



Hershey Presbyterian
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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), Keith Dolon (sound), Nora Dolon (vocals), Bob Eickelberg (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Jared Salyards (piano), Ben Watt (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

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

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Daniel 4:34-35,37

*At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven,
and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High,
and praised and honored him who lives forever,*

*for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;*

*all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
**and he does according to his will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;***

*and none can stay his hand
or say to him, "What have you done?"*

*Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works
are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.*

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

Response of Praise:*O Father, You Are Sovereign**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a repeat sign. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a final cadence.

1. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;
2. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;
3. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,
4. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,

your might - y word was spo - ken and light and life o - beyed.
no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.
trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.
but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow.

Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,
All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,
All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,
With this glad hope be - fore us our faith springs up a - new:

sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.
you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.
your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.
our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

Margaret Clarkson, 1982

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ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615***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.

***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

Readings of God's Standard:

Isaiah 1:17 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

"...learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause."

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Confession of Sin

Assurances of Pardon in Christ:

Isaiah 1:18 and 1 Corinthians 6:11

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

* "'Catholic' means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of July 25-31, 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 Manager Christopher Christman
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
PA Supreme Court Justices
- **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). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)
Baiswar of India
Population: 87,000; Language: Hindi; Religion: Hinduism

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**
Catherine
- **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):
Bethany Presbyterian Church, Oxford, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Craig and Ree Coulbourne, serving with MTW in Japan

The Lord's Prayer: Our time of intercession will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

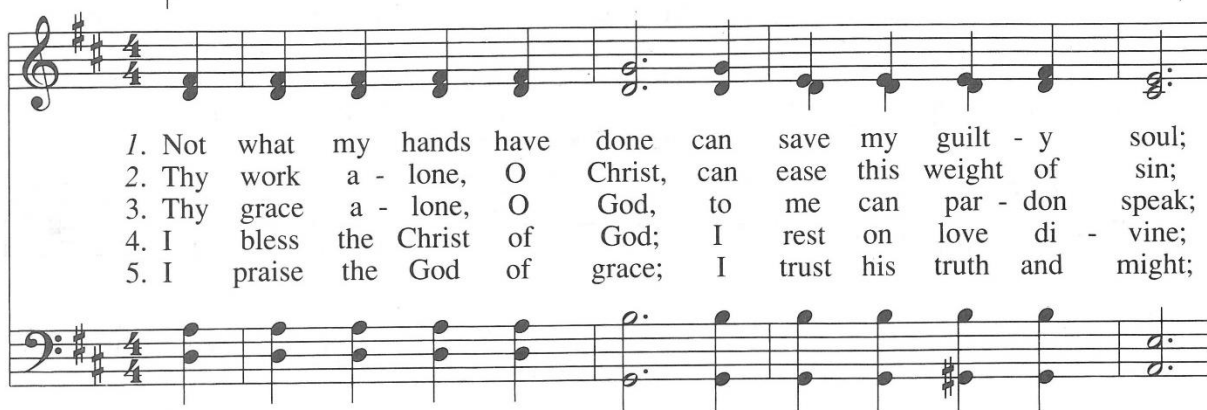
"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Our Tithes & Offerings

