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Front Cover Artwork

Haystacks: Autumn. c. 1874. Jean-François Millet (French, 1814–1875 Barbizon). Oil on Canvas, 33 1/2 x 43 3/8 in. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY. Bequest of Lillian S. Timken, 1959. On view at the Met, Fifth Avenue in Gallery 802. Accession Number: 60.71.12. In the public domain.

“This picture is from a series depicting the four seasons commissioned in 1868 by the industrialist Frédéric Hartmann. Millet worked on the paintings intermittently for the next seven years. In *Autumn*, with the harvest finished, the gleaners have departed and the sheep are left to graze. Beyond the haystacks lie the plain of Chailly and the rooftops of Barbizon. The loose, sketchlike finish of this work is characteristic of Millet's late style: patches of the dark lilac-pink ground color are deliberately exposed, and the underdrawing is visible, particularly in the outlines of the haystacks and the sheep.”

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/437097>



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), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Ben Watt (vocals), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Keith Dolon and Nick Yingst.

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

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

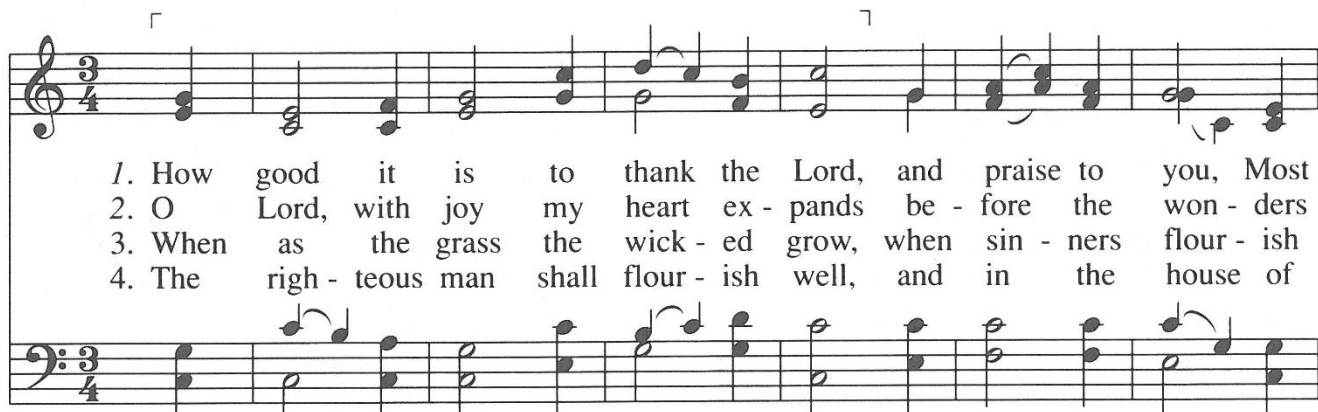
*It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;*

*² to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,*

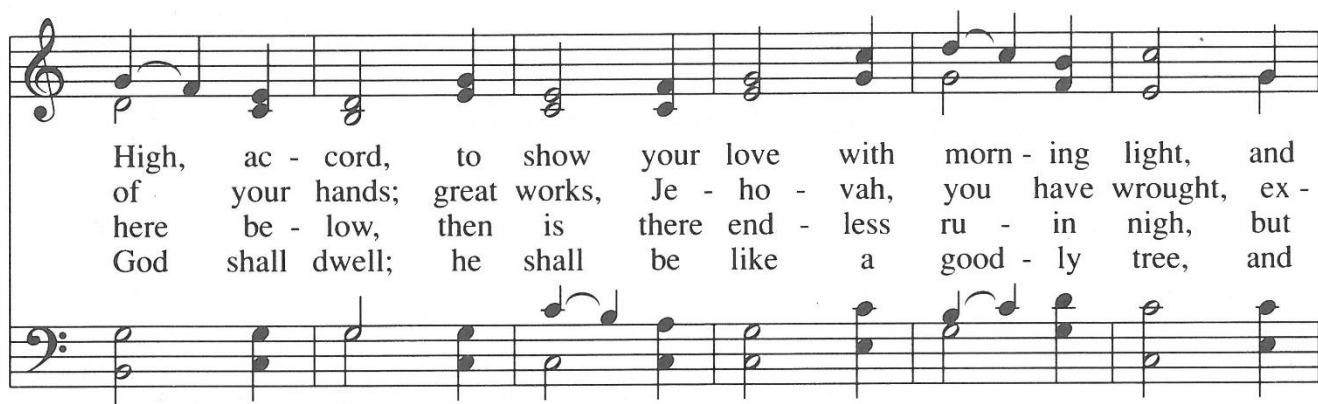
*³ to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.*

