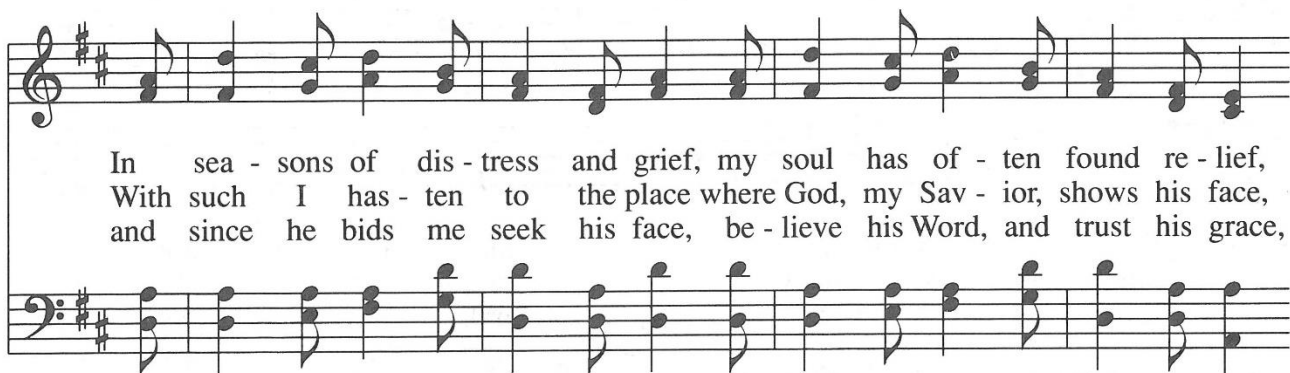
Sweet Hour of Prayer



1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, the joys I feel, the bliss I share
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Fa-ther's throne, make all my wants and wish - es known!
of those whose anx - ious spir - its burn with strong de - sires for thy re - turn!
to him, whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless:



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
With such I has - ten to the place where God, my Sav - ior, shows his face,
and since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his Word, and trust his grace,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare, by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
I'll cast on him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

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 2:12

Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Stand Firm in the True Grace of God (15)

Living as God's Servants (2)

Today's Text: 1 Peter 2:12

Pastor David Kertland

This Section of 1 Peter (1 Peter 2:11-4:19)

1. Abstain from the passions of the flesh (05/23/2021)

1. What is the "honorable conduct" to which Peter refers?
2. Why is it important to care about our conduct?
3. Living as God's servants: principle 2: _____ your conduct...honorable

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 do invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, which is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus, but that you do not participate. 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 you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If yes, let someone near you know! Please also feel free to talk with our pastor who can suggest ways to take 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 Response:**

The Wonderful Cross

• 1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
• 2. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
• 3. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of Glo - ry died,
Sor - row and love of flow min - gled down;
That were an of - f'ring far too small;

My rich - est gain I count but loss,
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

1. And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Turn page for chorus after verses 2 and 3 →

Chorus

Oh, the won - der - ful cross, Oh, the won - der - ful cross

Bids me come and die, and find that I may tru -

- ly live. Oh, the won - der - ful cross, Oh, the

won - der - ful cross; All who gath - er here by grace

draw near, and bless Your name.

D.C. al Fine Fine

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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