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Front Cover Artwork

Kathy Hastings, *Through A Glass Darkly*. 33" x 45" x 1.5." Photo/encaustic on wood panels. © Kathy Hastings. Used by permission of the artist.

On the artwork: *Journey Prayers—Through A Glass Darkly* can be found in Kathy's Waterlines series. About her Waterlines Series: "Boat hulls and water reflections are the theme of this photo/encaustic series. For me the hulls are like giant canvasses painted by the sea—surfaces salty, rusty, algaed, oxidized, coated and recoated with man's paint, glazed and worn by time and water, often accented by the brush of a tug or the scrape of an anchor chain. The colors change above and below the waterline—an imaginary line where the ship is cradled by the sea."

On the artist: "Water related images have intrigued Kathy since her childhood days growing up in Southern California. Now a resident of the Pacific NW, on calm days you may find her kayaking around Fishermen's Terminal in Seattle photographing boat hulls and water reflections. Always experimenting, her technique blends digital with traditional.

Kathy's education includes a BFA from Art Center College of Design and an MFA from the University of Washington. For over twenty years she worked as an Artist-in-Residence in elementary and high schools throughout the United States. She taught for Seattle Pacific University and Western Washington University for over ten years, developing art integrated curriculum for classroom teachers. After her husband's death in 2000 she returned to full-time studio work.

Since 2005 Kathy has been one of the artists of the juried Camano Island Arts Tour. Her work is also featured in several galleries in Washington including the Earthenworks Gallery in Port Townsend and LaConner, Seagrass Gallery on Camano Island, Scott Milo Gallery in Anacortes, DragonFire Gallery in Cannon Beach, and the Seattle Art Museum Gallery.

Her work combines digital photography with encaustics. After printing the digital image on watercolor paper and adhering it to a wood panel, she adds layers of beeswax, oil paint, oil pastel and metallic pigment for translucency depth, and texture.

In the **Waterlines Series** she focuses on the textures and colors from the waterfront — the play of light on the hulls of boats, the oxidized surfaces, and the endlessly undulating water reflections. For her series **Intersection and Crossings** she photographs perpendicular images—welds on boat hulls, paint drips, scratches and indentations. **Frio Suite** came from two week exploration of a river in Texas. In her most recent work she layers textures of boat hull with bird images."

Thank you to Kathy for graciously allowing us to use her work on our worship booklet this month!

For more information and to view her other artwork, visit her website at www.kathyhastings.com or contact Kathy directly at DKStudios@aol.com.



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), Laura Church (vocals), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

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

Today's Communion Servers are Ephraim Church and Brad Weaver.

Prelude

Missions Moment:

Report from the field from Hershey PCA's Japan Missions Team Members (if available)

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 30:8-12

*To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:*

⁹ *“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?*

*Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?*

¹⁰ *Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!”*

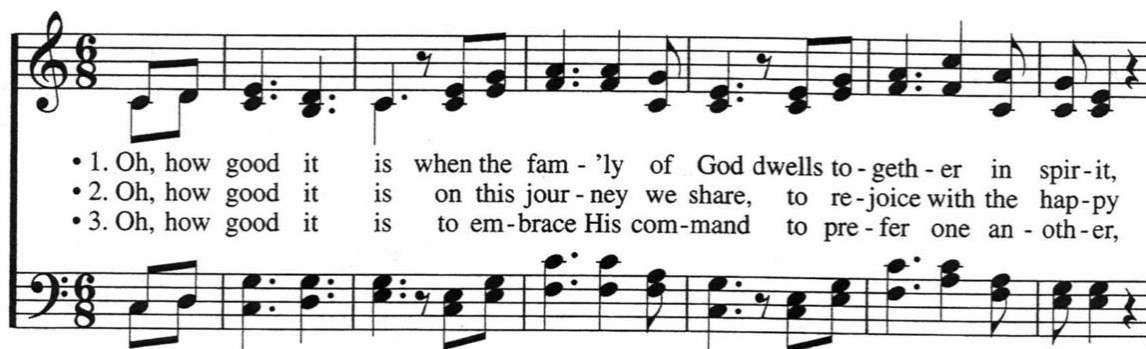
¹¹ *You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,*