*⁴ For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

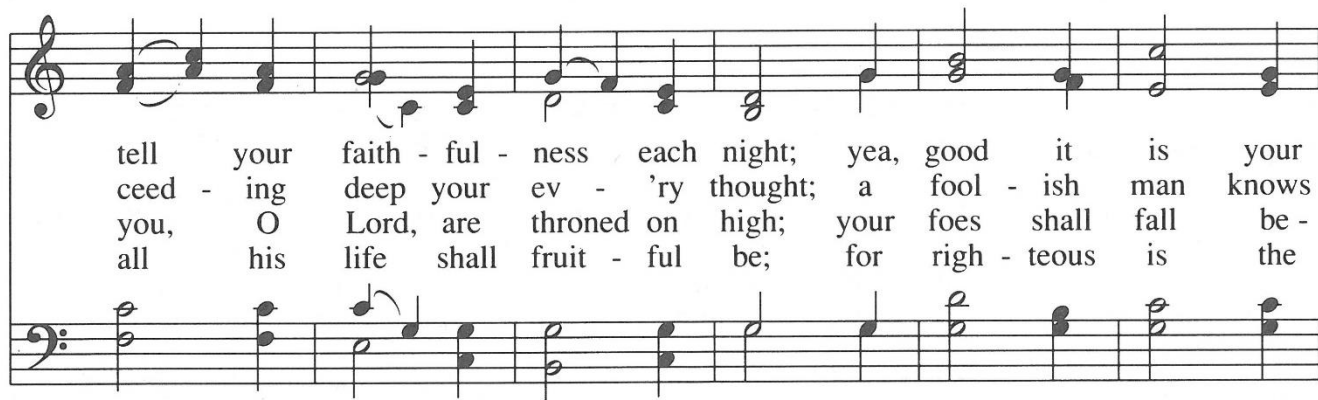
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Response of Praise:*How Good It Is to Thank the Lord**

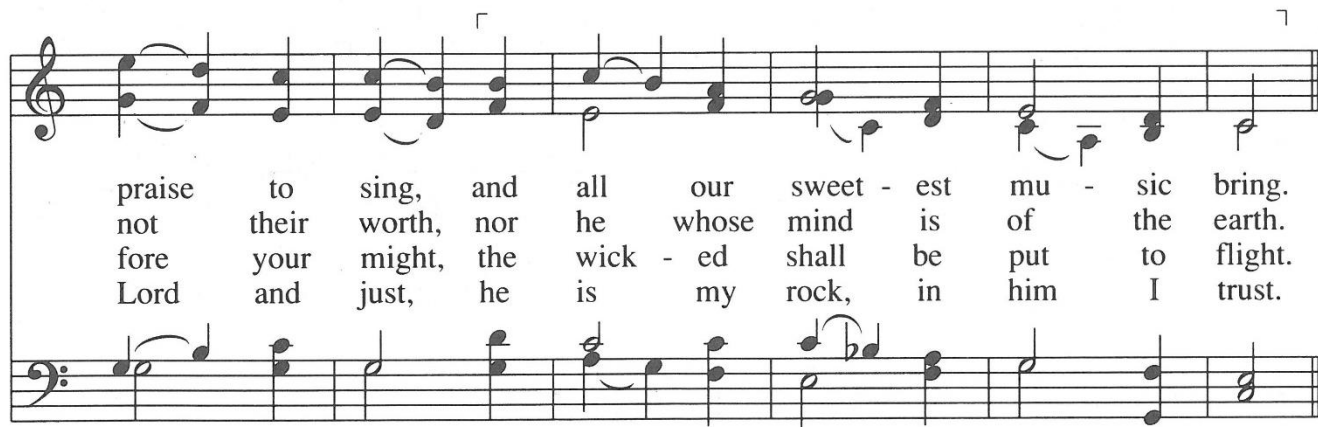
1. How good it is to thank the Lord, and praise to you, Most
2. O Lord, with joy my heart ex - pands be - fore the won - ders
3. When as the grass the wick - ed grow, when sin - ners flour - ish
4. The righ - teous man shall flour - ish well, and in the house of



