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Front Cover Artwork

Plate, possibly by Henry Roudebuth (active about 1790-1816), Pennsylvania, about 1793; red earthenware, diameter 12 ¼ inches (31.1 cm.).

Pennsylvania German pottery is characterized by bright colors and freely and humorously drawn flowers, birds, human figures, and animals—all of which set it apart from New England work. Here a sgraffito peacock struts across a yellow ground toward a tulip-like flower almost as big as he is—both motifs were popular in Pennsylvania German art. The cartouche containing the date 1793 and the initials H. R. is unusual and has led students-cautiously, in the absence of any supporting evidence—to entertain the thought that its maker may have been Henry Roudebuth of Montgomery County. Decorative plates like this were made not to use every day but to give as gifts or to mark special occasions. Gift of Mrs. Robert W. de Forest, 1933 (34.100.124)

On the artform:

“Clays that could be used for making various types of pottery were plentiful in colonial America, as of course was wood to fire the potters’ kilns. Consequently, ceramics were made to serve local needs from the earliest days of colonial settlement. Then and for many years to come, not only bricks, but roof tiles and kitchen, dairy, and table equipment were made of coarse red earthenware. These were simple, utilitarian forms that were usually washed or splashed with protective and sometimes decorative glazes of various colors.

These practical wares were made in many places, with some regional differences in form and decoration. Outstanding was the highly distinctive pottery of the Pennsylvania Germans, with colorful, sprightly designs and inscriptions. A wide variety of forms were made, from pitchers, jugs, plates, and mugs to flowerpots, shaving basins, and toy whistles. Two basic decorative techniques were employed: slip decoration and sgraffito. Both methods were centuries old and both were practiced in other areas of the country. Slip decoration was achieved by drawing with colored liquid clay, or “slip,” on the pottery with a goose quill before the final firing. Sgraffito designs were scratched through a slip coating with a stick, revealing the red-clay base beneath. Graphic motifs and inscriptions were commonly taken from folk images and folklore carried over from the Old World to the New.

Stoneware, made of finer and denser clays that were fired at a much higher temperature than ordinary earthen ware, was produced as early as the eighteenth century. The harder body of this ware could be glazed merely by throwing salt into the kiln when the fire was at its hottest. The result was a thin, colorless, very hard coating that was impervious to liquids. It was also resistant to acids, so that salt-glazed stoneware was popular for containers for vinegar, pickles, preserves, and the like. The practical advantages of this type of ware were obvious, and it was produced in various regions of the country throughout the nineteenth century. Most stoneware was gray with decoration painted freehand in cobalt blue.”

Excerpt from: *The American Wing at The Metropolitan Museum of Art*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Alfred A Knopf, Inc. New York: Crown Publishers Inc. 1985, 234-236.

Covered jar, North Carolina, 1785-1830; red earthenware, height 12 ¾ inches (32.4 cm.). This engaging form is known as a sugar jar in North Carolina, where the Moravians produced many of them from before the middle of the eighteenth century onward. Upon their arrival in America from Germany or Switzerland, most of the Moravians who eventually came to North Carolina lived for a time in Pennsylvania. Their pottery is different from what evolved in Pennsylvania, however, and this jar, decorated simply with bright stripes of slip, contrasts markedly with the Pennsylvania German sgraffito plate opposite. Rogers Fund, 1918 (18.95.16)



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), Joe Kearns (penny whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (piano).

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 4 years old is provided.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-4,12

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.*

*Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

*You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"*

*For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.*

*So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

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

Response of Praise:*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first four verses, and the second system contains the fifth verse and the concluding phrase. Chord symbols are written above the vocal staves to indicate the harmonic structure.

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in foll'wing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

7. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

From Psalm 90
Isaac Watts, 1719
Alt. 1990, mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.
Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727
Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism Qts. 21,27,28**

Q. 21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Q. 27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Q. 28. Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

***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 blessings flow; praise him, all creatures 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 1:9-11

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Matthew 6:31-33

[D]o not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of July 18-24, 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 Supervisor Richard Zmuda
- **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:
Germany
- **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)
Bairwa of India: Population: 994,000; Language: Hindi; Religion: Hinduism

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**
Peter M.
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):
Treasurer Mike Miller
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
St. Stephen Reformed Church, New Holland, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
John and Kathy Clow, 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

