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Front Cover Artwork

John La Farge (1835-1910), *Firescreen*, 1884. 42 x 29 in.; Panel: 30 x 26 7/8 in. Leaded opalescent glass, brass. Made in New York. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Purchase, Barrie A. and Deedee Wigmore Foundation Gift, 2000. In the public domain.

"According to family tradition, John La Farge composed this panel in 1884 as a tenth wedding anniversary present for his close friends Richard Watson Gilder (1844-1909) and his student, Helena de Kay (1846-1916), a painter. A wreath encircling their initials and the year 1874 inscribed in gold commemorate their marriage. It originally functioned as a window in an inglenook in the Gilders' home and his wife's studio, at 103 East Fifteenth Street. About 1890, Stanford White (1853-1906), a member of the Gilders' artistic circle, remodeled the house, removed the panel from its architectural setting, and refitted it as a freestanding fire screen. The use of opalescent glass and delicate glass jewels is characteristic of the early work of La Farge."

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/3682>

"John LaFarge (March 31, 1835 – November 14, 1910) was one of the most innovative and versatile American artists of the nineteenth century. While recognized largely for his paintings, stained glass, and interior decoration, LaFarge also drew attention during the American Renaissance as an illustrator, muralist, world traveler, art critic, author and close friend of prominent men, including Henry James

...A founder and leader of the American watercolor movement by the late 1870s, LaFarge used watercolor to make studies for illustrations and decorative projects, to record his travels, and to paint floral still-life exhibition pieces.

He was an organizer of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and founder of the Society of American Artists and the Society of American Mural Painters."

...LaFarge's inquiring mind led him to experiment with color problems, especially in the medium of stained glass. LaFarge became the greatest innovator in modern stained-glass history. He was the first to develop opalescent glass for windows and pioneered the use of thin copper wire or foil to replace heavy lead lines, techniques that made possible the work of Louis Comfort Tiffany. Though Tiffany's financial resources and commercial inclinations made him far better known, it was LaFarge who was recognized then and since as the great innovator in the field.

In the early 1880s, LaFarge received a number of very prestigious stained-glass commissions, including the houses of William H. Vanderbilt and Cornelius Vanderbilt II in New York, the Darius Ogden Mills house in New York, Harvard University's Memorial Hall, and windows for Trinity Church in Boston.

...By the early 1890s...his commissions [included] Judson Memorial Church, a second major window, called *Wisdom*, for the Ames family's Unity Church in North Easton, Massachusetts (the earlier window was called, *The Angel of Help*), an impressive *Resurrections* window for the First Congregational Church of Nethuen, Massachusetts, and a pair of large allegorical windows depicting Spring and Autumn for William C. Whitney's Long Island estate.

From: https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/John_LaFarge



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 (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), and Lynn Ruhl (cello), Brad Weaver (sound), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (piano).

Today's Communion Servers are Josh Franklin and Greg Moore.

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

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-4

Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD,

give praise, O servants of the LORD,

who stand in the house of the LORD,

in the courts of the house of our God!

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,

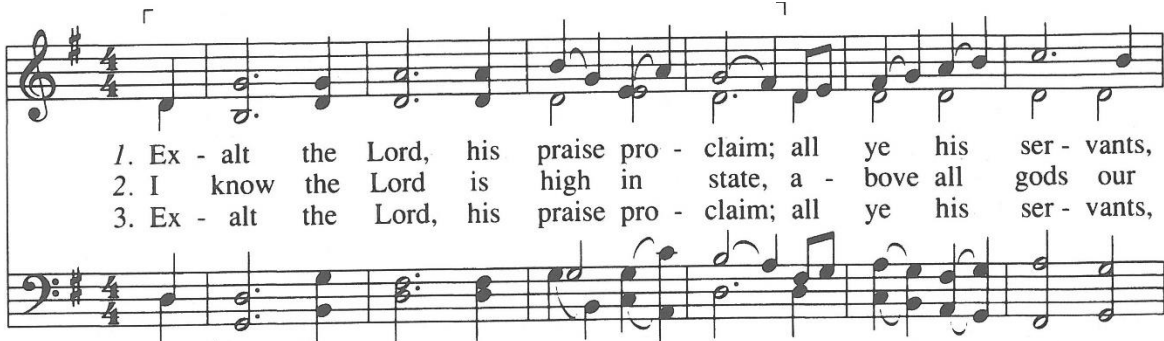
Israel as his own possession.

