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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), Keith Dolon (sound), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), 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 148

*Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;*

***praise him in the heights!***

*Praise him, all his angels;*

***praise him, all his hosts!***

*Praise him, sun and moon,*

***praise him, all you shining stars!***

*Praise him, you highest heavens,*

***and you waters above the heavens!***

*Let them praise the name of the LORD!*

***For he commanded and they were created.***

*And he established them forever and ever;*

***he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.***

*Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,*

***fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!***

*Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!*

***Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!***

*Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!*

***Young men and maidens together, old men and children!***

*Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;*

***his majesty is above earth and heaven.***

*He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,*

***for the people of Israel who are near to him.***

***Praise the LORD!***

# \*Response of Praise:

# How Great Thou Art

Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. Ps. 48:1

Capo 1: B $\flat$ (A) E $\flat$ (D)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der  
2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der  
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

B $\flat$ /F(A/E) F(E) B $\flat$ (A)

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

E $\flat$ (D)

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,  
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,  
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

B $\flat$ /F(A/E) F(E) B $\flat$ (A)

thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
he bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

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Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

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how great thou art, how great thou art!

Chords: F, Eb(D), Bb(A), F(E), Bb(A), Eb(D), Bb(A), Cm7(Bm7), F7 (E7), Bb(A)

Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt.

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Swedish folk melody  
Arr. by Stuart K. Hine, 1949

The author's original words for "worlds" and "rolling" in st. 1 are "works" and "mighty."  
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## \*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

## **\*Confession of Faith:**

**From Isaiah 40:25-31**

*With words from Isaiah's book which confront our doubt and fear by reminding us of our God. Today we confess our faith in God who has promised to preserve and strengthen his people.*

Leader:

*To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him?  
says the Holy One.*

*Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name;  
by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.*

*Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'?*

*Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

**Congregation:**

***He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.  
Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;  
but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.***

## **\*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 1:16-18**

*Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

## **Confession of Sin**

## **Assurances of Pardon in Christ**

**Romans 6:23**

*[T]he wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 8-14, 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](http://www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-eneews))  
**Derry Township Chief of Police Garth Warner**
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):  
**PA Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman**
- **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:  
**Japan**
- **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](http://www.joshuaproject.net)). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)  
**Bajania of India**  
**Population: 30,000; Language: Gujarati; Religion: Hinduism**

### 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):  
**Children's Ministry Leaders**
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):  
**Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church, Shippensburg, PA**
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**  
**Cam and Kaela Smith, serving with RUF at Penn State**

**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](http://hersheypca.com).*



**\*Song of Preparation:**

**Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1. Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;  
2. Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,  
3. Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,  
4. Oft as the pre - cious seed is sown, your quick-'ning grace be - stow,

now let the dew of heav'n de - scend, and righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.  
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.  
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive, its sav - ing pow'r may know.

John Cawood, 1819

DUNFERMLINE C.M.  
Scottish Psalter, 1615

# 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 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, <sup>19</sup> in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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, <sup>22</sup> 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 (23)

**Suffering as God's Servants (4): Our Confidence is in Christ (2)**

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

Pastor David Kertland

**Last time:** We considered that our confidence is in the person of Jesus Christ who suffered once for sins, proclaimed his victory, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is now installed in power at the right hand of the Father. Because of him we have reason for confidence in God's love, God's justice, God's power, and God's eternality.

**Today:** we return to this passage to consider that our confidence is in Christ who saves us from the deluge of God's judgement to come.

1. **Why would the present time remind Peter of “the days of \_\_\_\_\_” ?**

2. **Why does Peter mention \_\_\_\_\_ in verse 21 ?**

3. **What should be your takeaway today from these verses?**

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**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: Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord**

*Unison*

1. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord: un - num - bered  
 2. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his name: make known his  
 3. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might: pow'rs and do -  
 4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word: firm is his

bles - ings give my spir - it voice; ten - der to me the  
 might, the deeds his arm has done; his mer - cy sure, from  
 min - ions lay their glo - ry by; proud hearts and stub - born  
 prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure. Tell out, my soul, the

prom - ise of his word; in God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.  
 age to age the same; his ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 wills are put to flight, the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 great - ness of the Lord to chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more.

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1965

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 Walter Greatorex, 1919

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# 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](mailto: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:** "How Great Thou Art" (44), "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" (383), and "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord" (26) 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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