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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), Dave Eakin (vocals), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Grace Salyards (French horn), Jared Salyards (piano), Sarah Shafer (prelude singer), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Ephraim Church and Keith Dolon.

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

Prelude

"Be Not Afraid" by Craig Courtney

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 33:8-22

⁸ *Let all the earth fear the LORD;*

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

⁹ *For he spoke, and it came to be;*

he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰ *The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;*

he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

¹¹ *The counsel of the LORD stands forever,*

the plans of his heart to all generations.

¹² *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,*

the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

¹³ *The LORD looks down from heaven;*

he sees all the children of man;

¹⁴ *from where he sits enthroned he looks out*

on all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵ *he who fashions the hearts of them all*

and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶ *The king is not saved by his great army;*

a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷ *The war horse is a false hope for salvation,*

and by its great might it cannot rescue.

¹⁸ *Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,*

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

¹⁹ *that he may deliver their soul from death*

and keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ *Our soul waits for the LORD;*

he is our help and our shield.

²¹ *For our heart is glad in him,*

because we trust in his holy name.

²² *Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,*

even as we hope in you.

***Response of Praise:**

Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations

¹Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;

²for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.

For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;

ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!

The Psalter, 1912

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Traditional Netherlands melody, 1710
Arr. Julius Röntgen, ca. 1906

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Leader: Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers,
you have no need to have anything written to you.
For you yourselves are fully aware that
the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
While people are saying, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them
as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman,
and they will not escape.
But you are not in darkness, brothers,
for that day to surprise you like a thief.
For you are all children of light, children of the day.
We are not of the night or of the darkness.
So then let us not sleep, as others do,
but let us keep awake and be sober.
For those who sleep, sleep at night,
and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.

Congregation:

**But since we belong to the day, let us be sober
having put on the breastplate of faith and love,
and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
For God has not destined us for wrath,
but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep
we might live with him.**

Leader: Therefore encourage one another
and build one another up,
just as you are doing.

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

***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 1:22-25

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Confession of Sin

Assurances of Pardon in Christ

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 22-28, 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 Terry D. Ferree
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
US Senator Robert Casey, Jr.
- **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:
South Korea
- **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 Bukit of Malaysia
Population: 2,000; Language: Malay; Religion: Islam

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**
Darlene
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):
Sound Team
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
Providence Presbyterian Church, York, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Mike and Ashley Troxell, 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 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:*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray, and praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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 4:12-19

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And

*"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"*

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Stand Firm in the True Grace of God (25)

Suffering as God's Servants (6)

Today's Text: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Pastor David Kertland

1. _____ **Christ's sufferings (vv. 13-14)**

2. _____ **begins with us (vv. 15-18)**

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

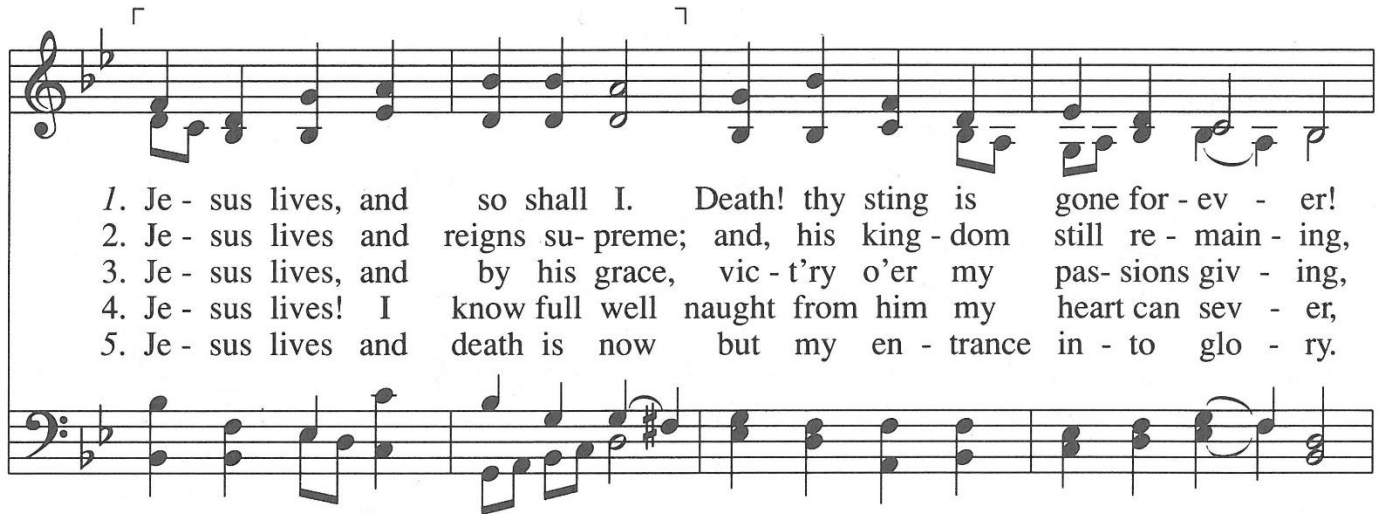
Wine with bread/wafer (has gluten)