¹² *that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!*

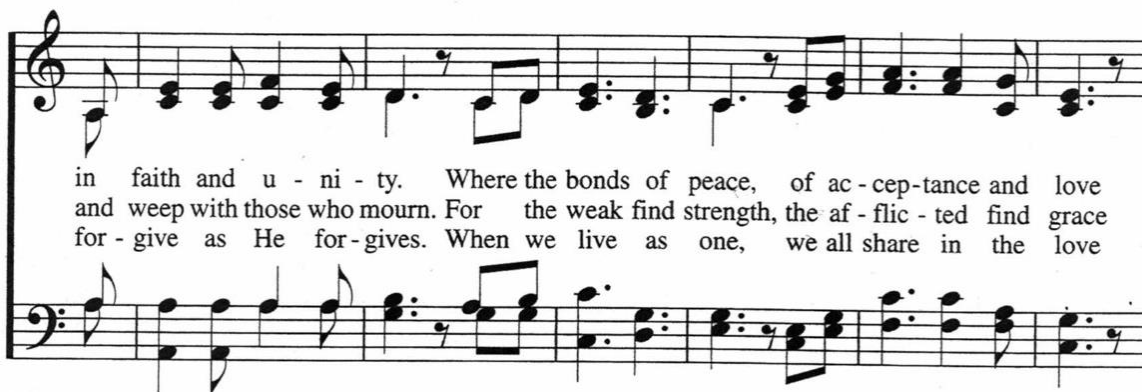
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*Response of Praise:

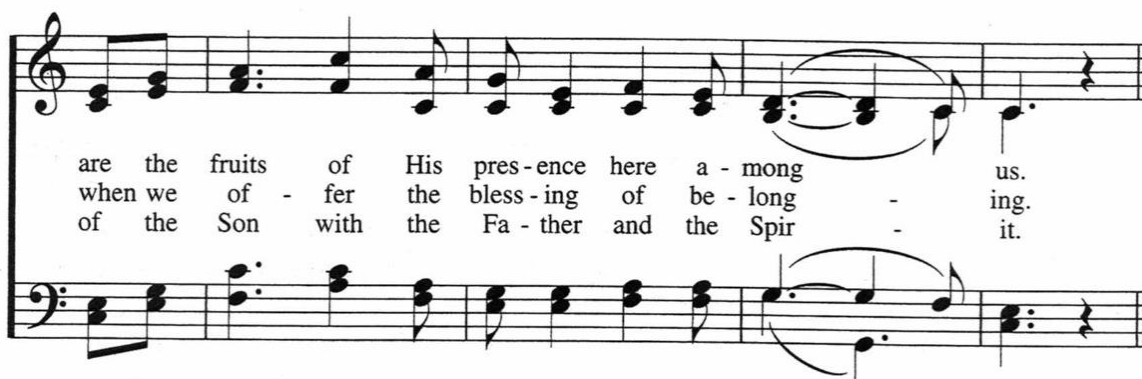
Oh, How Good It Is



• 1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to - geth - er in spir - it,
• 2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share, to re - joice with the hap - py
• 3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace His com - mand to pre - fer one an - oth - er,



in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cep - tance and love
and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the af - flic - ted find grace
for - give as He for - gives. When we live as one, we all share in the love



are the fruits of His pres - ence here a - mong us.
when we of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
of the Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

Please turn page for the Chorus —————>

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one heart we'll

live out His Word. Till the whole earth sees the Re-deem-er has

come, For He dwells in the pres-ence of His peo - ple.

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***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Nicene Creed

We confess our common faith today with the Nicene Creed, a summary of the Bible's teaching about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of the Spirit. From the Trinity Hymnal: "The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ."

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

***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.**

* "'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*.

Reading of God's Standard

1 Corinthians 7:1-17

Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman."² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.³ The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband.⁴ For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

⁶Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. ⁷I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

⁸To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. ⁹But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

¹⁰To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband ¹¹(but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

¹²To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. ¹³If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. ¹⁵But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. ¹⁶For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

¹⁷Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 6:11b

[Y]ou were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 20-26, 2023

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Hershey Public Library Director Alison Trautmann
- **Civil Government:** US Supreme Court Justices
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Ukraine
- **Unreached People Group:** Banmanus of India
Population: 31,000; 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:** Trudy K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Location Task Force
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Oakwood Presbyterian Church, State College, PA
(Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Richard and Lynne Smith
serving with RUF-I at Penn State

