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**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), Joe Kearns (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), 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 Dave Eakin and Nick Yingst.

## Prelude

# Praising God

**\*Call to Worship:**

**Revelation 1:5b-8**

*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.*

*<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”*

# \*Response of Praise:

## El Shaddai

*Unison* Dm G G<sup>7</sup> C

1. El - Shad - dai,\* El - Shad - dai, El - El - yon\* na A - do -  
 2. Through your love and through the ram you saved the son of A - bra -  
 3. Through the years you made it clear that the time of Christ was  
 4. El - Shad - dai, El - Shad - dai, El - El - yon na A - do -

F Dm B<sup>b</sup> Dm E E<sup>7</sup> Am G

nai,\* age to age you're still the same, by the pow - er of the  
 ham; through the pow - er of your hand you turned the sea in - to dry  
 near, though the peo - ple could - n't see what Mes - si - ah ought to  
 nai, age to age you're still the same, by the pow - er of the

A  $\Gamma$  Dm G G<sup>7</sup> C

name. El - Shad - dai, El - Shad - dai, Er - kam - ka\* na A - do -  
 land. To the out - cast on her knees you were the God who real - ly  
 be. Though your Word con - tained the plan, they just could not un - der -  
 name. El - Shad - dai, El - Shad - dai, Er - kam - ka na A - do -

F Dm B<sup>b</sup> F G C  $\Gamma$

nai, we will praise and lift you high, El - Shad - dai.  
 sees, and by your might you set your chil - dren free.  
 stand, your most awe - some work was done in your Son.  
 nai, I will praise you till I die, El - Shad - dai.

Michael Card, 1981  
 Alt. 1990

\* El-Shaddai: *God Almighty*  
 El-Elyon: *God Most High*

na Adonai: *O Lord*  
 Erkamka: *we will love you*

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## **\*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

### **\*Confession of Faith:**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.*

**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.**

### **\*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

## Deuteronomy 5:6, 19

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

*And you shall not steal.*

### On the Eighth Commandment from our Shorter Catechism, Q&A 74-75:

**What is required in the eighth commandment?** The eighth commandment requires the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

**What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?** The eighth commandment forbids whatsoever does, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor's, wealth or outward estate.

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

## Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Pardon

### Psalm 103:8-13

*The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
    <sup>9</sup> He will not always chide,  
    nor will he keep his anger forever.  
<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
    nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
    <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
    so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
<sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of September 3-9, 2023

### Intercession *for the World*:

**The Hershey Community:** Local Public and Private Schools and Homeschooling Families – Students, Faculty, Administration, and Staff

- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** China
- **Unreached People Group:** Bantar of India and Nepal  
Population: 226,000; Language: Maithili; 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](http://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:** Elder Joe Kearns
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** New Life Presbyterian Church, York, PA  
(Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM)

**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: As Deer for Streams, I Pant for God**  
**Psalms 42**

1. <sup>1</sup> As deer for streams, I pant for God; I pant for  
 2. <sup>3</sup> In stead - y streams, tears from my eyes Have been my  
 3. <sup>4</sup> My yearn - ing soul turns to the past; To keep the  
 4. <sup>5</sup> O why, my soul, do you grow ill? And why are

You so long - ing - ly. <sup>2</sup> I thirst for God, the liv - ing  
 food each night and day; While those a - round, with mock - ing  
 feast I led the crowd. Up to God's house we'd come at  
 you cast down in me? Hope now in God. I'll praise Him

God; How long un - til God's face I see?  
 cries, "Where is your God?" to me they say.  
 last; With joy - ful thanks we'd shout a - loud.  
 still, My help - er and my God is He.

# 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 5:8**

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon:**

### **True Happiness**

Today's Text: Matthew 5:8

Pastor David Kertland

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of happiness.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of happiness.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ happiness.

## **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.'*

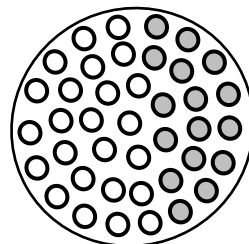
*In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'*

*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: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

D G/D D

1 A - maz - ing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a  
 (2 'Twas) grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my  
 (3 The) Lord has prom - ised good to me, his word my  
 (4 Through) man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I have al -  
 (5 When) we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing

A/D D D/F# G D

wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was  
 fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the  
 > hope se - cures; he will my shield and por - tion be as  
 read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and  
 as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than

A/D

1, 3, 5 D *Fine last time* 2, 4 D *To Refrain*

blind, but now I see. 2 'Twas  
 hour I first be - - lieved!  
 > long as life en - dures. 4 Through  
 grace will lead me home.  
 when we'd first be - gun.

Refrain D/F# G D/F#

My chains are gone, I've been set free; my God, my

G/B D/A D/F# G

Sav - ior has ran-somed me. And like a flood, his mer-cy

D/F# Em7 A7 D

rains un-end-ing love, a - maz-ing grace.

G D G To stanzas

3 The  
5 When

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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

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- 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 sermon from our Summer Outreach Survey, including: the insights and writings of Anselm of Canterbury, Augustine, Herman Bavinck, Craig L. Blomberg, John Chrysostom, *The Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*, Daniel Doriani, Jonathan Edwards, William Hendricksen, Matthew Henry, R.C.H. Lenski, Francis Turretin, 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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