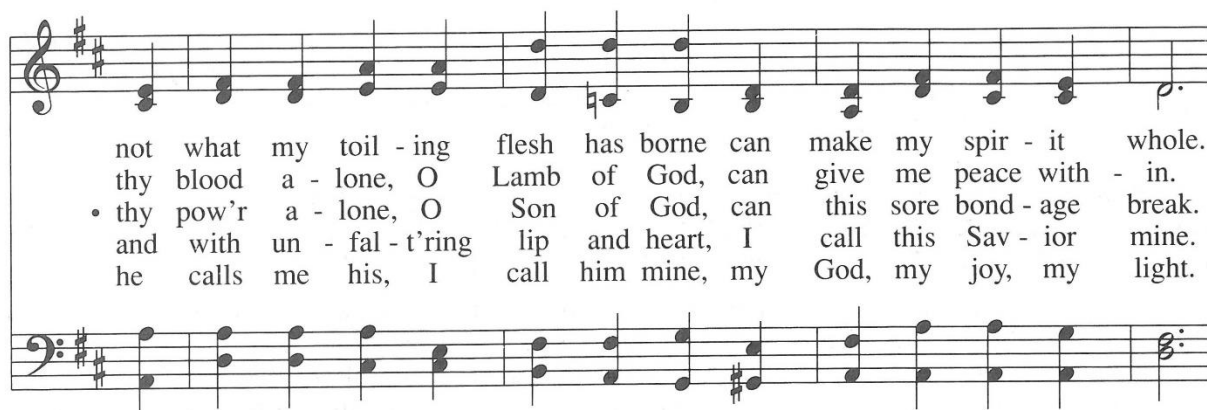
This is the time in our service when our tithes and offerings are presented to God as an act of our worship. You can drop your offering in the designated place. If you are worshipping with us online, you can present your tithes and offerings to God by mailing them to Hershey PCA, 1521 Sand Hill Road,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