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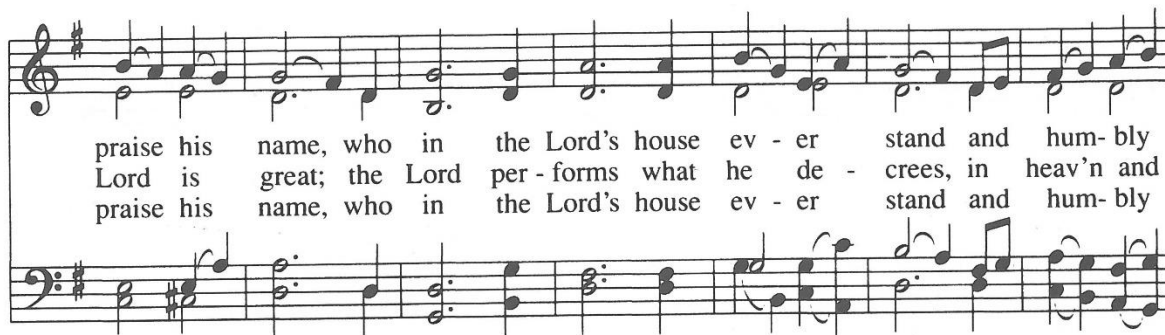
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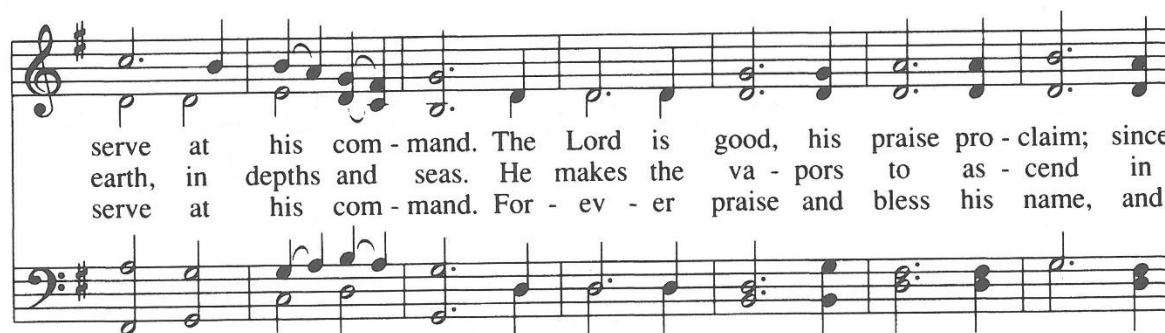
Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim



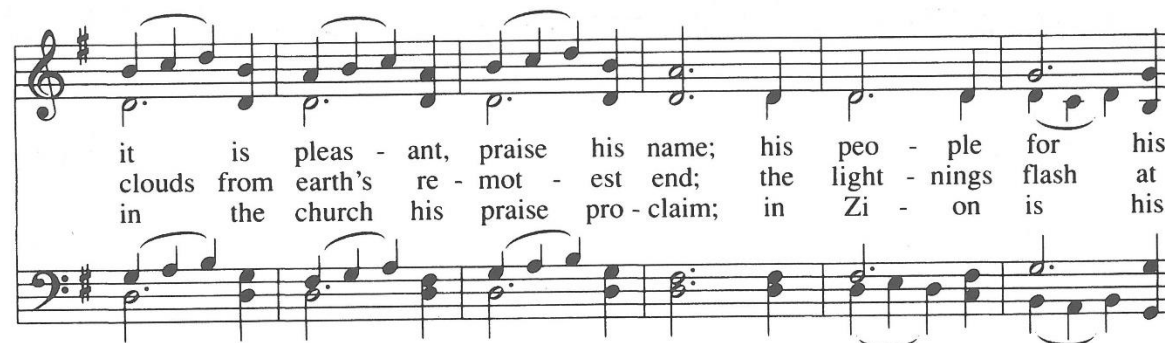
1. Ex - alt the Lord, his praise pro - claim; all ye his ser - vants,
2. I know the Lord is high in state, a - bove all gods our
3. Ex - alt the Lord, his praise pro - claim; all ye his ser - vants,