The Lord's Prayer: We will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

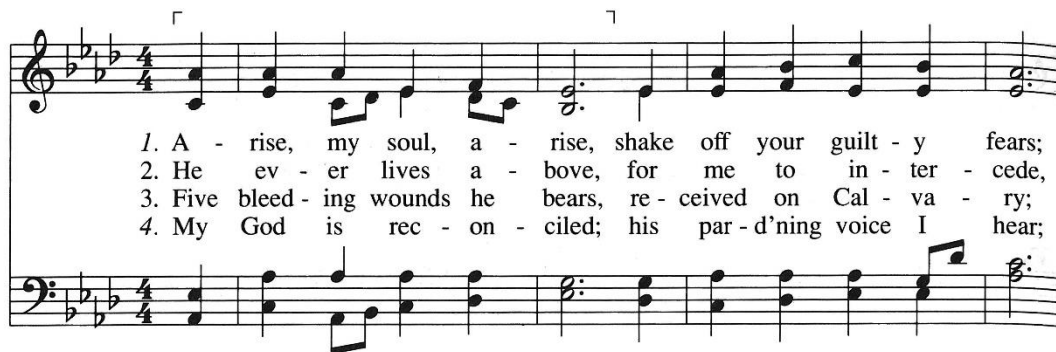
"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings


Offertory

*Song of Preparation:

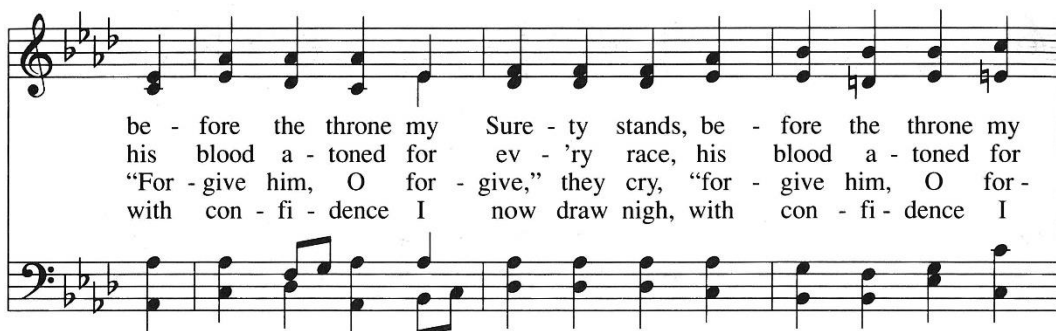
Arise, My Soul, Arise



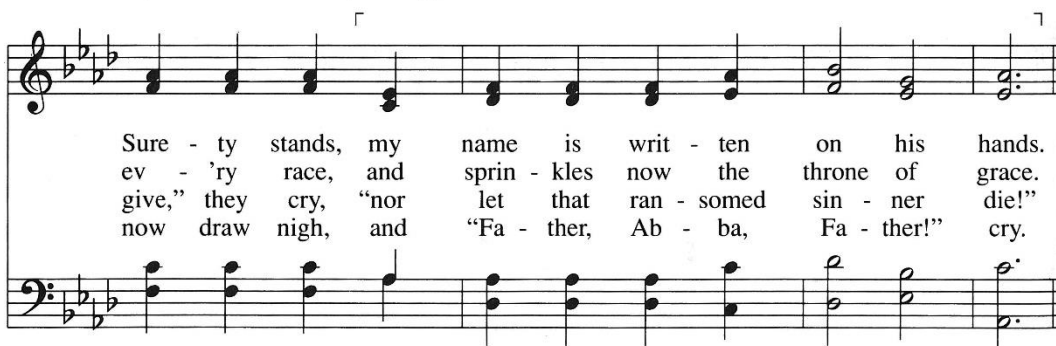
1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears;
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;



be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I



Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

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 Louis Edson, 1782

Charles Wesley, 1742
 Alt. 1961, 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 3, 20-23

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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: “But You, Beloved”: Contending for the Faith Today (5)
We Have Mercy

Today's Text: Jude 1:22-23
David Kertland

We show mercy to others as we choose to become:

1. Spiritual _____ (vs 22)

2. Spiritual _____ (vs 23)

3. Spiritual _____ (vs 23)

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.'

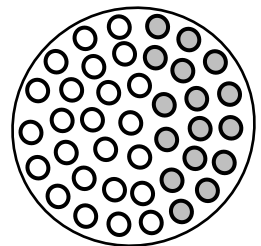
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.



