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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): Ephraim Church (leading worship and violin), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Grace Salyards (French horn), Jared Salyards (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

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

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 19:7-11

*The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;*

*the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;*

*⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;*

*the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;*

*⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;*

*the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.*

*¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;*

*sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.*

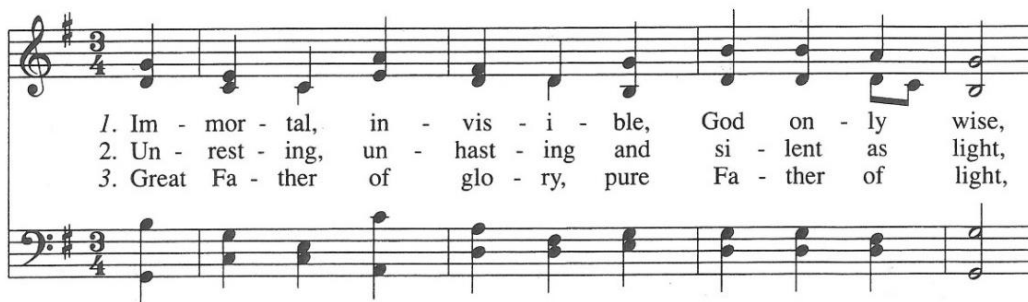
*¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.*

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***Response of Praise:**

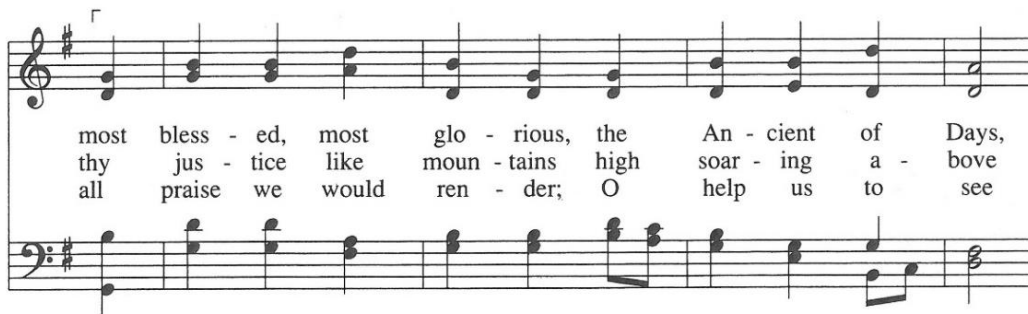
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith: From the Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 178. What is prayer?

A. **Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God,
in the name of Christ,
by the help of his Spirit,
with confession of our sins and
thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.**

Q. 182. How does the Spirit help us to pray?

A. **We not knowing what to pray for as we ought,
the Spirit helps our infirmities,
by enabling us to understand
both for whom, and what,
and how prayer is to be made;
and by working and quickening in our hearts
...those apprehensions, affections, and graces
which are requisite for
the right performance of that duty.**

***Doxology**

In this ascription of praise to God comes as a response to God's provision for us. Through it we call everyone in the created order to celebrate and praise our Provider God.

**Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow:
praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host:
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.
A-men.**

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Reading of God's Standard

1 Peter 4:12-19

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?¹⁸ And

*"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"*

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 1:3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,⁴ who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of July 30 – August 5, 2023

Intercession for the World:

- **The Hershey Community:** Hershey Volunteer Fire Department Chief Patrick Leonard
- **Civil Government:** US Representative Scott Perry
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Korea
- **Unreached People Group:** Banjara of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka
Population: 7,540,400; Language: Lambadi, Saraiki, Hindi, and Urdu;
Religion: Hinduism and Islam

"...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

Our unreached people group list is from the Joshua Project which seeks to "highlight the ethnic people groups of the world with the fewest followers of Christ." Their criteria includes people groups which are "less than 2% Evangelical and less than 5% Professing Christian."
(www.joshuaproject.net)

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:** Tim G.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Set-up Team
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Bethany Presbyterian Church, Oxford PA
(Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Rick and Clare
serving in a sensitive area

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: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

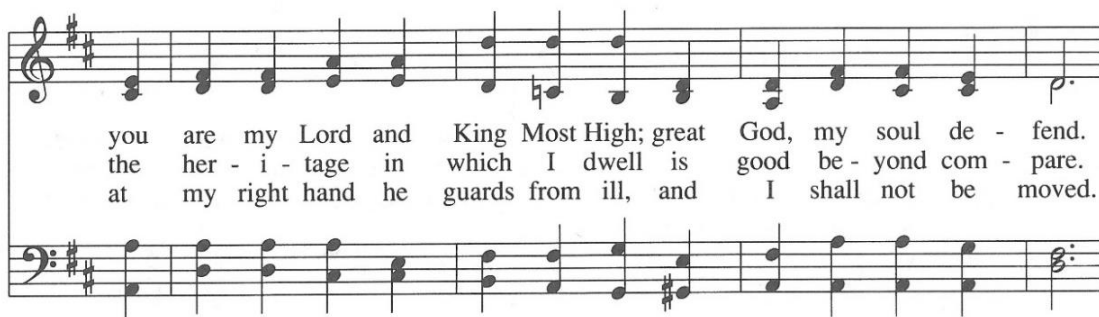
Jared and Grace Salyards
arr. Molly Ijames