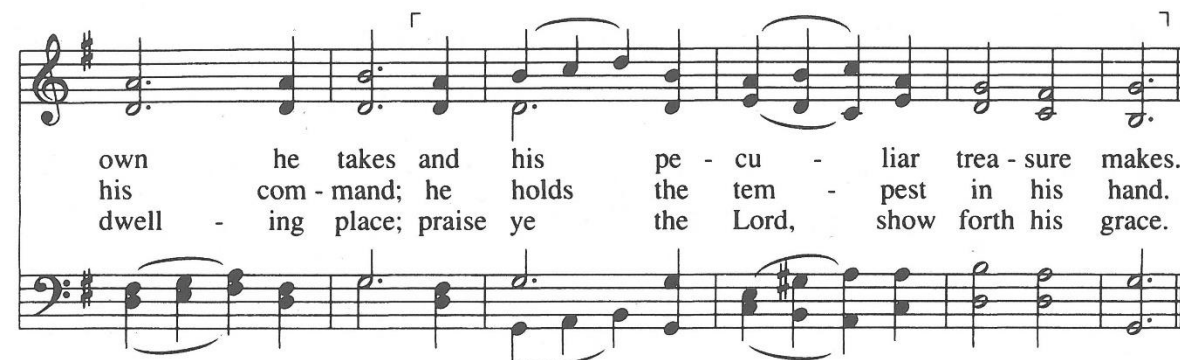
praise his name, who in the Lord's house ev - er stand and hum - bly
Lord is great; the Lord per - forms what he de - crees, in heav'n and
praise his name, who in the Lord's house ev - er stand and hum - bly



serve at his com - mand. The Lord is good, his praise pro - claim; since
earth, in depths and seas. He makes the va - pors to as - cend in
serve at his com - mand. For - ev - er praise and bless his name, and



it is pleas - ant, praise his name; his peo - ple for his
clouds from earth's re - mot - est end; the light - nings flash at
in the church his praise pro - claim; in Zi - on is his



own he takes and his pe - cu - liar trea - sure makes.
his com - mand; he holds the tem - pest in his hand.
dwell - ing place; praise ye the Lord, show forth his grace.

Psalm 135:1-7, 21
The Psalter, 1912

From Franz Joseph Haydn, *The Creation*, 1798; arr.
CREATION L.M.D.

***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.

***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.

* "'Catholic' here means universal; 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 intended as a reference to what is today called the *Roman Catholic Church*.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Confession of Sin

Assurances of Pardon in Christ

1 Peter 3:18

...Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God

*Song of Thanksgiving:

A Triune Prayer



1. Bless-ed Fa - ther, hear our cry. Cast out sin, but draw us nigh.
2. Bless-ed Je - sus, make our plea. In Your name to God we flee;
3. Bless-ed Spir - it meet our need; In our si - lence in - ter-cede.
4. Tri - une God, please grant our prayer As Your glo - ry we de-clare.

Not for mer - it we have none; For Your mer - cy, for Your Son.
Thru Your blood we seek His face, By Your priest-hood claim His grace.
Trans-late groans we can - not speak; Heal the bro - ken, help the weak.
May Your prom - ised king-dom come; May Your will on earth be done.

Words: Chris Anderson
Music: Molly Ijames

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Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of January 23-29, 2022

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)
Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Doctors, Nurses, Staff, and Board of Directors
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
Derry Township PA State Representative Thomas Mehaffie
- **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). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)
Balkar of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, United States, and Uzbekistan
Population: 117,100; Language: Karachay-Balkar; Religion: Islam

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**
Donna
- **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):
Carlisle Reformed Presbyterian, Carlisle, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Mission to North America (MNA)


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.


Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Tithes and offerings are an expression of our worship to God.

Offertory

Song of Preparation:*Answer When I Call (Psalm 4)**


1. ¹ An - swer when I call, O God who jus - ti - fies.
2. ³ Know the LORD His saints has set a - part in grace;
3. ⁵ Of - fer sac - ri - fic - es that are right and just;
4. ⁷ You have giv - en my heart great - er joy by far




In my stress You freed me; hear in grace my cries.
And the LORD will hear me when I seek His face.
On the LORD re - ly - ing, in Him place your trust.
Than when grain and new wine most a - bun - dant are.



