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Front Cover Artwork

Vincent van Gogh (Dutch, Zundert 1853–1890 Auvers-sur-Oise), *Wheat Field with Cypresses*, oil on canvas. 28 7/8 x 36 3/4 in. June 1889. The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Purchase, The Annenberg Foundation Gift, 1993. Accession Number: 1993.132. On view at The Met Fifth Avenue in Gallery 199. In the public domain.

Cypresses gained ground in Van Gogh's work by late June 1889 when he resolved to devote one of his first series in Saint-Rémy to the towering trees. Distinctive for their rich impasto, his exuberant on-the-spot studies include the Met's close-up vertical view of cypresses (49.30) and this majestic horizontal composition, which he illustrated in reed-pen drawings sent to his brother on July 2. Van Gogh regarded the present work as one of his "best" summer landscapes and was prompted that September to make two studio renditions: one on the same scale (National Gallery, London) and the other a smaller replica, intended as a gift for his mother and sister (private collection).

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/436535>



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): Ruth Adams (greeter), Ephraim Church (violin), Keith Dolon (sound), Joe Kearns (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (piano).

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 86:9-12

*All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.*

*For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.*

*Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.*

*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.*

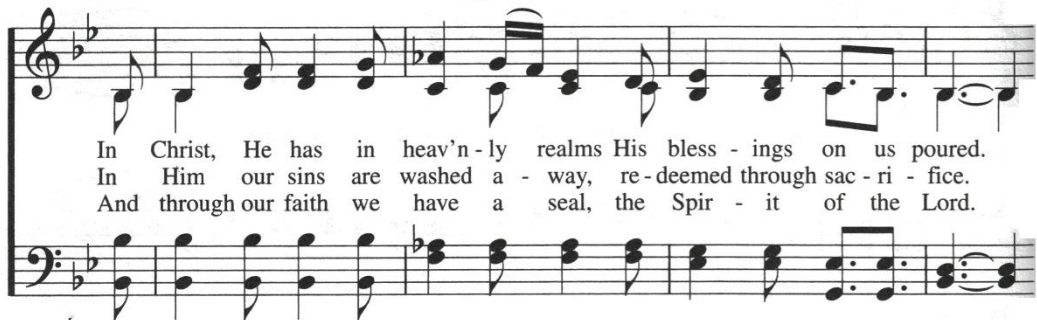
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*Response of Praise:

