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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), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Mike Miller and Dave Eakin.

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

Prelude

Welcome John and Kathy Clow

John and Kathy Clow, our missionaries serving in Honduras with Mission to the World, the PCA's mission agency, join us in our worship service today. They will give us update on their ministry during the service.

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-2, 8-13, 22

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits*

*The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.*

*He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

*as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

*As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*

*Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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

***Response of Praise:**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

Based on Psalm 103
 Joachim Neander, 1680
 Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.
 Strausund Gesangbuch, 1665
 Arr. in Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1668

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Nicene Creed

We confess our common faith today with the Nicene Creed, a summary of the Bible's teaching about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of the Spirit. From the Trinity Hymnal: "The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ."

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

* "'Catholic' here means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples." It is confessed in recognition of the believing church throughout the world; it is not a reference to what is today called the *Roman Catholic Church*.

*Doxology

Anita Wood

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here be-low. Praise Him a - bove ye Hea-ven-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 1:19-21

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

Confession of Sin

Assurances of Pardon in Christ

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

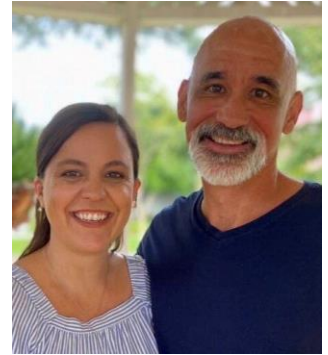
Missions Moment with John and Kathy Clow

John and Kathy Clow are part of our church family. Since Hershey PCA began, we have supported them and their work in Honduras. Over the years, several of our members have joined them for short-term trips. We welcome them today as they join us for worship.

From MTW's website: (<https://mtw.org/missionaries/details/john-and-kathy-clow>)

John grew up in Clute, Texas, and felt God's call to missions while attending LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas. In 1992 he graduated with a degree in welding engineering technology. In 1997 he met and married Kathy who grew up in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Kathy also felt God's call to missions during college. She graduated from North Georgia College in Dahlonega, Georgia, with a degree in special education.

The Clows have been serving with MTW since 2002. They currently live in La Ceiba, Honduras. John serves as team leader in La Ceiba and as country coordinator of Honduras. In La Ceiba, the MTW team is a large one, comprised of half MTW missionaries and half national partners. Through a medical clinic, a home for single moms, a day program for street boys, and a theological seminary, the team is meeting both physical and spiritual needs of the people. In the capital city of Tegucigalpa, the MTW team is planting churches. The Tegucigalpa church began corporate worship in 2017.



Several of our members and friends who have served in Honduras with the Clows



2010



2016



2011



2017

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 15-21, 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)
Derry Township Assistant Chief of Police Timothy Roche
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
US Senator Patrick Toomey
- **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:
Kenya
- **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)
Bajau of Indonesia
Population: 349,000; Language: Bajau, Indonesian; Religion: Islam

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**
Ken
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):
Church Musicians
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
Oakwood Presbyterian Church, State College, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
The Clow Family & the MTW Honduras team
Richard and Lynne Smith, serving with RUF-I 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.

***Song of Preparation:**

His Mercy Is More

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

-ni-scent, all know-ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with-out bot-tom or
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the
 blood was the pay-ment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af -

shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord,
 poor. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 -ford. Our sins they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,

new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

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 4:1-11

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.³ For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.⁴ With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you;⁵ but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.⁶ For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Stand Firm in the True Grace of God (24)
Suffering as God's Servants (5)
Today's Text: 1 Peter 4:1-11
Pastor David Kertland

1. **The _____ of the gospel.**

2. **The _____ of the gospel**

a. What Jesus _____.

b. What the gospel _____ to you did _____ you.

3. **The _____ of the gospel to _____**

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:**

Speak, O Lord



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your



ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
- mi - li - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plan for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will



fa - shion us in Your like - ness, that the
ra - di - ence of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - je - stic love and au -
grace we'll stand on Your prom-mi-ses, and by faith we'll walk as You



deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your
- thor - i - ty. Words of power that can ne - ver fail; Let their
walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the



pur - po - ses, for Your glo - ry.
truth pre-vail ov - er un - be - lief.
earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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:** *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:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (53) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "His Mercy is More", written by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, is reprinted from SongSelect. Music for "Speak, O Lord," www.gettymusic.com, was notated by Denise Seymour. 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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