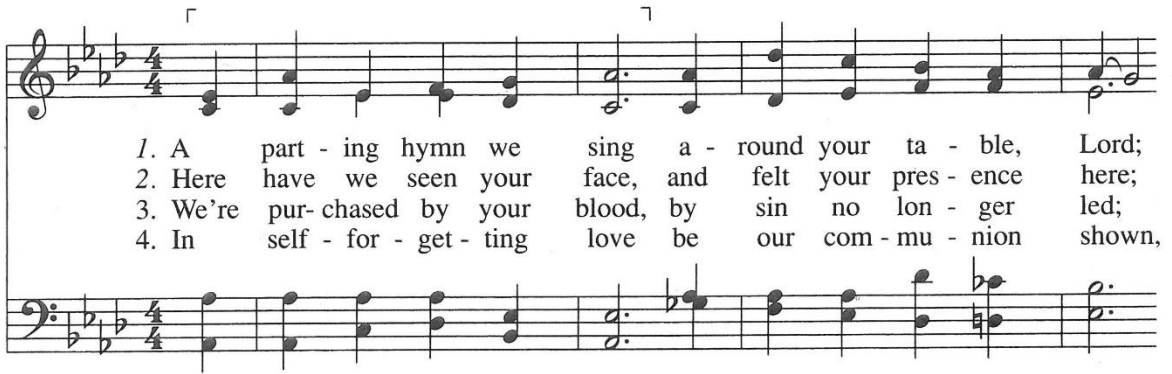
white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

Prayer

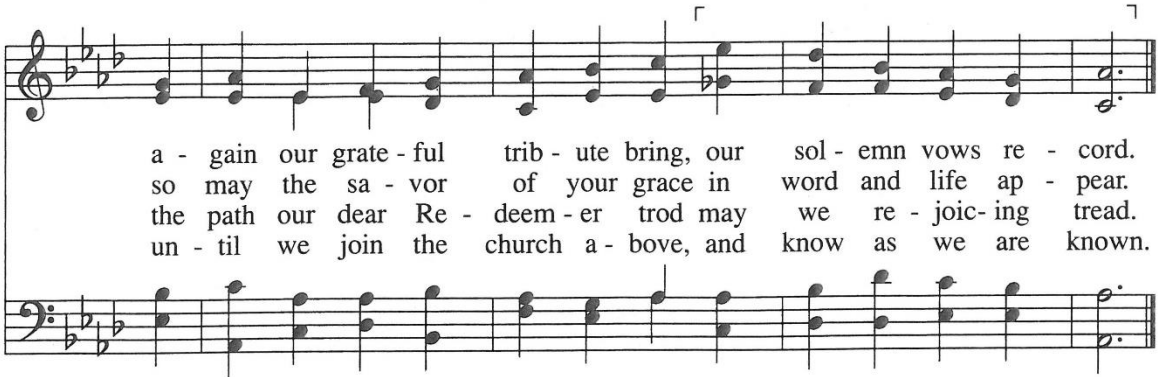
Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service:**

A Parting Hymn We Sing



1. A part - ing hymn we sing a - round your ta - ble, Lord;
2. Here have we seen your face, and felt your pres - ence here;
3. We're pur - chased by your blood, by sin no lon - ger led;
4. In self - for - get - ting love be our com - mu - nion shown,



a - gain our grate - ful trib - ute bring, our sol - emn vows re - cord.
so may the sa - vor of your grace in word and life ap - pear.
the path our dear Re - deem - er trod may we re - joic - ing tread.
un - til we join the church a - bove, and know as we are known.

Aaron R. Wolfe, 1858
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Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

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.

* Congregation standing

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Front Cover: Kathy Hastings, *Through A Glass Darkly*. 33" x 45" x 1.5." Photo/encaustic on wood panels. © Kathy Hastings. Image provided by the artist. Used by permission.
- 2) **Music:** "Oh, How Good It Is" (332) is reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (The Master's Seminary Press, Los Angeles, CA, 2015). "Arise, My Soul, Arise" (305) and "A Parting Hymn We Sing" (431) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes: Page 2** provided by the artist. 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) **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 Jude, including: the insights and writings of Daniel C. Arichea and Howard A. Hatton, Richard Bauckham, Gerald Bray, John Calvin, Michael Green, Mark G. Johnston, Simon J. Kistemaker, Dick Lucas and Christopher Green, Matthew Henry, Thomas R. Schreiner, 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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Mission to the World (www.mtw.org): international missions in keeping with the Great Commission



Mission to North America (www.pcamna.org): North American missions in keeping with the Great Commission.



Committee on Discipleship Ministries

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



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(www.covenantseminary.edu): our denominational seminary in St. Louis, MO.



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