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Front Cover Artwork

Sadao Watanabe, *Jacob's Dream* ヤコブの夢, 1968, hand colored stencil print on momigami, 26 x 23 inches, 28 in edition of 50, in private collection, used by permission.

<https://www.sadaohanga.info/home/catalogue-of-works/1960s/1968>

“Profound faith will inevitably assume the form of profound beauty.”

Sadao Watanabe

Sadao Watanabe 渡辺禎雄 was born in 1913 in Tokyo. On Christmas Day 1930 he was baptized a Christian. In the late 1930s, he worked as a dyer and designer of patterns for kimonos and obis in a dying shop. In that time Sadao Watanabe met Keisuke Serizawa (1895-1984) and his textile dye art. He became his student. Serizawa Keisuke was an artist of the Mingei movement that was inspired by the beauty of traditional Japanese and Korean folk craft. Mingei 民芸 can be translated as people's crafts or people's art. Serizawa was inspired by the Okinawan bingata 紅型 technique of katazome 型染め, a technique of paste resist stencil dying. Serizawa learned this dying technique and mastered all the stages of the process. The technique was used for decorating cloth, but Serizawa started using this technique on paper: kappazuri 合羽摺り. Watanabe learned to use this technique from Serizawa. Serizawa recognized Watanabe's talent for kappazuri and encouraged him to develop his own style. ...

Watanabe was a prolific artist. He made more than 500 large stencils and numerous smaller ones. Each witnessing a story of the Bible, executed through the eyes and hands of Watanabe. Watanabe worked from his Tokyo home in the Shinjuku ward and was assisted by his wife Harue Watanabe (1919-2010). In 1996 Watanabe passed away in the age of 82.

<https://www.sadaohanga.info/home/introduction/introduction-to-sadao-watanabe>

To learn more about Sadao Watanabe (the artist):

“Profound Faith, Profound Beauty: The Life and Art of Sadao Watanabe,” an essay by John A. Kohan published in Image Journal (Issue 74) at <https://imagejournal.org/article/profound-faith-profound-beauty-life-art-sadao-watanabe/>.

“A Christian Faith in the Tradition of Japanese Folk Art: The Art of Watanabe Sadao (1913-1996), an article by Anne H. H. Pyle in Arts Magazine (2000, 20-29) at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HyT5qRGSv7-pjklFrJvn6YGSLpRKKDs/view>



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.

Thank you to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (usher/vocals), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

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

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

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

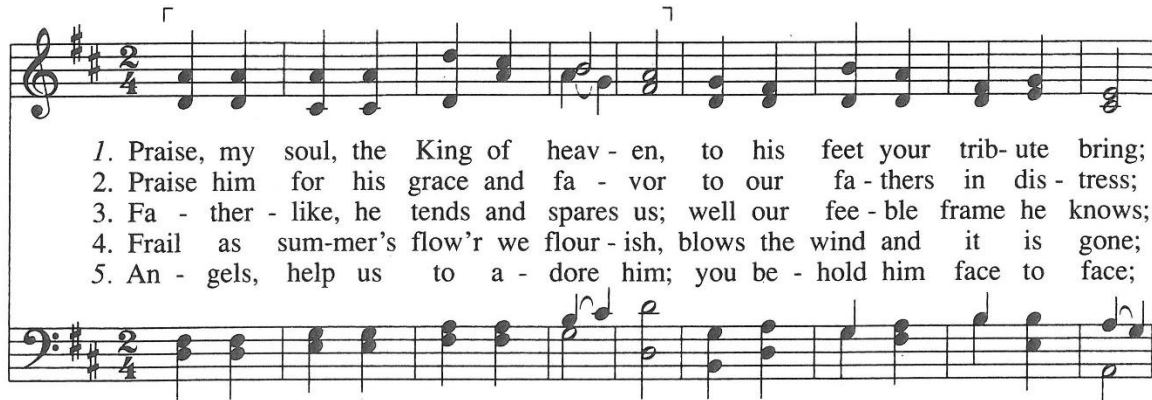
Psalm 103:1

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
**and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!***