***Song of Preparation:**

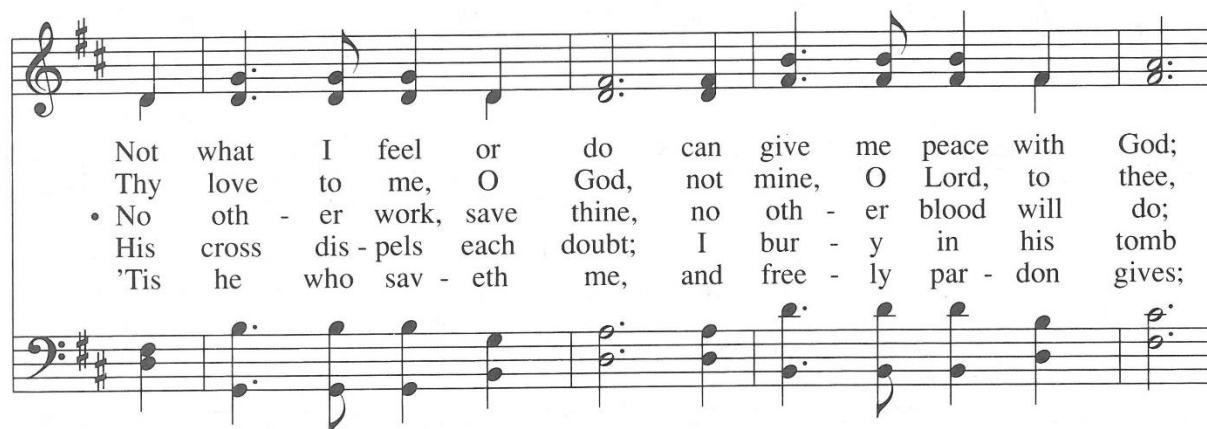
Not What My Hands Have Done



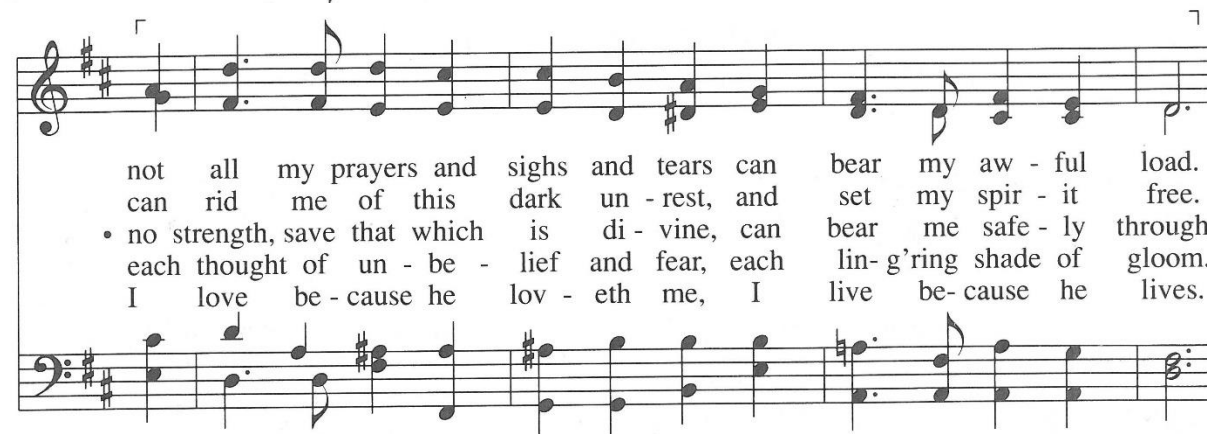
1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
 2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
 3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak;
 4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;
 5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;



not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
 thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.
 • thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break.
 and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine.
 he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.



Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
 Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
 • No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do;
 His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb
 'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives;



not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 can rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
 • no strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
 each thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

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:**

Matthew 19:27-20:16

Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" ²⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon: “Can God Do Whatever He Chooses with What Belongs to Him?”
Or “Do You Begrudge God’s Generosity?”**

Today’s Text: Matthew 19:27-20:16
Pastor Bob Eickelberg

Introduction: Child: “That’s not fair!” Adult: “_____”

- I. **The context of Matthew 19** including the disciples rebuking people for bringing children to Jesus (and Jesus’s response “*to such belongs the kingdom of heaven*”); the rich young ruler and Jesus’ response “*with man this is impossible but with God all things are possible*”; and Peter’s comment “*See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?*”
- II. **The parable of the Good, Kind, Extravagant, Generous, Merciful, Just and Gracious Employer**
Possibly this is harvest time and the grapes need to be gathered before they spoil
Early in the morning would be 6 AM which was the first hour. 3rd= 9 6th=noon 9th=3 11th=5
At 6 AM everyone agreed to a denarius, a day’s wage for a laborer or a soldier.
At 6 PM the “all day workers” grumbled at the master of the house. It is just not fair!
“I choose to give to the last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?” So, the last will be first, and the 1st last.
- III. **The central truth of the parable:** God is sovereign and does as He pleases. He is Just and fulfils His promises and He is gracious, and He often gives more. In the kingdom of Heaven our relationship is all of Grace. Ephesians 2:8-9 Romans 9 The thief on the cross.
Archbishop Temple in Church of England “The only thing that you contribute to your own salvation is the sin that makes it necessary.”
- IV. **Some of the implications of this parable and the truths of our Sovereign Merciful God.**
What about T. B. (if true)? “That’s not fair.” “He doesn’t deserve...”
What about the person that has wounded you deeply? Personally? Politically? My old friend.
What about other circumstances in your life or the lives of others?
What about other people? Peter’s question to Jesus about John in *John 21:21*
Article in the LA Times, May 21, 2021 by Howard Blume “We reject ideas of natural gifts and talents... and the ‘cult of the genius.’” But the Bible clearly states that God gives different gifts and abilities to different people, all to be used for the glory of God. E.C.’s hands and the hands of the environmental services aide. (Have you thanked them all for their service?)
Spurgeon: “... should give us a view of God’s sovereign grace that it will close the complaints department permanently.”

Hope for the present. Are you here today and haven’t come yet to faith in Jesus? Come today!

Hope for the future for loved ones and others who do not yet trust Christ. What time is it?
- V. **This is all possible because of Matthew 20:17-19.**
Christian, come to the table of our Lord, where all are equal, the first and the last.