High, ac - cord, to show your love with morn - ing light, and
of your hands; great works, Je - ho - vah, you have wrought, ex -
here be - low, then is there end - less ru - in nigh, but
God shall dwell; he shall be like a good - ly tree, and



tell your faith - ful - ness each night; yea, good it is your
ceed - ing deep your ev - 'ry thought; a fool - ish man knows
you, O Lord, are throned on high; your foes shall fall be -
all his life shall fruit - ful be; for righ - teous is the



praise to sing, and all our sweet - est mu - sic bring.
not their worth, nor he whose mind is of the earth.
fore your might, the wick - ed shall be put to flight.
Lord and just, he is my rock, in him I trust.

*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.

*Doxology:

The musical notation is presented in three systems, each with a piano accompaniment (left hand) and a vocal melody (right hand). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

System 2: Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye Hea-ven-ly Host.

System 3: Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - - - men!

* "‘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*.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

James 4:7-10

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Confession of Sin

Assurances of Pardon in Christ

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of November 21-27, 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):
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:
Taiwan
- **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)
Balagai of India
Population: 8,600; Language: Kannada; Religion: Hinduism

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

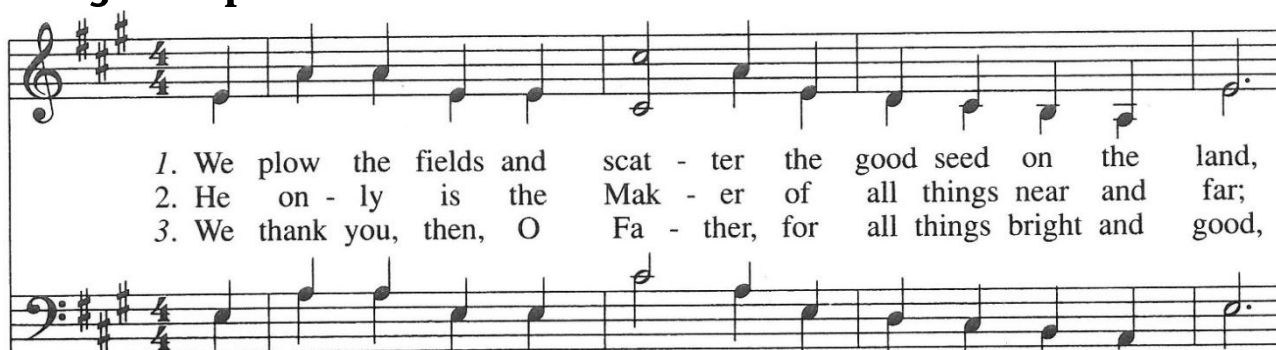
- **Health issues:**
Elsie
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):
Sound Team
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
New Covenant Fellowship, Mechanicsburg, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Craig and Ree Coulbourne, serving with MTW in Japan
- **MTW 30 Days of Prayer:**
Pray for the Chinese publication of "Gospel Transformation" and for God to use this gospel-centered in a great way