Prayer

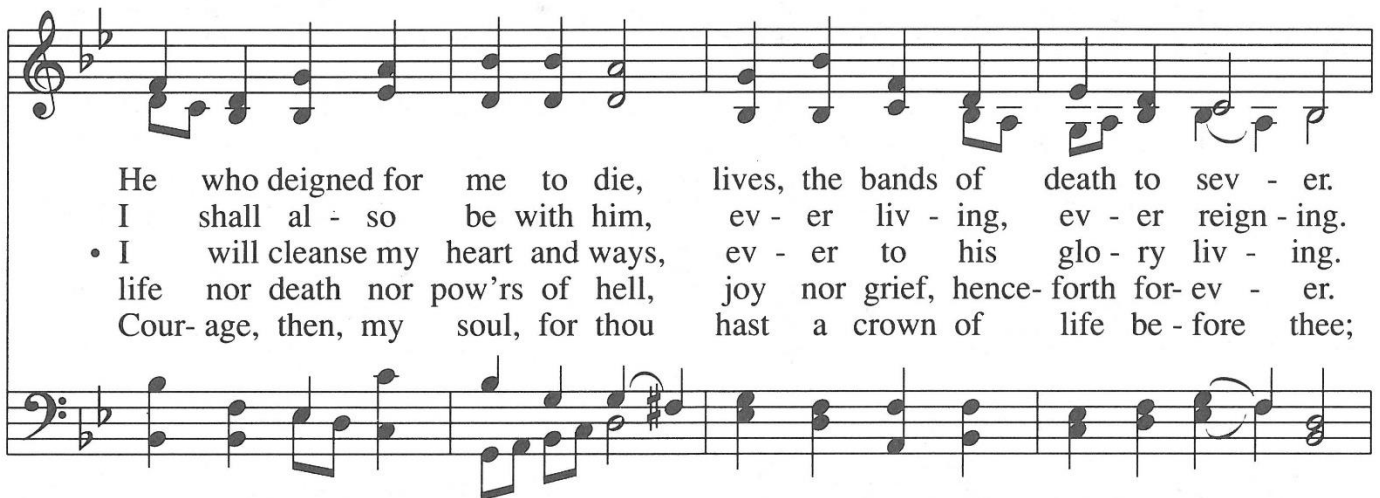
Confessing Our Faith in God

***Song of Dedication and Service:**

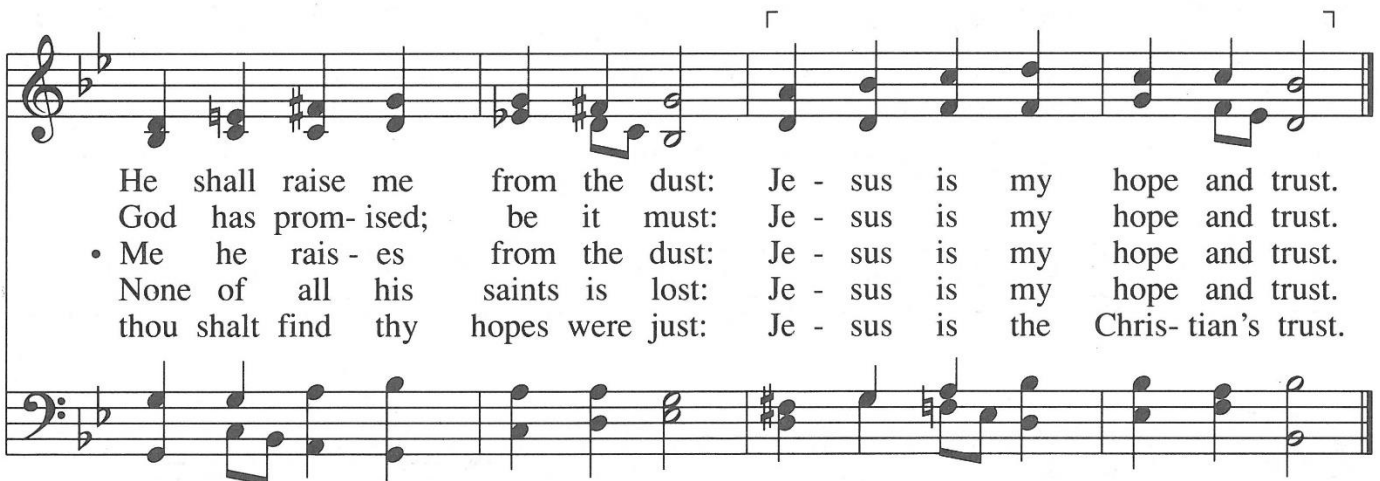
Jesus Lives, and So Shall I



1. Je - sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - ev - er!
 2. Je - sus lives and reigns su-preme; and, his king - dom still re - main - ing,
 3. Je - sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas - sions giv - ing,
 4. Je - sus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sev - er,
 5. Je - sus lives and death is now but my en - trance in - to glo - ry.



He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sev - er.
 I shall al - so be with him, ev - er liv - ing, ev - er reign - ing.
 • I will cleanse my heart and ways, ev - er to his glo - ry liv - ing.
 life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, hence - forth for - ev - er.
 Cour - age, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life be - fore thee;



He shall raise me from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
 God has prom - ised; be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
 • Me he rais - es from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
 None of all his saints is lost: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
 thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Je - sus is the Chris - tian's trust.

Christian F. Gellert, 1757
 Tr. by J. D. Lang, 1826

JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT 7.8.7.8.7.7.
 Johann Crüger, 1653; arr.

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:** "Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations" (117A) is reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture (OPC & URCNA), Willow Grove, PA, 2018). "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (529) and "Jesus Lives, and So Shall I" (706) 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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