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Barbara Kenworthy Kearns, Meditation: *Light Dispels the Darkness*. 2023. Watercolor with gold leaf on paper. 4 inches × 5 inches. Used by permission of the artist.

On the artist: Barb is an artist and member of Hershey PCA. To view her recent work, you can find her on Facebook at Barbara Kenworthy Kearns. Thank you to Barb for graciously allowing us to use this meditation on our worship booklet this month!



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), Keith Dolon (sound), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Jared Salyards (piano), and Sarah Shafer (soloist).

Thank you to Sarah Shafer for her ministry of song today. Words to the songs she will be singing are found on page 15.

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

Today's Communion Servers are Andrew Bosworth and Joe Kearns.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

*² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.*

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

***Response of Praise:**

I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills

Psalms 121

1. ¹I lift my eyes up to the hills, from where shall come my aid?
2. ³He will not let your foot be moved; your keep - er will not sleep.
3. ⁵At your right hand the LORD, your keep - er, is your con - stant shade.
4. ⁷The LORD will keep you from all harm; he keeps your life se - cure.

²My help comes from the LORD a - bove, who heav'n and earth has made.
⁴Be - hold, he slum - bers not, nor sleeps, for he will Is - r'el keep.
⁶The moon shall strike you not by night, nor sun by light of day.
⁸Your go - ing out and com - ing in, the LORD keeps ev - er - more.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four verses of the psalm, and the second system contains the last four verses. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment is a simple harmonic setting of the vocal melody.

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DUNDEE C.M.
Scottish Psalter, 1615

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Colossians 1:13-20

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

*He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.*

*For by him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or authorities—
all things were created through him and for him.*

*And he is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.*

*And he is the head of the body,
the church.*

*He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.*

*For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.*

***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 Matthew 6:19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of September 10-16, 2023

Intercession *for the World*:

The Hershey Community: Hershey Med Emergency Department

- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner Chad Saylor
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Honduras
- **Unreached People Group:** Bantawa of Nepal
Population: 5,200; Language: Bantawa; 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:** Peter M.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Elder Nick Yingst

Our Denomination (PCA): Christ Reformed Church, Alexandria, PA
(Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)

- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Covenant College

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: I Am His, and He Is Mine
(See Lyrics on page 15.)

Sarah Shafer
arr. Paul S. Jones


*Song of Preparation: All Glory Be to Thee, Most High



1. All glo - ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad - o - ra - tion;
 2. We praise, we wor - ship thee, we trust, and give thee thanks for - ev - er,
 3. O Je - sus Christ, our God and Lord, Son of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther,
 4. O Ho - ly Spir - it, pre - cious gift, thou Com - fort - er un - fail - ing,



in grace and truth thou draw - est nigh to of - fer us sal - va - tion;
 O Fa - ther, for thy rule is just and wise, and chang - es nev - er;
 O thou who hast our peace re - stored, the stray - ing sheep dost ga - ther;
 from Sa - tan's snares our souls up - lift, and let thy pow'r, a - vail - ing,



thou show - est thy good - will to men, and peace shall reign on
 thy hand al - might - y o'er us reigns, thou do - est what thy
 thou Lamb of God, to thee on high out of the depths we
 a - vert our woes and calm our dread. For us the Sav - ior's



earth a - gain; we praise thy name for - ev - er.
 will or - dains; 'tis well for us thou rul - est.
 sin - ners cry: have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!
 blood was shed; we trust in thee to save us.

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH* 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.
 V. Schumann's Geistliche Lieder, 1539
 Arr. by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1809-1847; alt. 1990

Gloria in Excelsis, 4th cent.
 German trans. by Nicolaus Decius, 1522
 Anon. English trans.

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:

Proverbs 12:25; Isaiah 41:8-13

Proverbs 12:25:

*"Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down,
but a good word makes him glad."*

Isaiah 41:8-13:

*"But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring
of Abraham, my friend; ⁹ you whom I took from the ends of the
earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you,*

'You are my servant,

I have chosen you and not cast you off;

*¹⁰ fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.*

*¹¹ Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and
confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and
shall perish. ¹² You shall seek those who contend with you, but you
shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing
at all. ¹³ For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who
say to you,*

'Fear not, I am the one who helps you.'"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:**From Anxious to Glad**

Today's Text: Proverbs 12:25; Isaiah 41:8-13

Pastor David Kertland

1. A _____ heart.

2. God's good _____ .

3. Becoming _____ .

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.'

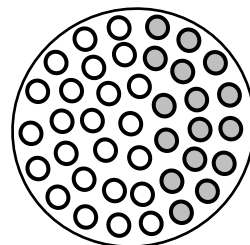
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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

Musical Meditation: "Come Home" Sarah Shafer
arr. Craig Courtney. (See lyrics on page 15.)

Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service: My Worth Is Not in What I Own**

Gentle and Prayerful

♩ Dadd9 A/D Dadd9 G/D Dadd9 G Dadd9 G/D

1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone. But
 2. My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame. But
 3. As sum - mer flowers we fade and die; Fame, youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But
 4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But
 5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess; My worth and my un - worth - i - ness. My

last time to CODA ♪ 1.3.

Dadd9 A A#° Bm G Dadd9 G/D Dadd9 G/D

in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. 2. My
 in the blood of Christ that flowed at the
 life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross. 4. I
 I will boast in know - ing Christ at the
 va - lue fixed - my ran - som paid at the

2.4. Refrain

Dadd9 G/D Dadd9 Gadd9 A Bm

cross. I re - joice in my Re - deem - er - Great - est

cross.

G D/F# Aadd9 Gadd9 A

treasure, Well-spring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no

Bm D/F# G A Dadd9 G/D

oth-er; my soul is satis-fied in Him a-lone.

D.S. §

Dadd9

3. As
5. Two

CODA ⊕

Dadd9 G/D D

cross.

Words and Music by
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and Graham Kendrick

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: Barbara Kenworthy Kearns, Meditation: *Light Disperses the Darkness*. 2023. Watercolor with gold leaf on paper. 4 inches x 5 inches. Image provided by the artist. Used by permission.
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- 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 sermon from our Summer Outreach Survey, including: the insights and writings of Richard Baxter, Gerald Bray, John Calvin, F. Delitzsch, Jonathan Edwards, Matthew Henry, Timothy Keller, C. F. Keil, John A. Kitchen, Shalom M. Paul, Gary V. Smith, Bruce Waltke, Edward T. Welch, Warren W. Wiersbe, Lindsay Wilson, Edward J Young, and others. 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).

Offertory Music: “I Am His, and He Is Mine”

arr. Paul S. Jones

Loved with everlasting love, led by grace that love to know;
Spirit breathing from above, Thou hast taught me it is so!
O this full and precious peace from his presence all divine;
in a love which cannot cease, I am his and He is mine.

Heav'n above is softer blue, earth around is sweeter green;
something lives in every hue Christless eyes have never seen!
Birds in song His glories show, flow'rs with deeper beauties shine,
since I know, as now I know, I am His and He is mine;
since I know, as now I know, I am His and He is mine.

His forever, only His; who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart!
Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, firstborn light in gloom decline,
but while God and I shall be, I am His and He is mine;
but while God and I shall be, I am His and he is mine.

Communion Meditation: “Come Home”

arr. Craig Courtney

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Chorus: Come home, come home,
you who are weary, come home.
Come home, come home,
you who are weary, come home.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

Chorus

O for the wonderful love He has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

Chorus



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