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Front Cover Artwork

Camille Corot, *The Ferryman*, ca. 1865, oil on canvas, 26 1/8 x 19 3/8 in., The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot, 1796–1875) was a French landscape and portrait painter as well as a printmaker in etching. He is a pivotal figure in landscape painting and his vast output simultaneously referenced the Neo-Classical tradition and anticipated the plein-air innovations of Impressionism.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-Baptiste-Camille_Corot

Like many of the landscapes Corot painted at the end of his career, *The Ferryman* exemplifies the timeless, idyllic quality that contemporary critics appreciated in his work.

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/435969>

Happy Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and grandmothers! While our worship service remains focused on the worship of our Sovereign God, we are grateful to Him for providing mothers who love and care for the covenant children of our worship site. Thank you for all that you do!



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): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (leading worship), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Brad Weaver (sound), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (piano).

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

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

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² *My soul makes its boast in the LORD;*

let the humble hear and be glad.

³ *Oh, magnify the LORD with me,*

and let us exalt his name together!

⁴ *I sought the LORD, and he answered me*

and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ *Those who look to him are radiant,*

and their faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ *This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him*

and saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷ *The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,*

and delivers them.

⁸ *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!*

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

***Response of Praise:**

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
• for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

REFRAIN
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It features five verses of lyrics and a refrain. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, and the refrain is marked with a 'REFRAIN' label.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864

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Conrad Kocher, 1838
Arr. by William H. Monk, 1861

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

From Romans 15:2-13

We confess our readiness to hear and obey the Word of our Lord together today from Romans 15.

Leader:

Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, 'The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.' And again it is said, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.' And again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.' And again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.'

Congregation:

***Because God is our Creator, and his Word is true,
and, because of what Christ has done for us,
we will receive his Word with joy,
and we will make it our aim to obey it,
and so to be "doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving ourselves" ¹***

***Therefore,
we will please our neighbor for his good, to build him up.
we will seek to live in such harmony with one another that together we may
with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
we will welcome each other as Christ has welcomed us, for the glory of God.***

Leader:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

***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.***

¹ From James 1:22

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Readings of God's Standard

Isaiah 56:1-7

Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. ² Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." ³ Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." ⁴ For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, ⁵ I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

Confession of Sin

After a time of silent prayer, we will close our prayer in unison, remaining seated

Congregation:

**"Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!"**

(Psalm 79:9)

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;

in - cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. A - men.

Anon.

WHELPTON 5.5.6.5.
George Whelpton, 1897

Assurances of Pardon in Christ:

Colossians 2:13-14

You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with [Christ], having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of May 8-14, 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)
Derry Township Director of Public Works Thomas Clark
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
PA State Senator John DiSanto
- **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:
Canada
- **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)
Rakhshani Baloch of Pakistan
Population: 457,000; Language: Balochi, Southern; 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):
Church Musicians
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church, Quarryville, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Covenant College

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**

**O Lord, You See and Search My Life
(Psalm 139:1-13)**

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, often beamed together in pairs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some lines indented to show the flow of the text. The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1. ¹O LORD, you see and search my life; you know me through and through.
2. ⁵You hem me in be - hind, be - fore; on me you lay your hand.
3. ⁹If I should take the wings of dawn and dwell be - yond the sea,
4. ¹²Yet ev - en dark - ness is not dark to you in an - y way;

²Be - fore a word is on my tongue, be - hold, it's known to you.
⁶Such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful, too high to un - der - stand.
¹⁰e'en there your hand my guide would be, your right hand hold - ing me.
for dark - ness is as light to you, the night as bright as day.

³My go - ing out and ly - ing down are plain be - fore your view.
⁷Where can I from your Spir - it flee or from your pres - ence go?
¹¹If I should say, "The dark will sure - ly hide me from your sight,
¹³For you, O LORD, cre - a - ted me; you wove me on your loom.

⁴Be - fore I speak a word, O LORD, it is well known to you.
⁸In heav'n a - bove, LORD, you are there, or deep in death be - low.
and all the light sur - round - ing me be - come as dark as night."
My in - most be - ing you have formed with - in my moth - er's womb.

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:**

Psalms 139

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. ⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you. ¹⁹ Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! ²⁰ They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain. ²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? ²² I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies. ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! ²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

“Deep Trust”

Pastor David Kertland

Today's Text: Psalm 139

“[T]he composer of Psalm 139...is aware of the unique intimacy in deepest personal trust,
which he can exercise and express toward God.”

Bruce K. Waltke and James M. Houston

1. The Lord's _____: (verses 1-12)

you _____ me and _____ me

2. The Lord's _____: (verses 13-16)

you _____ me and _____ my days

3. Going _____: (verses 17-24)

“ _____ me and _____ me!”

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

Affirmation of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

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 catholic² church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Words of Institution:

Words of Promise: Hear these gracious words of promise spoken by our Lord:

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.... All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out." (John 6:35, 37)

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

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

If you are unfamiliar with our communion practice, 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.

² "‘Catholic’ here means ‘universal’; that...there is one church across all times, places, and peoples." It is confessed in recognition of the believing church throughout the world not as a reference to what is today called the *Roman Catholic Church*.

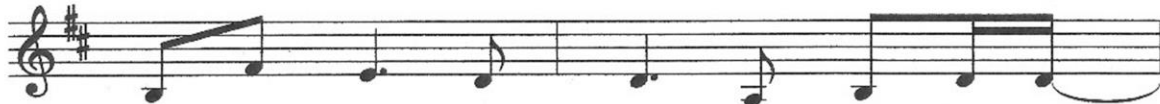
Confessing Our Faith in God

***Song of Dedication and Service:**

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength my song; this cor - ner - stone,
God in help - less Babe! This gift of love
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry



this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to
in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a -
to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
- gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
- ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is
pluck me from His hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

God's Blessing

*Benediction:

Based on Philippians 4:7

*May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus,
and keep you in the knowledge of God
and in His Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

*And may the blessings of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you always.*

Amen.

*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: Camille Corot, *The Ferryman*, ca 1865, oil on canvas, 26 1/8 x 19 3/8 in., The Met, New York.
- 2) **Music:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (116) and "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" (728) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "O Lord, You See and Search My Life" (139A) is reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture (OPC & URCNA), Willow Grove, PA, 2018). "In Christ Alone" was purchased from www.gettymusic.com. The music for printed lead sheet was notated by Denise Seymour. Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: artist biographical information - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-Baptiste-Camille_Corot, description of painting - <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/435969>. Page 10: from *The Psalms as Christian Worship: A Historical Commentary*, by Bruce K. Waltke and James M. Houston with Erika Moore, Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2010, 520. 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).

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