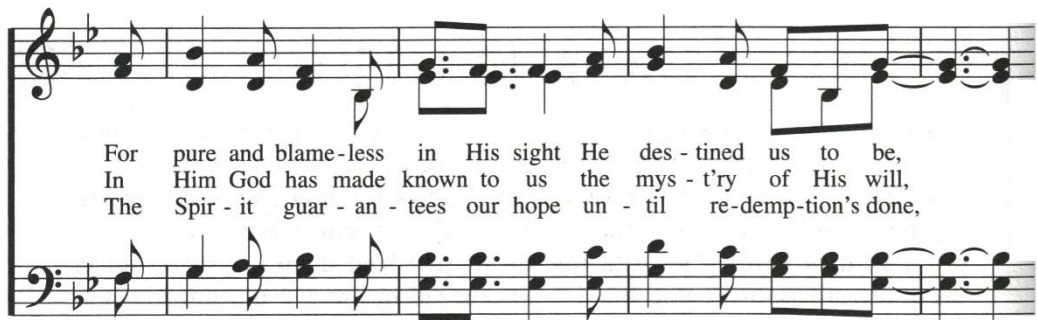
Come, Praise and Glorify



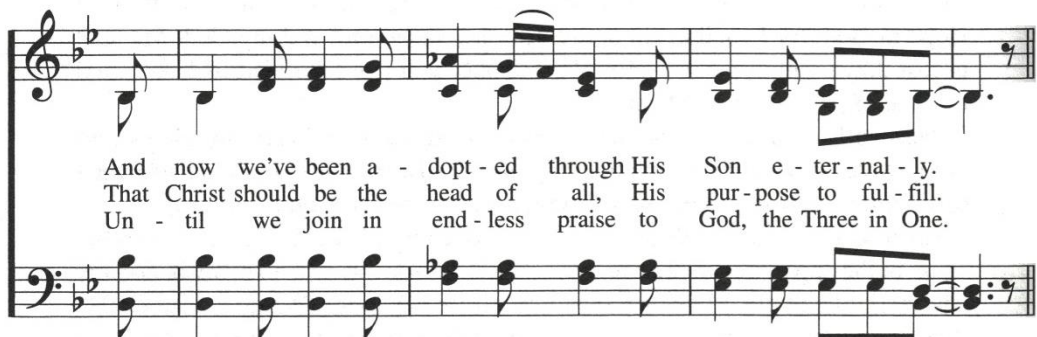
1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, the Fa - ther of our Lord.
2. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, who gives His grace in Christ.
3. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, for we've be - lieved the Word.



In Christ, He has in heav'n - ly realms His bless - ings on us poured.
In Him our sins are washed a - way, re - deemed through sac - ri - fice.
And through our faith we have a seal, the Spir - it of the Lord.



For pure and blame - less in His sight He des - tined us to be,
In Him God has made known to us the mys - t'ry of His will,
The Spir - it guar - an - tees our hope un - til re - demp - tion's done,



And now we've been a - dopt - ed through His Son e - ter - nal - ly.
That Christ should be the head of all, His pur - pose to ful - fill.
Un - til we join in end - less praise to God, the Three in One.



***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession 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 catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

“‘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*.

***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.**

Reading of God's Standard

Deuteronomy 5:6, 17

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You shall not murder.

On the Sixth Commandment from our Shorter Catechism, Q&A 64-66:

What is required in the sixth commandment? The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

What is forbidden in the fifth commandment? The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tends thereunto.

For additional Q&As see <https://www.pcaac.org/bco/westminster-confession/>

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Revelation 21:6

It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of July 2-July 8, 2023

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Richard Zmuda
- **Civil Government:** PA Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Canada
- **Unreached People Group:** Ummad Bania of India
Population: 357,000; Language: Hindi, 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.joshuaproject.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:** Donna K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:**
Director of Covenant Family Ministries Paul Hepperle
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Lebanon Valley Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, PA
(Church Plant in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **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:

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her e - sies dis - tressed,
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

AURELIA 7:6.7.8.D.
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace forevermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
 with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

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 4:3-8, 27-30, 38-42

Jesus...left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴ And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)

²⁷ [H]is disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?"

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *Behold the Lamb of God (18)*
The Savior of the World (Part 3): Our Savior!

