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#### **Front Cover Artwork**

Utagawa Hiroshige (Ando), Japanese, 1797-1858, Meguro Drum Bridge and Sunset Hill, 1857. Part of the series One Hundred Famous Views of Edo, No. 111, Part 4: Winter. Sheet: 14 3/16 x 9 ¼ in; Image: 13 3/8 x 8 ¾ in. From the Edo period (1615-1868). Markings: Publisher: Shitaya Uo Ei. Title in cartouche, lower right. Censor seal. Signature: Hiroshige-ga. Woodblock print. Brooklyn Museum, New York. Gift of Anna Ferris. Accession No. 30.1478.111. In the public domain.

A view of the famous drum bridge in the valley of the Meguro River, the main route to the shrine of Meguro Fudo (not seen here and one of the few shrines not shown in this series). Arched, stone bridges were unusual in Edo, as they did not withstand earthquakes well, and this type of structure was more common in China than Japan. By 1919, this bridge was replaced by a steel structure, which although flat, does have an arch shape in the railings. On the left, the road leads up a steep slope known as Gyoninzaka, named after a wandering ascetic (gyonin) who founded the temple of Daienji on the side of the hill. The slope leading down from Meguro Station still survives today. The Sunset Hill of the title is shown at the left and was once known for its brilliant maple trees, although they had disappeared before this print was published. The hill has been the site of Gajoen, a large hotel and banquet palace, since 1931. This print portrays particular skill in depicting snow accumulation on the tree branches. The coming spring might be suggested by the use of green bokashi on the title cartouche.

From: https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/opencollection/objects/121723.

One Hundred Famous Views of Edo (in Japanese: 名所江戸百景, romanized: Meisho Edo Hyakkei) is a series of 118 ukiyo-e prints begun and largely completed by the Japanese artist Hiroshige (1797–1858). The prints were first published in serialized form in 1856–59, with Hiroshige II completing the series after Hiroshige's death. It was tremendously popular and much reprinted. This series of splendid woodblock landscape and genre scenes of midnineteenth-century Tokyo is one of the greatest achievements of Japanese art. The series is reproduced online at <a href="https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/QQ7n-PQc">https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/QQ7n-PQc</a>. It contains many of Hiroshige's best loved and most extraordinary prints.

Adapted from <a href="https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/QQ7n-PQc">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One Hundred Famous Views of Edo, and <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Hiroshige-One-Hundred-Famous-Views/dp/0807611433">https://www.amazon.com/Hiroshige-One-Hundred-Famous-Views/dp/0807611433</a>.



**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), Craig Coulbourne (preaching), Keith Dolon (sound), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (leading worship), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

**Today's Communion Servers** are Andrew Bosworth and Joe Kearns.

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

### **Prelude**

#### **Missions Moment:**

Cam Smith, Reformed University Fellowship, Penn State Craig Coulbourne, Mission to the World, Japan Super Sleuth Packet Completion Awards

# **Praising God**

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2, 8-9

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

<sup>2</sup> For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

<sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations; **God sits on his holy throne.** 

<sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

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

### \*Response of Praise:

### **Christ for the World We Sing**



Samuel Wolcott, 1869

ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4. Felice de Giardini, 1769

### \*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.

### \*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**

Acts 17:29-31

"Being...God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

### **Confession of Sin**

### **Assurances of Pardon in Christ**

Romans 6:4

We were buried... with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;'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*.

# Offering Our Prayers to God

### Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of February 27-March 5, 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-enews)

#### **Derry Township Supervisor Natalie Nutt**

• **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):

**US Senator Pat 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:

#### Bhutan/Nepal

• **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)

#### **Baloch Gopang of Pakistan**

Population: 106,000; Language: Balochi, Eastern; Religion: Islam

### 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): Elder Ephraim Church
- Our Denomination (PCA): Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA): Trinity Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, PA
- Supported Missionary or Organizations:

  Stephen and Susan Beck, serving with Greater Europe Mission in Germany

**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:

# **Spirit of the Living God**



Daniel Iverson, 1926

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# Listening to God's Word

### \*Prayer for Illumination

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

### Scripture Passages in Today's Sermon:

### **Hebrews 12:1-3**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

### **1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: A Battle for God's Kingdom

Craig Coulbourne

### **Prayer of Application**

# **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.

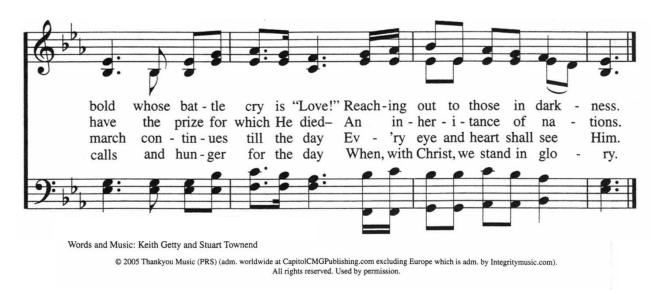
The clear cups are filled with grape juice.

The purple-tinted cups are filled with wine.

#### **Prayer**

# **Confessing Our Faith in God**





# 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:** Front Cover: Utagawa Hiroshige (Ando) (Japanese, 1797-1858). *Meguro Drum Bridge and Sunset Hill, No. 111 from One Hundred Famous Views of Edo*, 4th month of 1857. Woodblock print, Sheet: 14 3/16 x 9 1/4 in. (36 x 23.5 cm). Brooklyn Museum, Gift of Anna Ferris, 30.1478.111 (Photo: Brooklyn Museum, 30.1478.111\_PS1.jpg) From: https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/opencollection/objects/121723.
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- 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. Eerdmans 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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