*Song of Preparation:

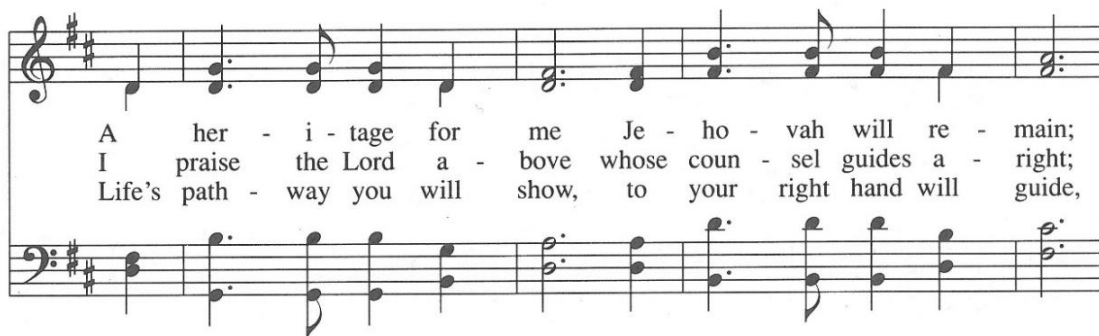
To You, O Lord, I Fly



1. To you, O Lord, I fly and on your help de - pend;
 2. The lot to me that fell is beau - ti - ful and fair;
 3. I keep be - fore me still the Lord whom I have proved;



you are my Lord and King Most High; great God, my soul de - fend.
 the her - i - tage in which I dwell is good be - yond com - pare.
 at my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.



A her - i - tage for me Je - ho - vah will re - main;
 I praise the Lord a - bove whose coun - sel guides a - right;
 Life's path - way you will show, to your right hand will guide,



my por - tion rich and full is he, my right he will main - tain.
 my heart in - structs me in his love in sea - sons of the night.
 where streams of plea - sure ev - er flow, and bound - less joys a - bide.

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 George William Martin, 1862
 Arr. by Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

From Psalm 16:1, 2, 5-8, 11
 The Psalter, 1912
 Alt. 1990, mod.

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:**

Jude 1-3, 20-25

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: ² May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. ³ Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

...

²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: “But You, Beloved”: Contending for the Faith Today (2)

We Pray

Today’s Text: Jude 1:20b

David Kertland

1. We are to pray _____ the Holy Spirit.

2. We _____ to pray _____ the Holy Spirit.

3. To contend for the faith today, we must _____ .

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 invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but ask 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.'

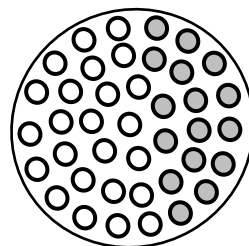
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.



white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service:**

A Triune Prayer

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the alto and bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a measure of the melody. The first line of lyrics is: '1. Bless-ed Fa - ther, hear our cry. Cast out sin, but draw us nigh.' The second line is: '2. Bless-ed Je - sus, make our plea. In Your name to God we flee;' The third line is: '3. Bless-ed Spir - it meet our need; In our si - lence in - ter-cede.' The fourth line is: '4. Tri - une God, please grant our prayer As Your glo - ry we de-clare.'

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2. Bless-ed Je - sus, make our plea. In Your name to God we flee;
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4. Tri - une God, please grant our prayer As Your glo - ry we de-clare.

Not for mer - it we have none; For Your mer - cy, for Your Son.
Thru Your blood we seek His face, By Your priest-hood claim His grace.
Trans-late groans we can - not speak; Heal the bro - ken, help the weak.
May Your prom - ised king-dom come; May Your will on earth be done.

Words: Chris Anderson

Music: Molly Ijames

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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

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.

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, www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/436535.
- 2) **Music:** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (38) and “To You, O Lord, I Fly” (692) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). “A Triune Prayer” (330) is reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (The Master's Seminary Press, Los Angeles, CA, 2015). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** from www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/436535. **Page 6:** The Westminster Larger Catechism as adopted by the PCA is found at www.pcaac.org/bco/westminster-confession. Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 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).

* Congregation standing



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