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

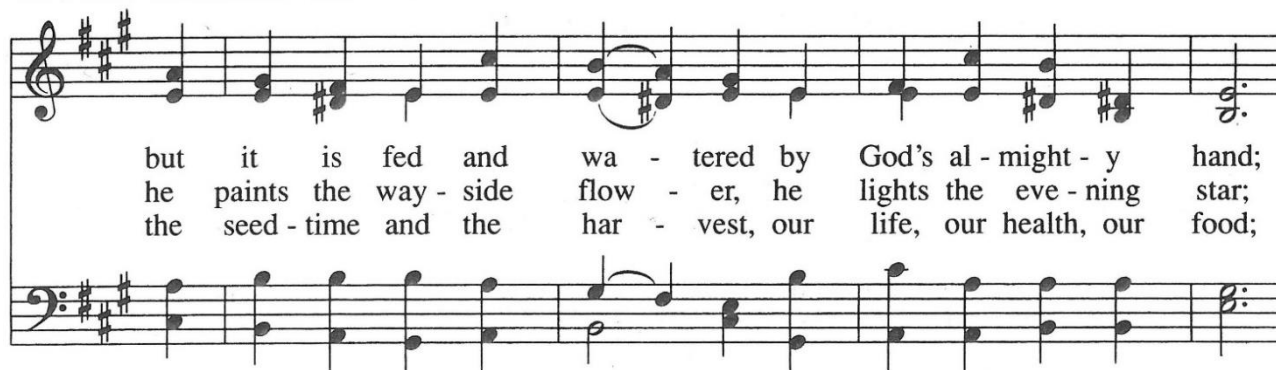
"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,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

Our Tithes & Offerings

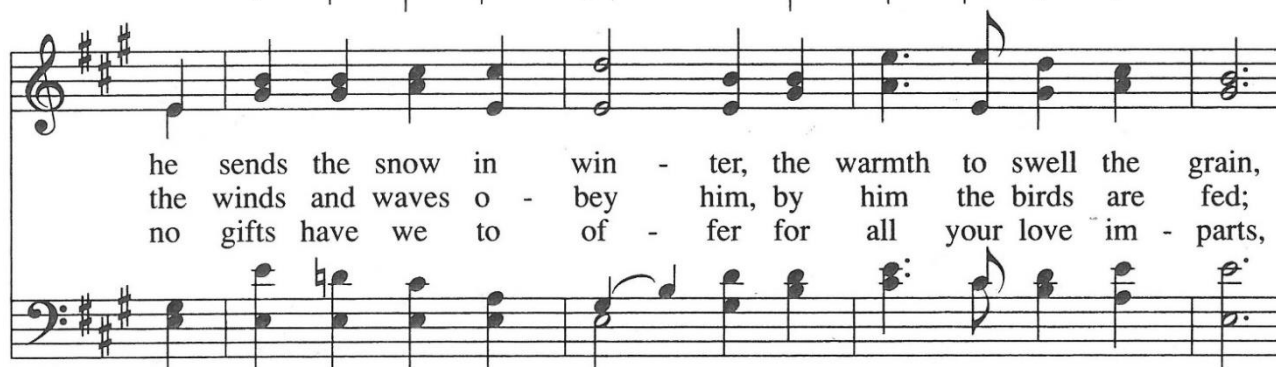
This is the time in our service when our tithes and offerings are presented to God as an act of our worship. You can drop your offering in the designated place. If you are worshipping with us online, you can present your tithes and offerings to God by mailing them to Hershey PCA, 1521 Sand Hill Road,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

Song of Preparation:*We Plow the Fields**

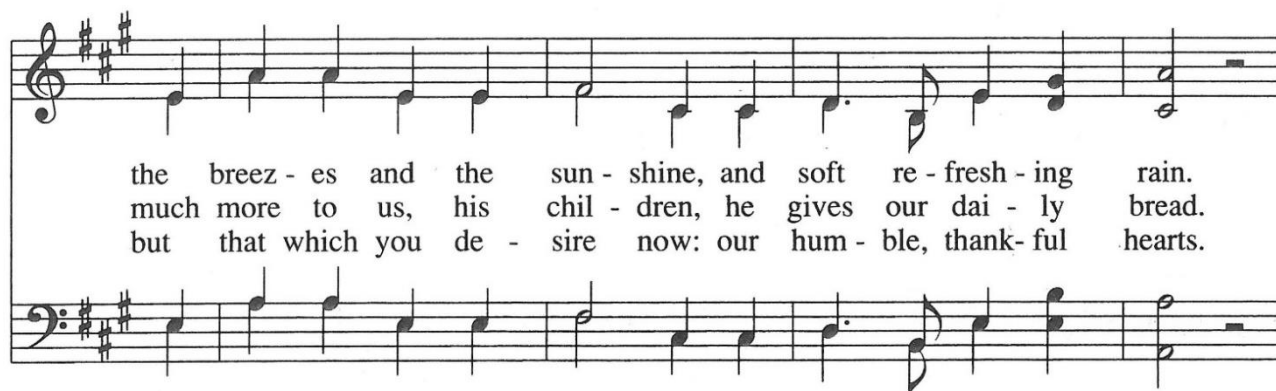
1. We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2. He on - ly is the Mak - er of all things near and far;
3. We thank you, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food;



