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Front Cover Artwork

Cheri Christensen, *It's a New Day*, Oil on panel. 12 x 9 inch. Currently available.

From her website:

"I am inspired by the simple everyday interaction of the animals in their environment: the way the light dances across the form, the harmony of color relationships and the shapes of light and shadow. I prefer early-morning light or late afternoon settings, with extreme back-lighting. My focus is on the farm animals, their character and the use of color, light and texture to convey a mood."

Cheri Christensen was born in Enumclaw Washington, a small rural town of horse, dairy and cattle ranches at the foot of Mt. Rainier. Cheri's grandfather was a cattle rancher there and he was a big influence on her choice of subject matter today. She attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and graduated with a B.A. from the University of Washington. Cheri studied oil painting and drawing intensely for three years with Ron Lukas, a protege of Sergei Bongart, who taught in the tradition of the Russian Impressionists. Cheri concentrates on seeing and conveying the effects of color and light on form.

The first painting she submitted to a competition was included in a prestigious exhibition at the Charles Emma Frye Art Museum in Seattle, and the first painting to include farm animals received the Beatrice Jackson Memorial award for Best Traditional Landscape in the Allied Artists of America 1995 show. Currently, Cheri is represented at several galleries nationally and internationally, such as McLarry Fine Art in Santa Fe N.M., InSight Gallery in Fredericksburg Texas, Eisenhower Gallery on Martha's Vineyard, and Roby King Gallery on Bainbridge Island, WA.

Cheri has been featured in several magazines such as American Art Collector, Western Art Collector and Southwest Art Magazine. She currently has 5 videos available through Liliedahl Video Productions, "Straight Ahead," "Highlight," "Keeping an Eye Out," "Brushwork & Backlight" and her new video, "The Color of White" where she demonstrates both her brush and palette knife techniques. She is also featured in the books, *Art Journey, New Mexico*, and *Finding your Visual Voice: A Painter's Guide to Developing and Artistic Style*. She currently resides in Texas.

To see more of Cheri's work and art instruction, visit her website at <https://www.cherichristensen.com>.

Hershey PCA would like to thank Ms. Christensen for giving us permission to use her painting, "*It's a New Day*" for this month's cover.

*O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
The earth is full of your creatures.*

...

*These all look to you,
To give them their food in due season.
When you give it to them, they gather it up;
When you open your hand,
They are filled with good things.*

From Psalm 104



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), Nora Dolon (vocals), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Cam Smith (preaching), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

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

Welcome Cam Smith

We welcome Cam Smith to the pulpit this morning., Cam serves with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), the PCA's college campus ministry, at Penn State University, State College.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 93:1-2

The LORD reigns;

he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed;

he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established;

it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

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

***Response of Praise:**

Come People of the Risen King

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1. Come, peo - ple of the ri - sen King, who de - light to bring Him
2. Come those whose joy is morn-ing sun, and those weep-ing through the
3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the



praise. Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn-ing Star of
night. Come, those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug-ling in the
faith. Come, those with full or emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His



grace. From the shift-ing sha-dows of the earth we will lift our eyes to
fight. For His per-fect love will nev - er change, and His mer-cies nev - er
grace. O - ver all the world His peo-ple sing; shore to shore we hear them



Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to gath - er child-ren
cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer-tain hope of
call the Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in



in. Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One
peace. all."



heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ, re - joice!



Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One



heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ, re - joice!

***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

Reading of God's Standard

James 1:12-15

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Confession of Sin

Assurances of Pardon in Christ

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

* "'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 August 1-7, 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 Director of Community Development Charles Emerick
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
PA Governor Tom Wolf
- **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:
India
- **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)
Baiti of India and Bangladesh
Population: 51,900; Language: Marathi and Bengali; Religion: Hinduism

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**
Elmer
- **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):
Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church, Quarryville, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Rick and Clare, serving in a sensitive area

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:**

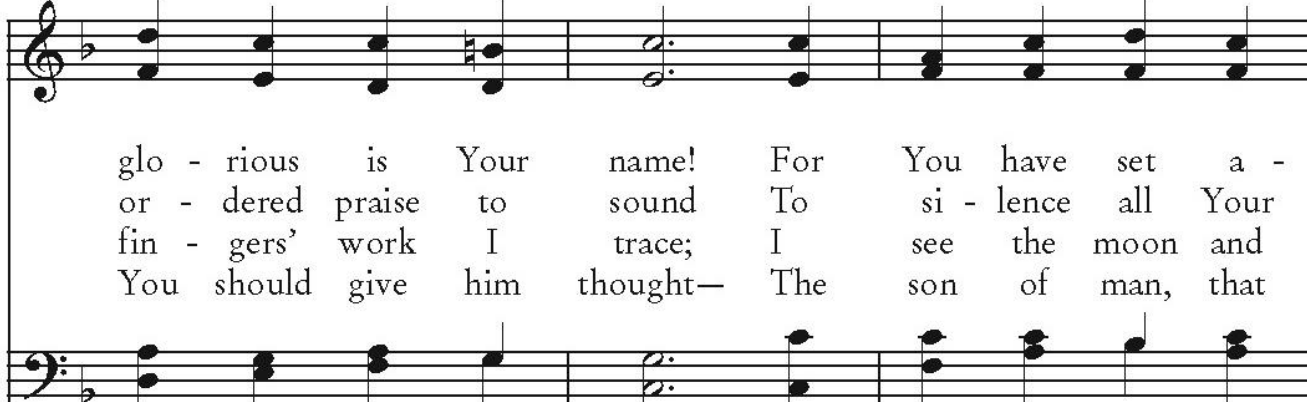
O Lord, Our Lord (Psalm 8)

