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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, allnations 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), Keith Dolon (sound), Dave Eakin (vocals), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Jared Salyards (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 Joe Kearns and Josh Franklin.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He drew me up from the pit of destruction, **out of the miry boq**,

and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

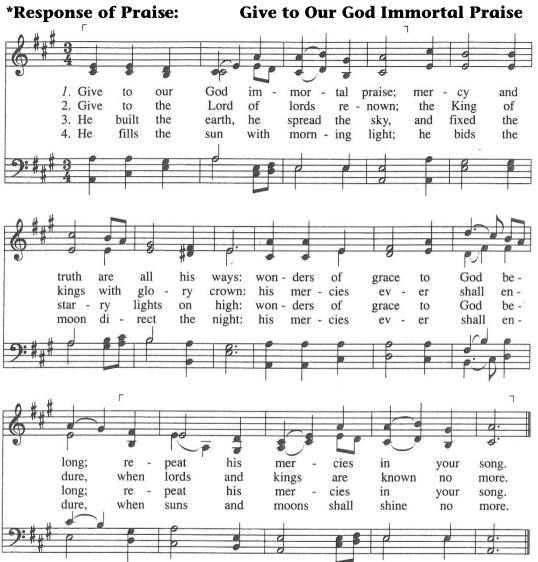
³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

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







- He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave: wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.
- 6. Through this vain world he guides our feet, and leads us to his heav'nly seat: his mercies ever shall endure, when this vain world shall be no more.

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Confession of Faith

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*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

Hebrews 13:4

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 27-September 2, 2023

Intercession for the World:

The Hershey Community: Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Doctors, Nurses, Technicians, Researchers, Staff, Administrators, & Board of Directors

- Civil Government: Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick
- Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends: Canada
- **Unreached People Group:** Bansphor of India Population: 183,000; 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: Lois K.
- Those Who Serve in Our Local Church: Elder Ephraim Church
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Providence Presbyterian Church, York, PA (Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Anees and Fareda 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.

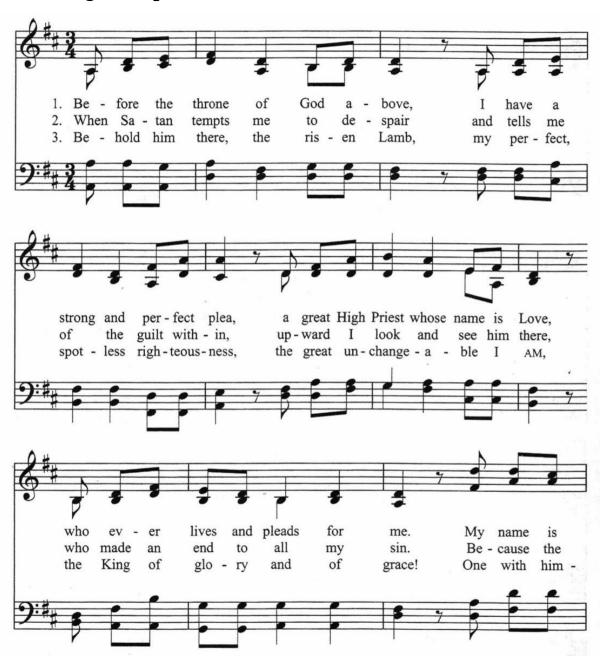
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings Offertory

*Song of Preparation:

Before the Throne of God Above





Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

BEFORE THE THRONE 8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8. Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

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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 24-25

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 (6) We Praise

Today's Text: Jude 1:24-25 David Kertland

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.'

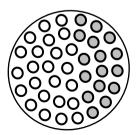
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

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 glutenfree bread. As a server comes to you, please take a cup of your preference. The clear cups are filled with grape juice; the purpletinted cups are filled with wine.

Prayer



white circles = grape juice gray circles = wine

Receiving God's Blessing



God's Blessing

*Benediction

from Jude 24-25 & Numbers 6:24-26

Because the only God, our Savior, is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

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: 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: "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" (3) and "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (598) are reprinted from The Trinity Hymnal (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Before the Throne of God Above" (277) is reprinted from The Trinity Psalter Hymnal (Willow Grove, PA: Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture, 2018). 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, John Piper, 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 (<u>www.mtw.org</u>): international missions in keeping with the Great Commission



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