he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
no gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but that which you de - sire now: our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.



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All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove;



Matthias Claudius, 1782
Tr. by Jane M. Campbell, 1861; alt. 1990, mod.

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Johann A. P. Schulz, 1800

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:

2 Peter 1:3-11

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

⁵ *For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, **and self-control with steadfastness,** and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.*

⁸ *For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.*

¹⁰ *Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

**Effective & Fruitful (6):
Supplement Self-Control with Steadfastness**

Today's Text: 2 Peter 1:6b

Pastor David Kertland

1. A _____ for permanence

2. Finding your anchor: the _____ One

3. _____ steadfast

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 are in two stacked communion cups. The top cups have the juice or wine, and the bottom cups all have gluten-free bread.

As a server comes to you, please indicate your preference of either grape juice or wine.

The clear cups along the outside of the communion plates are filled with grape juice.

The purple-tinted cups in the center of each communion plate are filled with wine.

Song for Reflection: "Steadfast" (see lyrics on next page)

Bonnie Kertland

Prayer

Steadfast

Silverberg, Jordan, and McCracken

1. I will build my house, whether storm or drought,
on the Rock that does not move.
I will set my hope in Your love, O Lord,
and your faithfulness will prove;
You are steadfast, steadfast.
2. By the word You spoke, all the starry hosts
are called out by name each night.
In Your watchful care, I will rest secure
as You lead us with your light.
You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.
3. I will not trust in the strength of kings;
on Your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice:
"Hallelujah to the Lamb!"
You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

Bridge: In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled;
in the hour of darkness Your light was revealed.
In the presence of death, Your life was affirmed;
in the absence of holiness, You are still God.
You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

Resting in God

*Song of Dedication and Service:

Steadfast

The musical score for 'Steadfast' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is accompanied by guitar chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across measures.

Chords: Bm, G2, D, A

Lyrics:

I will not trust in the strength of kings; on Your
 pro-mise I will stand. I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice: "Hal-le - lu - jah to the
 Lamb!" You are stead - fast, You are stead - fast.
 You are stead - fast, You are stead - fast.
 You are stead - fast, You are stead - fast.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:5 & 2 Corinthians 13:14

*May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God
and to the steadfastness of Christ.*

*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:** Front Cover: Jean-François Millet (French, 1814–1875 Barbizon); *Haystacks*: Autumn. c. 1874. Oil on Canvas, 33 1/2 x 43 3/8 in. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY. Bequest of Lillian S. Timken, 1959. On view at the Met, Fifth Avenue in Gallery 802. Accession Number: 60.71.12. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "How Good It Is to Thank the Lord" (635) and "We Plow the Fields" (714) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Doxology" traditional words, music by Anita Wood. "Steadfast" © 2016 Capitol CMG Amplifier (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing), Red Red Pop (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing), Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (IMI)), and Drink Your Tea Music (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.). CCLI #7068091. Music preparation by Owen Stroud in New Braunfels, TX. For more music and resources visit SandraMcCracken.com. Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** 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)
- 4) The **"Invitation to the Lord's Supper"** and the communion page information was, in part, modified from the practice of Redeemer PCA in NYC (2008) and Westminster PCA in Lancaster. PA (2015).

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