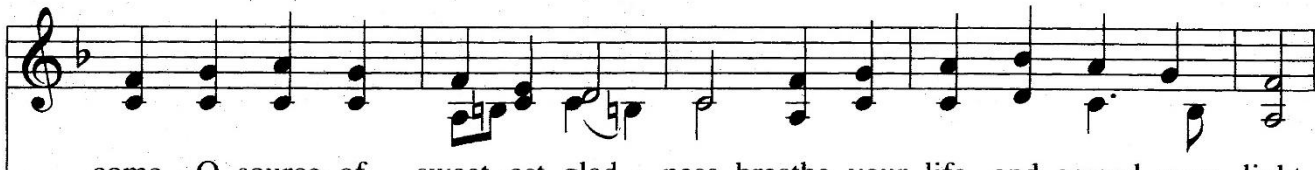
This is the time in our service when our tithes and offerings are presented to God as an act of our worship. You can drop your offering in the designated place. If you are worshipping with us online, you can present your tithes and offerings to God by making an online donation through our website at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

***Song of Preparation:**

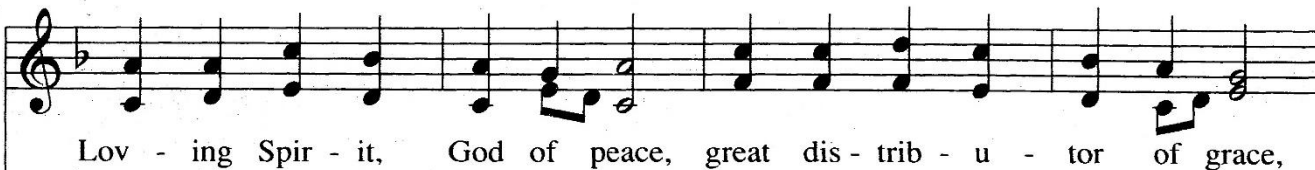
Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness



1. Ho - ly Ghost, dis - pel our sad - ness, pierce the clouds of sin - ful night;
2. From that height which knows no mea - sure, as a gra - cious show'r de - scend;
3. Come, O best of all do - na - tions God can give or we im - plore;



come, O source of sweet - est glad - ness, breathe your life and spread your light.
bring - ing down the rich - est trea - sure man can wish or God can send.
hav - ing your sweet con - so - la - tions we need wish for noth - ing more.



Lov - ing Spir - it, God of peace, great dis - trib - u - tor of grace,
Heav'n - ly Glo - ry, shin - ing down from the Fa - ther and the Son,
Come with unc - tion and with pow'r, on our souls your grac - es show'r;



rest up - on this con - gre - ga - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
grant us your il - lu - mi - na - tion; rest up - on this con - gre - ga - tion.
au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, make our hearts your hab - i - ta - tion.

Listening to God's Word

***Prayer for Illumination**

In this prayer, we ask the Lord by His Spirit to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

***Reading of Scripture:**

1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Stand Firm in the True Grace of God (22)

Suffering as God's Servants (3): Our Confidence is in Christ (1)

Today's Text: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Pastor David Kertland

1. Jesus Christ _____

Our *first* reason for confidence: _____

2. Jesus Christ _____

Our *second* reason for confidence: _____

3. Jesus Christ _____

Our *third* reason for confidence: _____

4. Jesus Christ _____ **and** _____

Our *fourth* reason for confidence: _____

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, if you are in Christ, 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 so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk with our pastor who can suggest ways for you 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

About the elements: Our communion servers will be handing out the elements, which is in a chalice-style cup having the grape juice or wine on one side and the bread on the other.

Be sure to note that **only the grape juice** has **gluten-free bread** and is marked with "**gluten-free**" on the seal.

As a server comes to you, please indicate your preference of either:

Grape juice with the *gluten free* bread

Wine with bread/wafer (has gluten)

Prayer

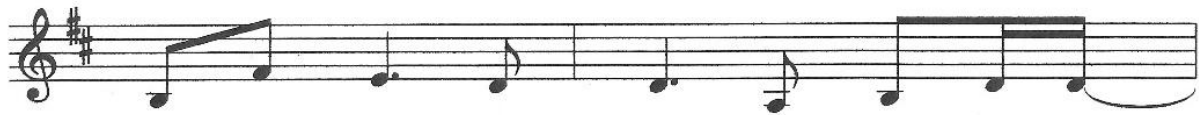
Confessing Our Faith in God

***Song of Dedication and Service:**

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength my song; this cor - ner - stone,
God in help - less Babe! This gift of love
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry



this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to
in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a -
to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
save. "Til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
- gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
- ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is
pluck me from His hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Plate, possibly by Henry Roudebuth (active about 1790-1816), Pennsylvania, about 1793; red earthenware, diameter 12 ¼ inches (31.1 cm.).
- 2) **Music:** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (30) and "Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness" (330) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "In Christ Alone" was purchased from www.gettymusic.com. The music for printed lead sheet was notated by Denise Seymour. Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: *The American Wing at The Metropolitan Museum of Art*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Alfred A Knopf, Inc. New York: Crown Publishers Inc. 1985, 234-236. Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted. Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Erdmans Publishing Co., 1995).

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