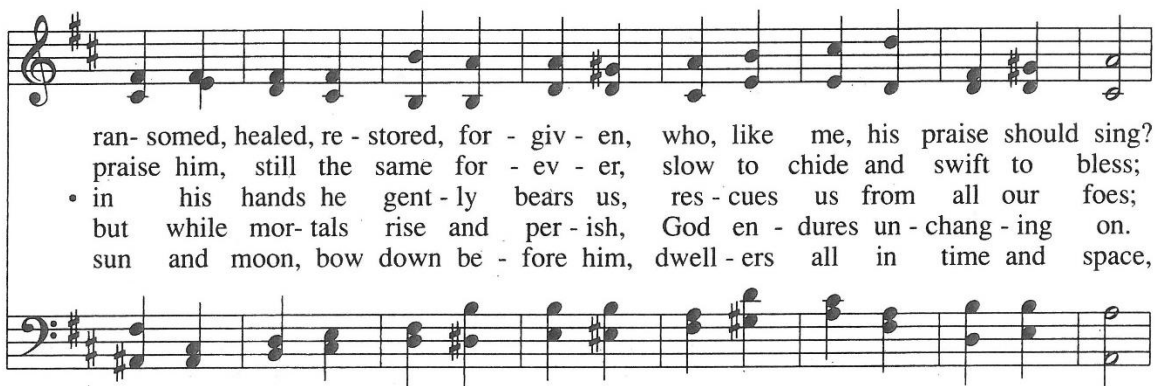
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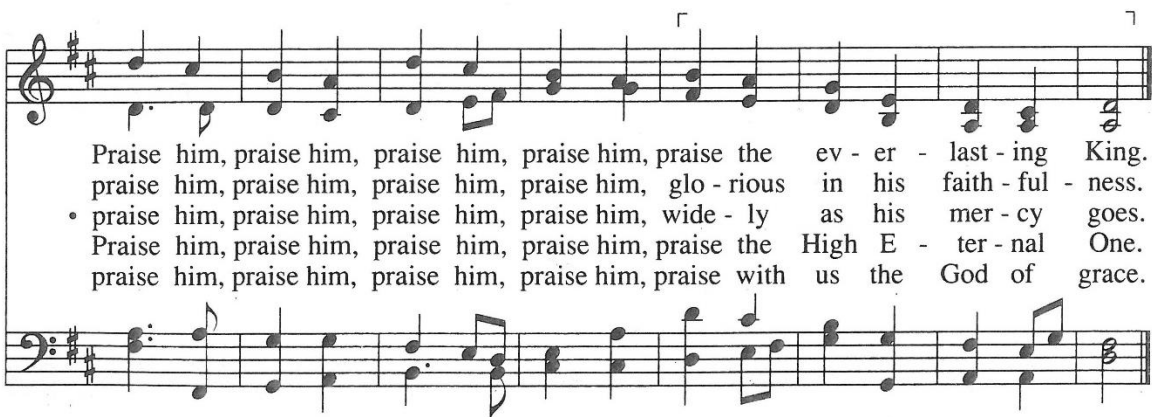
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
 • in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 • praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

from 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**According to his great mercy, he has caused us
to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,
and unfading, kept in heaven for us,
who by God's power are being guarded through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary,
we have been grieved by various trials,
so that the tested genuineness of our faith—
more precious than gold**

**that perishes though it is tested by fire—
may be found to result in praise and glory and honor
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

Though we have not seen him, we love him.

**Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and
rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,
obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

***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

Romans 1:21-25

Today, we hear this reminder of God's great kindness to us in giving us hope and an inheritance and the promise of his presence and power in Jesus Christ. Do these reminders impact the way you live each day? Confess where you have failed to honor God as your God this week and where you have failed to imitate God's kindness in your own life and interactions with others.

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come..

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:4-7

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of March 12-18, 2023

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)
Hershey Volunteer Fire Department Chief Patrick Leonard
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
PA Governor Josh Shapiro
- **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.joshuaaproject.net). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)
Bania Mahajan of India
Population: 227,000; Language: Hindi; Religion: Hinduism

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues: Catherine**
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):
Small Group Leaders
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery:
Hope Presbyterian Church, Shippensburg, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

The Lord's Prayer: We 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

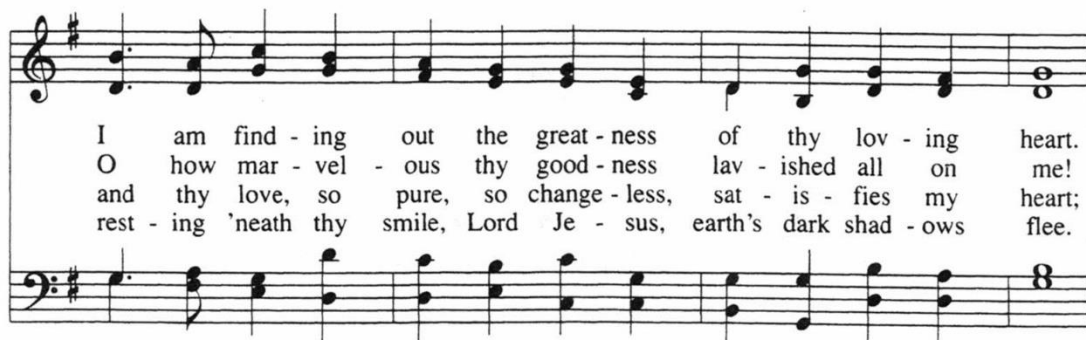
Offertory

*Song of Preparation:

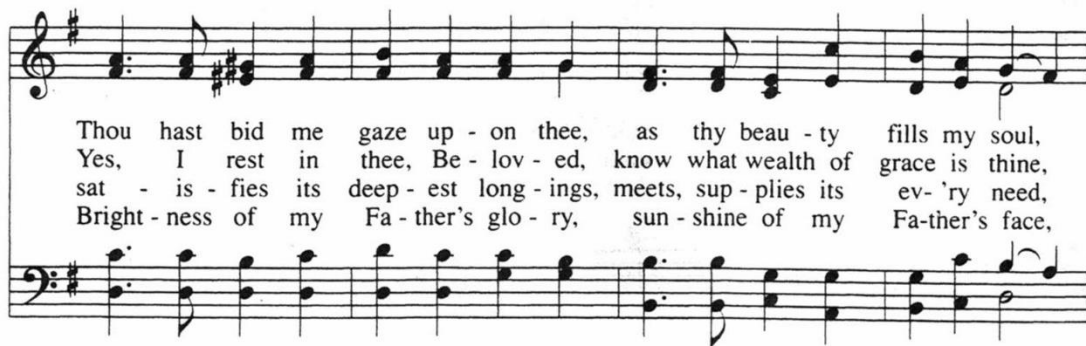
Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art;
2. O how great thy lov - ing - kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea!
3. Sim - ply trust - ing thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold thee as thou art,
4. Ev - er lift thy face up - on me as I work and wait for thee;



I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.
O how mar - vel - ous thy good - ness lav - ished all on me!
and thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies my heart;
rest - ing 'neath thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on thee, as thy beau - ty fills my soul,
Yes, I rest in thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is thine,
sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,

for by thy trans - form - ing pow - er, thou hast made me whole.
 know thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.
 com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings: thine is love in - deed.
 keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with thy grace.

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I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.

Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876; alt.

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 James Mountain, 1876

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:**

John 2:1-12

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him,

“They have no wine.”

⁴ And Jesus said to her,

“Woman, what does this have to do with me?

My hour has not yet come.”

⁵ His mother said to the servants,

“Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants,

“Fill the jars with water.”

And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them,

“Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.”

So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him,

“Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. ¹² After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Behold the Lamb (8): “The First of His Signs”

Today's Text: John 2:1-12

Pastor David Kertland

1. Learning about Jesus at a _____ ?

The first of his signs (2:11):

“Jesus ... _____ his glory;
the disciples _____ in him”

2. Jesus provides the needed _____

His *manifested* glory (1:1-3,14; 14:11):

Jesus is _____

3. Jesus's _____ wine

His *manifested* glory (1:16-17):

Jesus is our _____

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 hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to receive grace from 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, but that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. 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

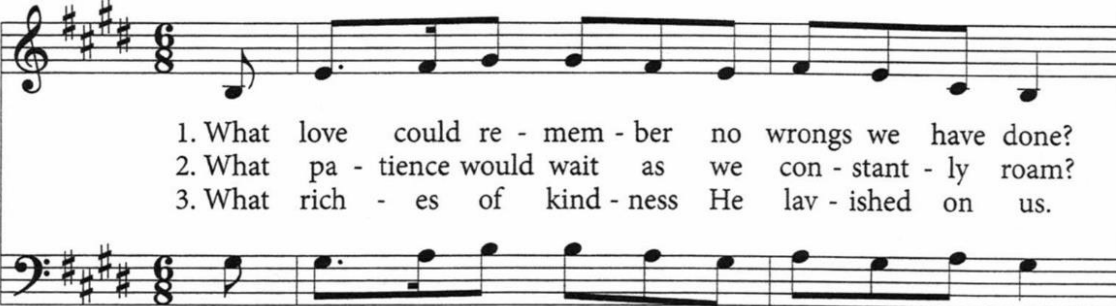
About the elements: Our communion servers will be handing out the elements, which are in two stacked communion cups. The top cups have the juice or wine, and the bottom cups all have gluten-free bread. As a server comes to you, please take a cup of your preference. The clear cups are filled with grape juice; the purple-tinted cups are filled with wine.