From Pastor Eickelberg: As I prepared this sermon, in addition to studying and wrestling with the text personally and directly, I am in great debt to the thoughts and words of the following commentators and preachers: Eric Alexander, James Montgomery Boice, John Calvin, Sinclair Ferguson, William Hendriksen, Terry Johnson (as well as others). Some of their actual words and thought patters are incorporated into my preaching.

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:

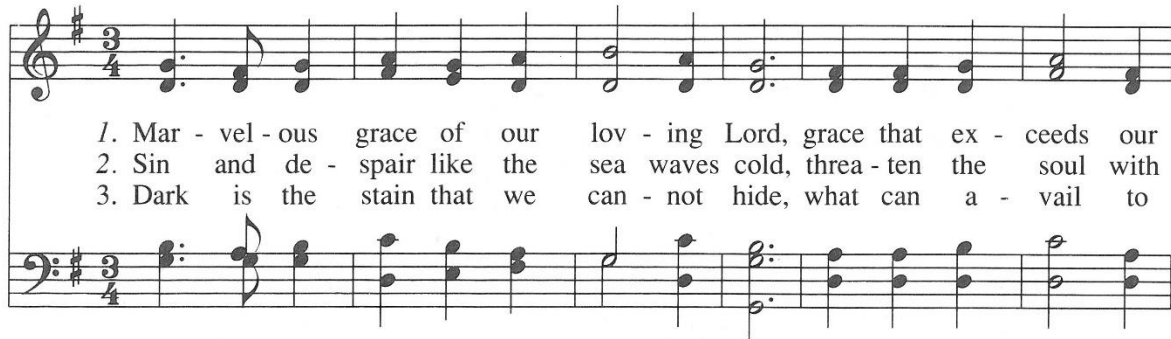
Grape juice with the *gluten free* bread

Wine with bread/wafer (has gluten)

Prayer

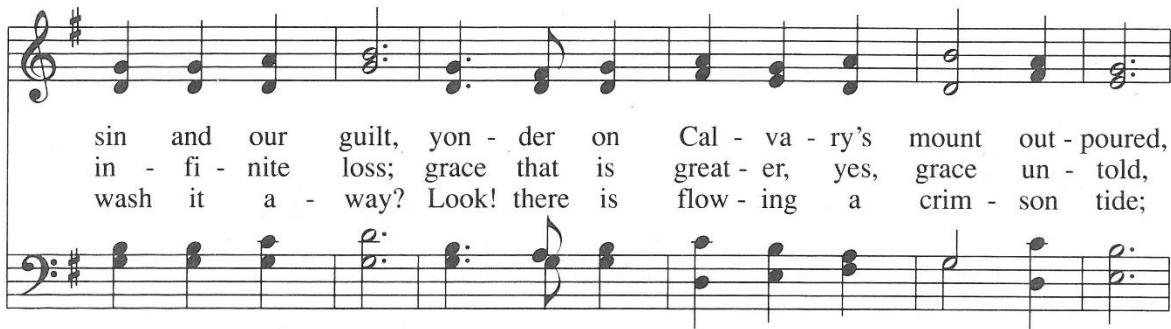
Confessing Our Faith in God

*Song of Dedication and Service: **Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord**

