



**Hershey Presbyterian**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

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## Front Cover Artwork

Jean-François Millet, *Haystacks: Autumn (Meules, automne)*. C. 1874 Oil on canvas. 33 ½ in. x 43 3/8 in. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. On view in Gallery 802. In the public domain.

“This picture is from a series depicting the four seasons commissioned in 1868 by the industrialist Frédéric Hartmann. Millet worked on the paintings intermittently for the next seven years. In *Autumn*, with the harvest finished, the gleaners have departed and the sheep are left to graze. Beyond the haystacks lie the plain of Chailly and the rooftops of Barbizon. The loose, sketchlike finish of this work is characteristic of Millet's late style: patches of the dark lilac-pink ground color are deliberately exposed, and the underdrawing is visible, particularly in the outlines of the haystacks and the sheep.”

The series of the four seasons is found in the following places: The Spring is in the Musée d'Orsay, the Summer (Buckwheat Harvest) is in Boston, the Autumn (Haystacks) in New York, and the Winter (The Faggot Gatherers) in the National Museum, Cardiff.



**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): Laura Church (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathaniel Marengo (sound), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 3 years old is provided in Room 110.

**Junior Church** for children aged 4-Grade 3 is held in Room 111 during the sermon and communion time. Children are dismissed during the hymn before the sermon and will return to their parents during the final hymn.

**Today's Communion Servers** are Joe Kearns and Brad Weaver.

## Prelude

## Praising God

**\*Call to Worship:**

**Psalm 89:1, 5**

*I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;*  
**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness**  
**to all generations.**

*<sup>5</sup> Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*  
**your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

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

# \*Response of Praise:

# We Gather Together

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:  
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure thro' trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy name be ev - er prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

KREMSER 12.11.12.11.  
 Adrianus Valerius's *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626  
 Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1877

Netherlands folk hymn  
 Tr. by Theodore Baker, 1917  
 Alt. 1990

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

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

**Colossians 1:11-23**

**Leader:** *“May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”*

#### **Congregation:**

**“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.”**

**Leader:** *“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.”*

## **\*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**

**Micah 2:1-3**

*Today's reading continues to explore in Scripture the tenth commandment's call to not covet.  
(See Deuteronomy 5:21.)*

*Woe to those who devise wickedness  
and work evil on their beds!  
When the morning dawns, they perform it,  
because it is in the power of their hand.  
<sup>2</sup> They covet fields and seize them,  
and houses, and take them away;  
they oppress a man and his house,  
a man and his inheritance.  
<sup>3</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD:  
behold, against this family I am devising disaster,  
from which you cannot remove your necks,  
and you shall not walk haughtily,  
for it will be a time of disaster.*

## **Confession of Sin**

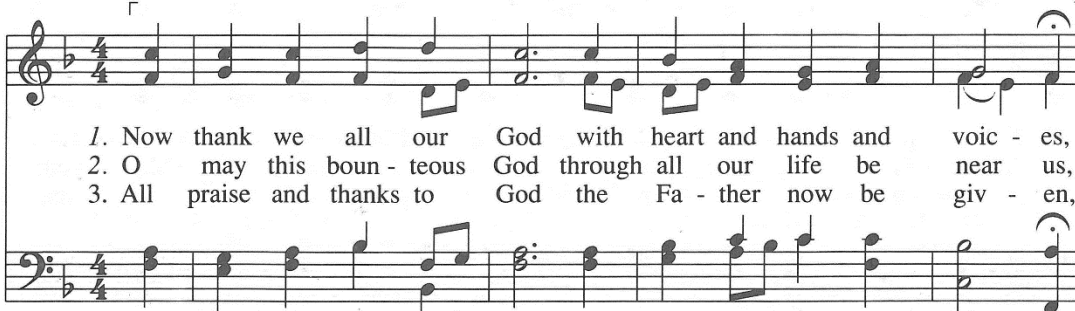
### **Declaration of Pardon in Christ**

**Micah 7:18-20**

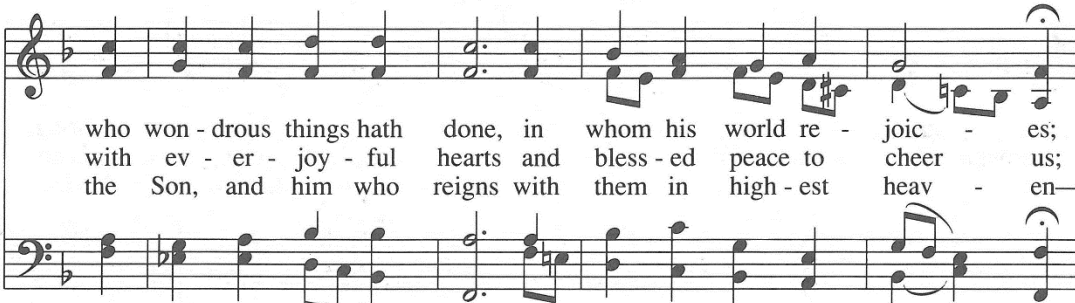
*Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?  
He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.  
<sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.  
<sup>20</sup> You will show faithfulness to Jacob  
and steadfast love to Abraham,  
as you have sworn to our fathers  
from the days of old.*