Today's Text: John 4:38-42
David Kertland

1. Through _____ words

2. Through _____ word

3. Savior of the _____

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

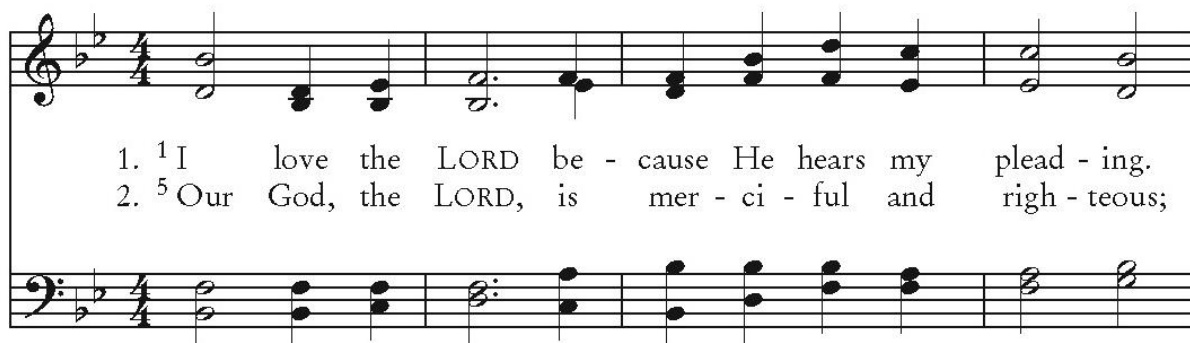
Receiving of the Elements

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

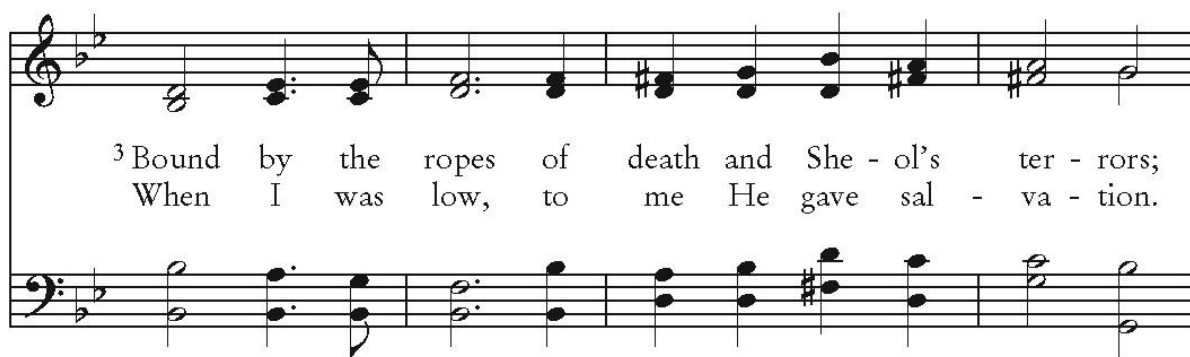
***Song of Dedication & Service: I Love the Lord (from Psalm 116)**



1. ¹I love the LORD be - cause He hears my plead - ing.
2. ⁵Our God, the LORD, is mer - ci - ful and righ - teous;



²He's heed - ed me; through life I'll call on Him.
⁶Gra - cious, the LORD pre - serves the sim - ple ones.



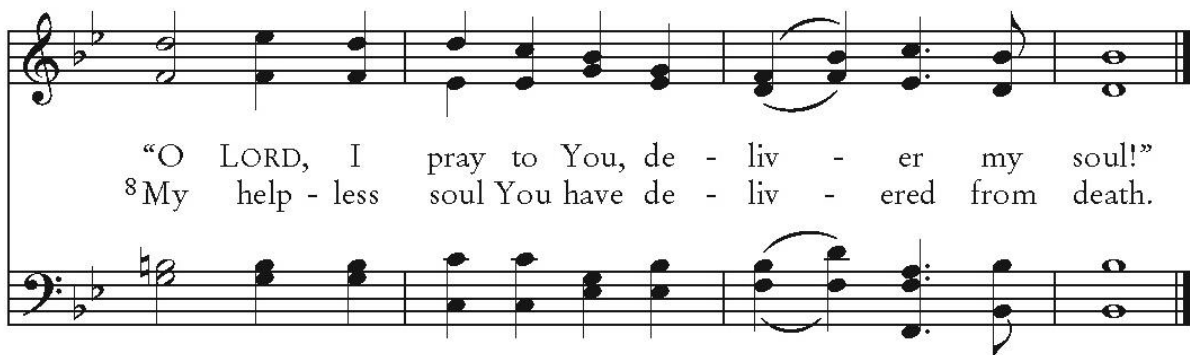
³Bound by the ropes of death and She - ol's ter - rors;
When I was low, to me He gave sal - va - tion.



In deep dis - tress I grief and trou - ble found.
 7 Turn back a - gain, my soul, and be at rest;



4 Then on the LORD's name in prayer I called:
 Rest, for the LORD has dealt well with you.



"O LORD, I pray to You, de - liv - er my soul!"
 8 My help - less soul You have de - liv - ered from death.

James Walch, 1889

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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

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: Vincent van Gogh (Dutch, Zundert 1853–1890 Auvers-sur-Oise), *Wheat Field with Cypresses*, oil on canvas. 28 7/8 x 36 ¾ in. June 1889. The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Purchase, The Annenberg Foundation Gift, 1993. Accession Number: 1993.132. On view at The Met Fifth Avenue in Gallery 199. In the public domain. Accessed 06/26/2023, <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/436535>.
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- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** from <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/436535>. 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) **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).



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