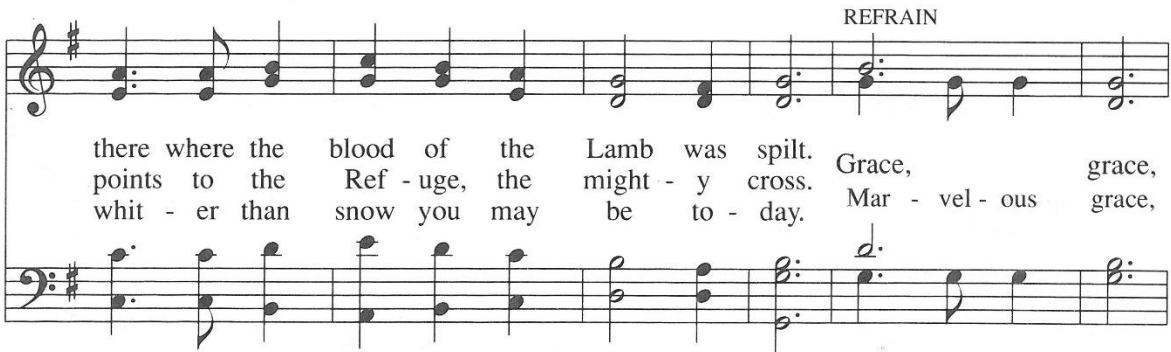


1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our
2. Sin and de - spair like the sea waves cold, threa - ten the soul with
3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, what can a - vail to

Julia H. Johnston, 1910

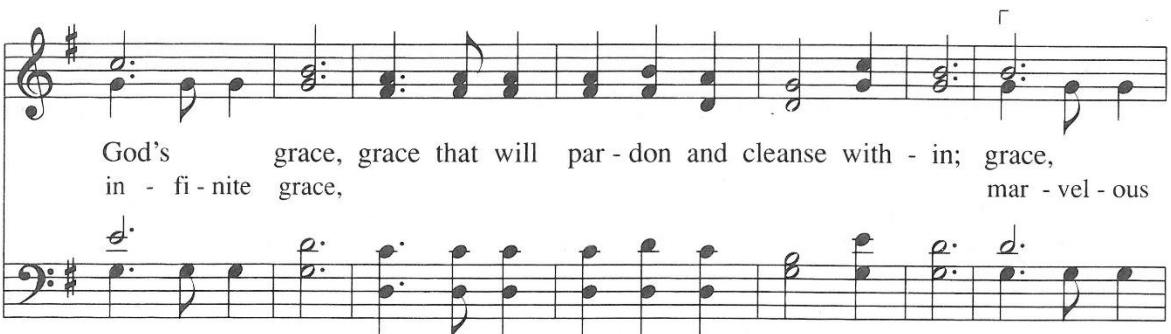


sin and our guilt, yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
in - fi - nite loss; grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,
wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide;



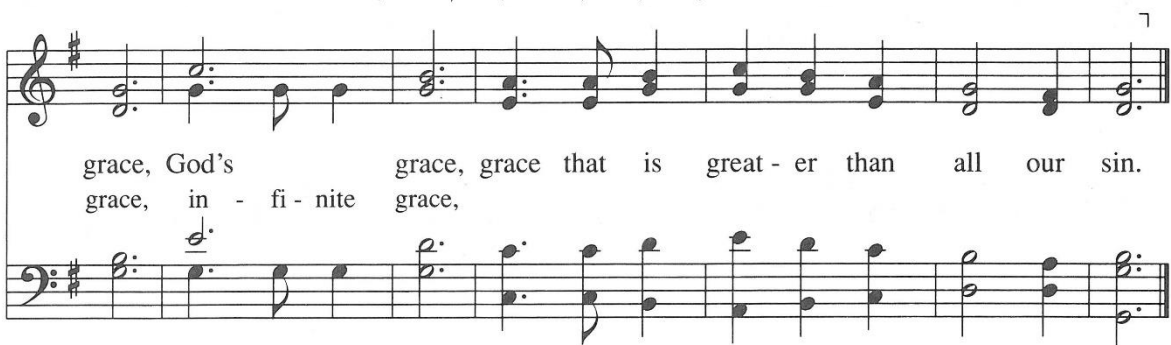
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there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,
points to the Ref - uge, the might - y cross. Mar - vel - ous grace,
whit - er than snow you may be to - day.



God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; grace,
in - fi - nite grace, mar - vel - ous

MOODY 9.9.9.9 ref.
Daniel B. Towner, 1910



grace, God's grace, grace that is great - er than all our sin.
grace, in - fi - nite grace,

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

**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:** "O Father, You Are Sovereign" (75), "Not What My Hands Have Done" (461), and "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord" (465) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
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