# \*Song of Thanksgiving:

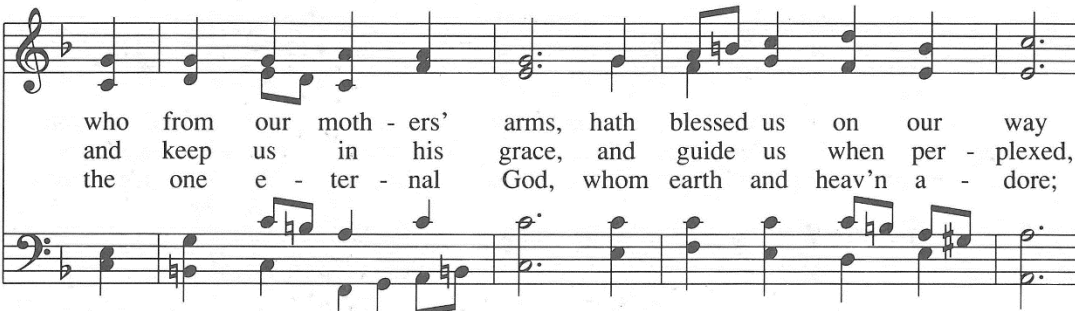
# Now Thank We All Our God



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,  
 2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en—



who from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.  
 Johann Crüger, 1647

Martin Rinkart, 1636  
 Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of November 12-18, 2023

### Intercession *for the World*:

**The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Michael Corado

**Civil Government:** President Joe Biden

- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** India

- **Unreached People Group:** Barein of Chad

Population: 14,000; Language: Barein; Religion: Islam

Unreached people groups make up 42.4% of the world's population (approximately 3.4 billion 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:** Peter M.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Church Musicians

**Our Denomination (PCA):** Harvest Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA  
(Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)

**Supported Missionary or Organizations:** David and Aliece,  
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




During this song, children from 4 years old to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are dismissed  
to attend Junior Church in Room 111.

# **\*Song of Preparation:**


# **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**




1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:  
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;  
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:  
let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:  
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.  
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
pray, and praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

BEECHER, 8, 7 & 7, D.  
John Zundel, 1870; alt. 1990

Charles Wesley, 1747

# 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:**

**John 6:37-46**

*All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.*

*So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— <sup>46</sup> not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

One with the Father (7):

**Sermon:** A sermon series from chapters 5-6 of John's Gospel

***The Bread from Heaven***

Today's Text: John 6:37-46

Pastor David Kertland

1. "This high mystery of \_\_\_\_\_ "

*"No one can...unless..." (vs. 44)*

2. "This infallible \_\_\_\_\_ of faith"

*"And I will..." (vs. 44)*

Note: See "For further study on the topics of today's sermon" on page 18.

**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.'*

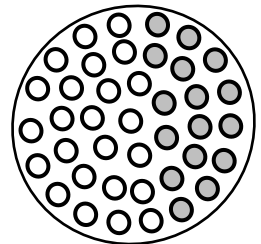
*In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'*

*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: Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes two verses of lyrics. The second and third systems continue the lyrics. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

1. Bread of the world in mer - cy bro - ken, wine of the  
2. Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the

soul in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were  
tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the

spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead,  
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Reginald Heber, 1827

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN 9.8.9.8.  
John S. B. Hodges, 1869

# 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: Jean-François Millet, *Haystacks: Autumn (Meules, automne)*. C. 1874 Oil on canvas. 33 ½ in. x 43 3/8 in. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. On view in Gallery 802. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "We Gather Together" (363), "Now Thank We All Our God" (98), "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (529), and "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" (425) 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:** Information on the artwork from <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/437097> and <https://www.wga.hu/frames-e.html?/html/m/millet/06autumn.html>. 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) **Note from the Pastor:** Along with the Greek and English texts, a variety of commentaries and study aids have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the Gospel of John, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of Augustine, John Calvin, D. A. Carson, John Chrysostom, Sinclair Ferguson, William Hendriksen, Matthew Henry, Timothy Keller, J. I. Packer, Herman Ridderbos, R. C. Sproul, St Helen's Church, Bishopsgate (Dick Lucas, William Taylor), William Still, 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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