Scottish Psalter, 1615

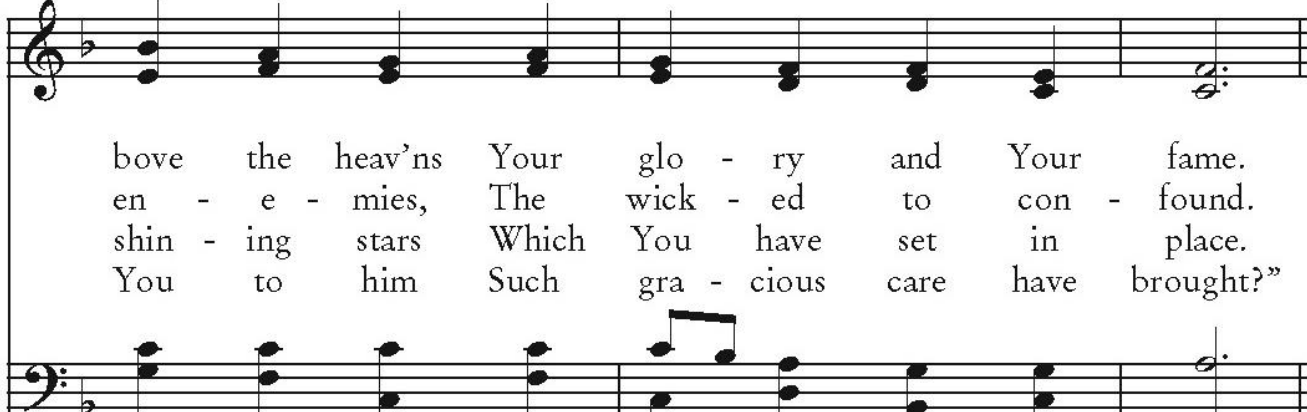
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1. ¹ O LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How
 2. ² From in - fants' and from chil - dren's lips You
 3. ³ When I re - gard the heav'ns You made, Your
 4. ⁴ I ask my - self, "What then is man That



glo - rious is Your name! For You have set a -
 or - dered praise to sound To si - lence all Your
 fin - gers' work I trace; I see the moon and
 You should give him thought— The son of man, that



bove the heav'ns Your glo - ry and Your fame.
 en - e - mies, The wick - ed to con - found.
 shin - ing stars Which You have set in place.
 You to him Such gra - cious care have brought?"

5. ⁵ Yet You created him to be
 Just less than one divine;
 You gave him honor as a crown,
 And made his glory shine.

6. ⁶ You made him ruler of the works
 Created by Your hand;
 You placed all things beneath his feet
 To be in his command:

7. ^{7,8} All sheep and oxen, birds and fish,
 All beasts both wild and tame.
⁹ O LORD, our Lord, in all the earth
 How glorious is Your name!

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:**

Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹ O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

"The Answer to Our Insecurity"

Today's Text: Psalm 8
Cam Smith

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:**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of A major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are provided for each system. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: A, Bm, D, A, E, A, B, D, A/E, E7, and A.

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?

what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

REFRAIN

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is A major (three sharps: F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 4/4. The first system is labeled 'REFRAIN' and 'A'. The lyrics are 'Lean - ing, lean - ing, on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,'. The second system has the lyrics 'safe and se - cure from all a - larms;'. The third system has the lyrics 'lean - ing, lean - ing, on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,'. The fourth system has the lyrics 'lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.' and includes a double bar line at the end. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: A, D, A, E, A, E, A, D, A/E, E7, A/E, E7, A.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

safe and se - cure from all a - larms;

lean - ing, lean - ing, on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887

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Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

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:** *It's a New Day* by Cheri Chistensen, current; oil on panel, 9 x 12 in. Owned by the artist. Used with permission of the artist in email dated 07/14/2021.
- 2) **Music:** "Come, People of the Risen King" in hymnal form was purchased at www.gettymusic.com; music for printed lead sheet was notated by Denise Seymour. "O Lord, Our Lord" (8A) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (616) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: <https://www.cherichristensen.com/about>. 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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