



**Hershey Presbyterian**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

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## Front Cover Artwork

Sharon Jenne, *watercolor sketch on paper, 5.25" x 7", 2017.*

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### About Sharon Jenne:

Sharon, a member at Hershey PCA, is one of several local artists that are part of Hershey PCA. From her website: "I am a native of Western Pennsylvania, but I lived for 30 years in Maryland while having a career in nursing. I attended art classes part time at Montgomery Community College. I also participated in workshops and was instructed by local professional artists including Barbara Nuss. As a learning experience, I copied old master paintings once a week for a year at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. Since 2006, I have been teaching oil painting classes to senior citizens in Hershey, PA. My primary interests are still life, landscape, and miniature paintings. I describe my style as a painterly representational method. I am continuously inspired by the beauty of God's creation in landscapes and everyday objects such as fruits and vegetables. I paint mostly in oil and set up objects for still life in my studio. The key to my work is composition, the effects of light (value), color, shadow, reflection, texture, and imperfection. I connect to the past by using my grandmother's mementos and other objects from the past. Some of my work consists of miniature paintings which I send to exhibitions in the United States, and some foreign countries. The images are 1/6 of the size of the object or smaller. Usually, the total size of the image is no larger than 15 square inches. I enjoy the challenge of painting plein air landscapes. The changing light and weather conditions add an extra element of excitement to the experience. My favorite season for painting landscapes is winter with the subtle varieties of grays, violets, mauves and ochers. The countryside surrounding the small town where I grew up is one of my favorite places to paint. It is a connection with the past just as the mementos I depict in my still life paintings. In my paintings, I hope to present the viewer with a two-dimensional illusion that offers visual pleasure with no hidden messages. My goal is for the viewer to take a closer look and linger for a while." (from [sharonjenne.com/about](http://sharonjenne.com/about))

Sharon is a member of the Oil Painters of America ([www.oilpaintersofamerica.com](http://www.oilpaintersofamerica.com)), Susquehanna Valley Plein Air Painters ([susquehannavalleypleinairpainters.blogspot.com](http://susquehannavalleypleinairpainters.blogspot.com)), and The Miniature Painters, Sculptor Gravers Society of Washington, DC ([www.mpsgs.org](http://www.mpsgs.org)).

About the painting: *The watercolor sketch is a study based on an oil painting (right) that Sharon had completed earlier. The original watercolor was originally sent as the front of a note card mailed to the Kertland family. At our request, Sharon gave permission for us to reprint it for use on our worship booklet. Thank you, Sharon!*



**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): Ephraim Church (violin), Keith Dolon (sound), Bob Eickelberg (preaching), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (leading worship), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Kentaro Minagawa (usher), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

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

**Today's Communion Servers** are Andrew Bosworth and Nick Yingst.

## Prelude

## Commissioning of Liam B.

for Summer Missions Trip with One Voice Fellowship, June 25-July 1

# Praising God

**\*Call to Worship:**

**Psalm 136:1-9**

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.***

*<sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.***

*<sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;***

*<sup>4</sup> to him who alone does great wonders,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;***

*<sup>5</sup> to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;***

*<sup>6</sup> to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;***

*<sup>7</sup> to him who made the great lights,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;***

*<sup>8</sup> the sun to rule over the day,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;***

*<sup>9</sup> the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever***

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

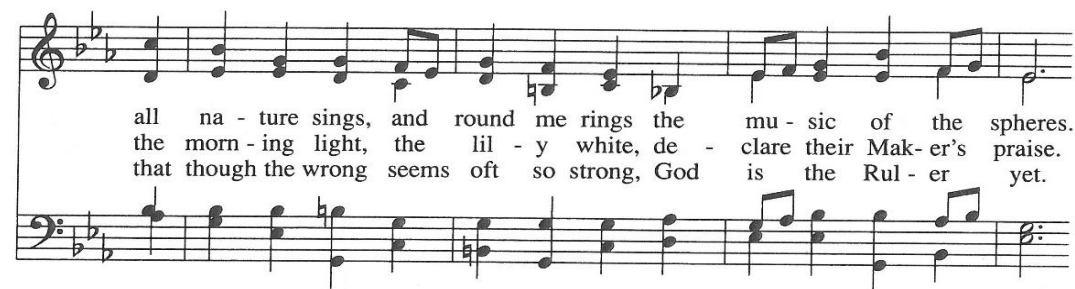
## \*Response of Praise:

## This Is My Father's World

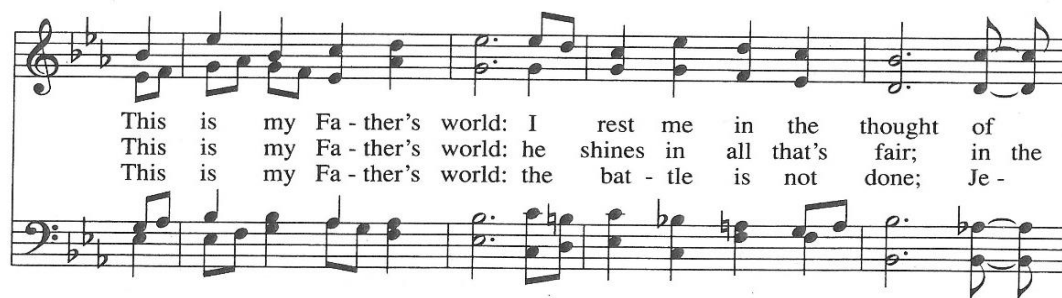
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Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915  
Arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926



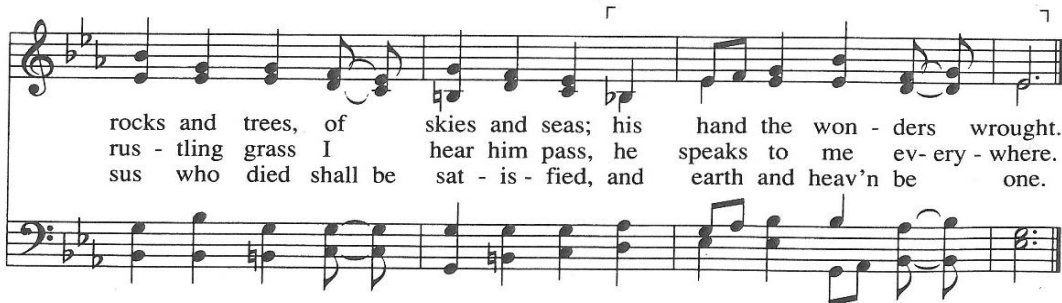
1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,  
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,  
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get



all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the  
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

## \*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

**\*Confession of Faith:**

**Genesis 1:1-5,26-27,31**

**In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
The earth was without form and void,  
and darkness was over the face of the deep.  
And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.  
And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.  
And God saw that the light was good.  
And God separated the light from the darkness.  
God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.  
And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

**<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.  
And let them have dominion  
over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens  
and over the livestock and over all the earth  
and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."**

**<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.**

**<sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made,  
and behold, it was very good.  
And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.**

**\*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 1:18-23**

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.*

## **Confession of Sin**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**John 3:16-18, 36**

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

*<sup>36</sup> Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of June 11-17, 2023

### Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Michael Corado
- **Civil Government:** Derry Township PA State Rep. Thomas Mehaffie
- **Countries of Origin of our Church Members and Friends:** South Korea
- **Unreached People Group:** Bania Srimali of India: Population: 431,000;  
Language: Gujarati, Religion: Hinduism

Unreached people group list 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.joshuaoproject.net](http://www.joshuaoproject.net). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

### Intercession *for the Church (God's People)*:

- **Health issues:** Darlene K.
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church:** Deacon Elect Brad Weaver
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Harvest Presbyterian Church, Lampeter/Strasburg, PA  
(Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**  
Mission to the World (MTW)

**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:

## O Father, You Are Sovereign

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the piece. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;  
2. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;  
3. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,  
4. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,

your might - y word was spo - ken and light and life o - beyed.  
no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.  
trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.  
but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow.

Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,  
All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,  
All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,  
With this glad hope be - fore us our faith springs up a - new:

sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.  
you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.  
your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.  
our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

# 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:**

**Matthew 11:1-6**

*When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.*

*<sup>2</sup> Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon:**

### **The Triune God Answers the Questions of His Saints**

Today's Text: Matthew 11:1-6

Pastor Bob Eickelberg

**Genesis 1** – Creation

**Deuteronomy 29:29** - It might not be for us to know.

**Job 38 – 42: 6** - Questions to Job and each of us

**Isaiah 29:16; 45:9; 64:8; Jeremiah 18:1-11** - The potter and the clay

**Isaiah 53** - The amazing substitutionary death of Jesus

**Daniel 4:34-37** - God does what He pleases. Who can say “What have you done?”

**Matthew 10:29-31** - God, the sparrow and you

**Mark 14:33-36** - The suffering and submitting Savior

**Romans 5:8** - The measure of God's love is not in the pleasantness or  
painfulness of our circumstances, but God shows His love for us  
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** - The great exchange

**2 Corinthians 11:22-33** - So much pain, and no evident complaint to God.

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10** - Suffering and the sufficiency of God's grace in the  
midst of weakness

**Ephesians 2:1-10** - But God.... For by grace you have been saved through faith....

**Revelation 19:6-7** - Hallelujah! for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let  
us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory.

### **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:**

**God of Grace**



1. God of grace, a - maz-ing won - der, ir - re - sist - i - ble and free;  
2. God of grace, who loved and knew me long be - fore the world be - gan;  
3. God of grace, I stand a-stound-ed, cleansed, for-giv - en, and se - cure.



oh, the mir - a - cle of mer - cy, Je - sus reach - es down to me.  
sent my Sav - ior down from heav-en— per-fect God and per-fect man.  
All my fears are now con-found-ed, and my hope is ev - er sure.



God of grace, I stand in won - der, as my God re-stores my soul.  
God of grace, I trust in Je - sus; I'm ac - cept - ed as His own.  
God of grace, now crowned in glo - ry, where one day I'll see Your face;



His own blood has paid my ran - som; awe-some cost to make me whole.  
Eve - ry day His grace sus-tains me, as I lean on Him a - lone.  
and for - ev - er I'll a - dore You in Your ev - er - last-ing grace.



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# God's Blessing

## \*Benediction

**1 Peter 5:14b**

*Peace to all of you who are in Christ.*

## \*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 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.

\* Congregation standing

### Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Front Cover: Sharon Jenne, *watercolor sketch on paper*, 5.25" x 7", 2017. Used with permission from the artist.
- 2) **Music:** "This Is My Father's World" (111) and "O Father, You Are Sovereign" (75) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "God of Grace" (217) is reprinted from *Sing the Wonders* (2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** from <https://www.nga.gov/collection/artist-info.1817.html>. 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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The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), was formed in 1973 to be a denomination that is ***“Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.”*** Various organizations of the PCA include:



**Mission to the World** ([www.mtw.org](http://www.mtw.org)): international missions in keeping with the Great Commission



**Mission to North America** ([www.pcamna.org](http://www.pcamna.org)): North American missions in keeping with the Great Commission.



**Committee on Discipleship Ministries**

([www.pcacdm.org](http://www.pcacdm.org), [www.cepbookstore.com](http://www.cepbookstore.com), [www.gcp.org](http://www.gcp.org)): Curriculum and other resources to assist leaders in the local church as they make disciples (Matthew 28:19) among children, youth, and adults in the congregation.



**Covenant College** ([www.covenant.edu](http://www.covenant.edu)):

our denominational college on Lookout Mountain, Ga (overlooking Chattanooga, TN)



**Covenant Theological Seminary**

([www.covenantseminary.edu](http://www.covenantseminary.edu)): our denominational seminary in St. Louis, MO.



**Reformed Universities Ministries** ([www.ruf.org](http://www.ruf.org)): the PCA college campus ministry



**Ridge Haven Camp, Conference Center, Retreat Center, and Residential Community**

([www.ridgehaven.org](http://www.ridgehaven.org)): providing camps, retreats, conferences, and etc.



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