Prayer

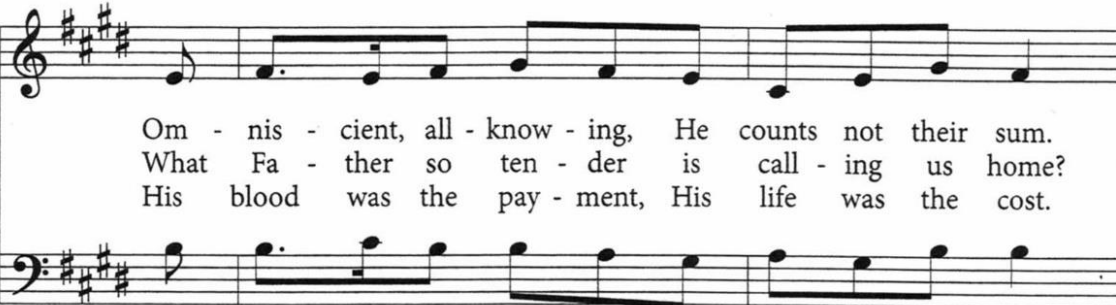
Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service:**

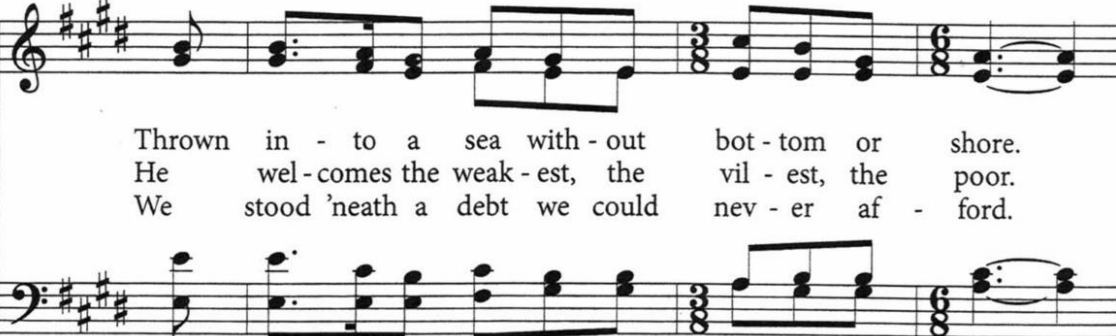
His Mercy Is More



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us.



Om - nis - cient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum.
What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home?
His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost.



Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore.
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.

Please turn the page →

Our sins, they are man-y—His mer-cy is more. Praise the Lord,

His mer-cy is more. Strong-er than dark - ness,

new eve-ry morn; our sins, they are man - y—His mer-cy is more.

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God's Blessing

*Benediction

from 2 John 3

*May grace, mercy, and peace will be with you,
from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son,
in truth and love.*

*Postlude

To our guests this morning: We are very glad that you have joined us for worship today. We hope you can stay a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members and friends.

After the service, greet someone that you don't know. If you see someone sitting or standing alone, welcome them in the name of Christ! The time after worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ, feel free to sit down with someone for conversation or prayer.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Front Cover: *Jacob's Dream*, Sadao Watanabe, 1968, hand colored stencil print on momigami, 26 x 23 inches, 28 in edition of 50, in private collection, used by permission.
- 2) **Music:** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (76) and "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting" (188) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "His Mercy Is More" (221) is reprinted from *Sing the Wonders* (2nd Ed.), Dan Kreider, General Editor, Grace Immanuel Bible Church, 2018. Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** Sadao Watanabe quote is from the article by John A. Kohan (see page 2). On the cover artist: from: www.sadaohanga.info/home/introduction/introduction-to-sadao-watanabe. Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **A note from Pastor Kertland:** Along with the Greek and English texts, a variety of commentaries and study aids have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the Gospel of John, including: the insights and writings of Augustine, John Calvin, D. A. Carson, John Chrysostom, William Hendriksen, Matthew Henry, Timothy Keller, J. I. Packer, Herman Ridderbos, R. C. Sproul, and others. Not every commentator or pastor listed is consulted for each sermon, yet many of the insights belong to these and others, while the form and specific use of the Scripture text along with any errors that follow from them are my own.
- 5) 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).

* Congregation standing



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