² Sons of men, how long will you my glo - ry shame?
⁴ Trem - ble in your an - ger, yet from sin de - part;
⁶ "Who will show us good - ness?" man - y peo - ple say;
⁸ So in peace I lie down; I will rest and sleep,



Will you love what's worth - less? Will lies be your aim?
On your bed, in si - lence, speak with - in your heart.
The light of Your face, LORD, lift on us, we pray.
For, O LORD, You on - ly will me safe - ly keep.



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 1:12-21

¹² Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴ since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

“As a Lamp Shining in a Dark Place”

Today's Text: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Pastor David Kertland

1. _____witnesses

2. Of his _____

3. So... _____

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

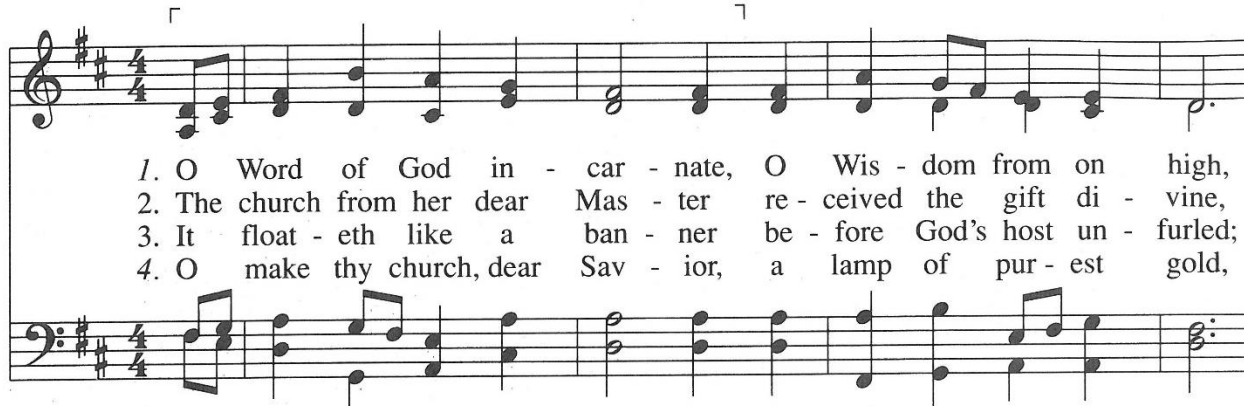
About the elements: Our communion servers will be handing out the elements, which are in a chalice-style cup that has the grape juice on one side and the bread on the other. Today our elements consist solely of **grape juice** cups with **gluten-free bread**.

Prayer

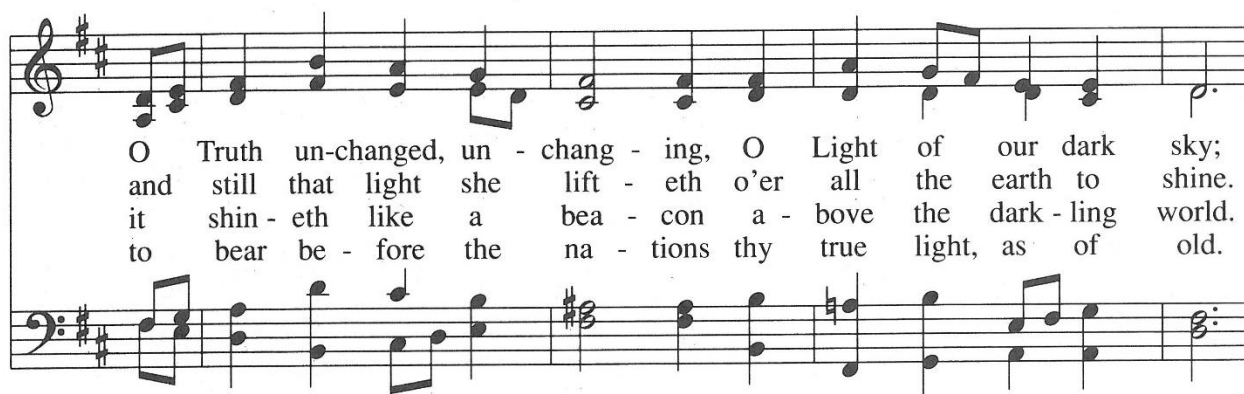
Confessing Our Faith in God

***Song of Dedication and Service:**

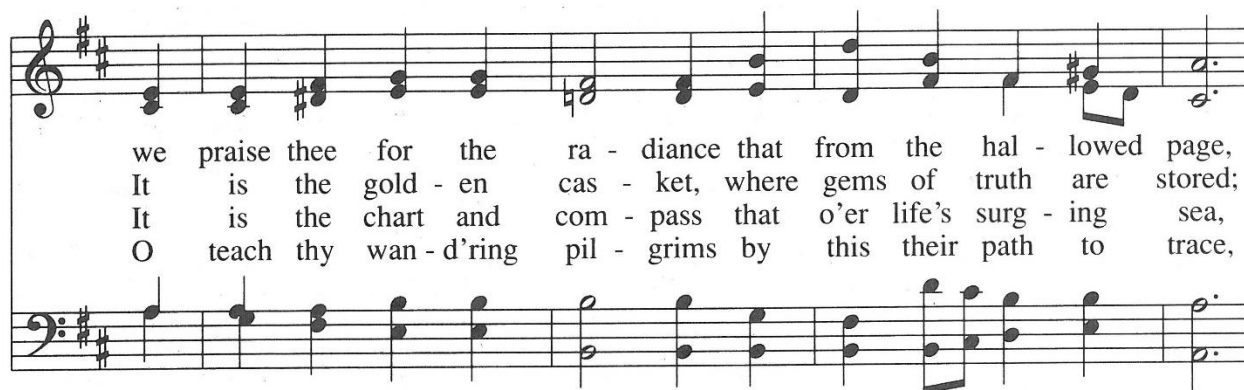
O Word of God Incarnate



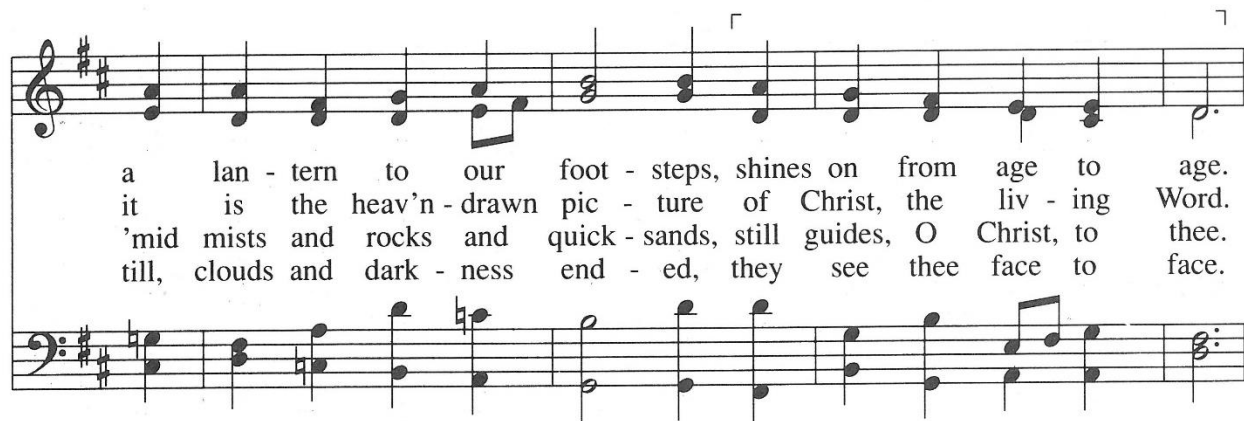
1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2. The church from her dear Mas - ter re - ceived the gift di - vine,
 3. It float - eth like a ban - ner be - fore God's host un - furled;
 4. O make thy church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light she lift - eth o'er all the earth to shine.
 it shin - eth like a bea - con a - bove the dark - ling world.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light, as of old.



we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the gold - en cas - ket, where gems of truth are stored;
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan - d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 it is the heav'n - drawn pic - ture of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
 'mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

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

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- 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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