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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): Ephraim Church (violin), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanel Marengo (clarinet), Brad Weaver (sound), Grace Salyards (French horn), Jared Salyards (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

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 Ephraim Church and Nick Yingst.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 67

*May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,*

*² that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.*

*³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!*

*⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.*

*⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!*

*⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.*

*⁷ God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!*

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

1. Sing to the Lord of har - vest, sing songs of love and praise;
 2. By him the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
 3. Heap on his sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good - ness gave,
 4. To God the gra - cious Fa - ther, who made us "ver - y good,"

with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise!
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls he died to save.
 to Christ, who, when we wan - dered, re - stored us with his blood,

By him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
 He fill - eth with his full - ness all things with large in - crease;
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, who doth up - on us pour

sing to the Lord of har - vest a song of hap - py love.
 he crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty, and with peace.
 and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.
 his bless - ed dew and sun - shine, be praise for - ev - er - more.

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN 7.6.7.6.D.
 Johann Steurlein, 1575
 Arr. by Healey Willan, 1959

John S. B. Mansell, 1866

***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.

* The term "very God of very God" means that our Lord Jesus Christ is "true God from true God."

** "'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*.

***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

Romans 7:7-8

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

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Romans 7:4

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of November 19-25, 2023

Intercession *for the World*:

The Hershey Community: Derry Township Supervisor Natalie Nutt

Civil Government: Vice President Kamala Harris

- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Japan
- **Unreached People Group:** Baret of India
Population: 1,100; Language: Haroti; Religion: Hinduism

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. "...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:** Catherine S.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Set-up Team

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

Supported Missionary or Organizations: John and Kathy Clow,
serving with MTW in Honduras

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

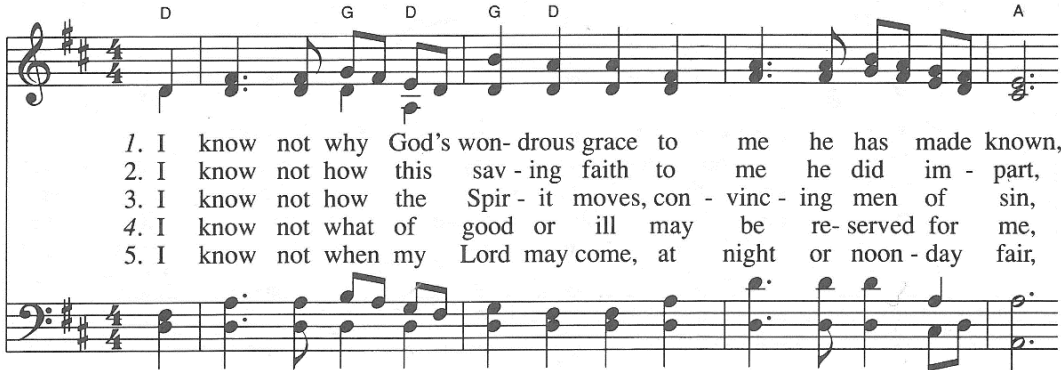
Offertory: "Let All Things Now Living" arr. Duane Funderburk
(see page 15 for words to this hymn)

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

*Song of Preparation:

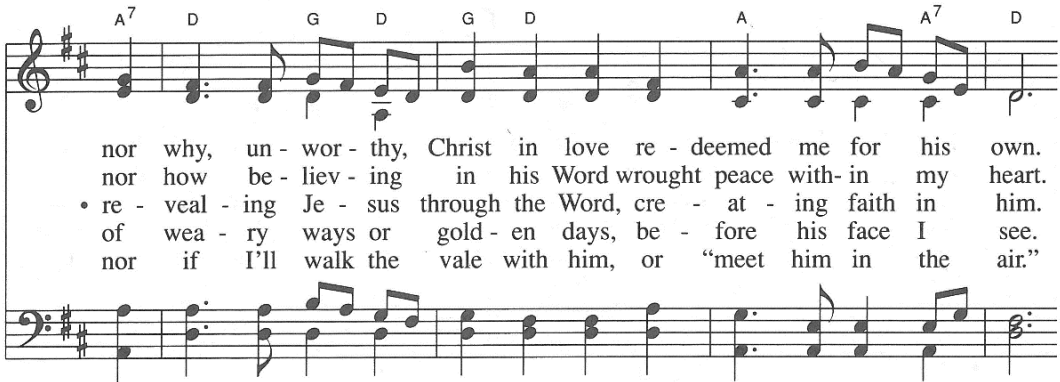
I Know Whom I Have Believed

D G D G D A



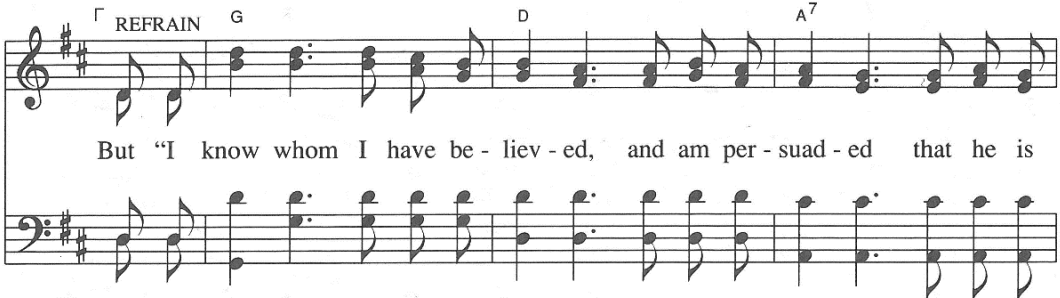
1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he has made known,
2. I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he did im-part,
3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing men of sin,
4. I know not what of good or ill may be re-served for me,
5. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,

A⁷ D G D G D A A⁷ D



nor why, un-wor-thy, Christ in love re-deemed me for his own.
nor how be-liev-ing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.
• re-veal-ing Je-sus through the Word, cre-at-ing faith in him.
of wea-ry ways or gold-en days, be-fore his face I see.
nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."

REFRAIN G D A⁷



But "I know whom I have be-liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is

D G D A⁷ D⁷



a-ble to keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day."

EL NATHAN C.M.ref.
James McGranahan, 1883

Daniel W. Whittle, 1883

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 6:37-47

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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." ⁴² 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'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ 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—⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

One with the Father (8):

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

The Bread from Heaven (2)

Today's Text: John 6:37-47

Pastor David Kertland

1. "This infallible _____ of faith"

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

A. A Reason for _____ .

B. Present _____ .

C. Future _____ .

Note: See "For further study on the topics of today's sermon" on page 15.

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.'

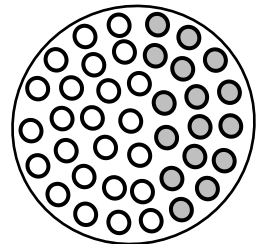
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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: Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless**

1. Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless your cho - sen pil - grim flock
 2. Hun - gry and thirst - y, faint and weak, as you when here be - low,
 3. We would not live by bread a - lone, but by that Word of grace,
 4. Be known to us in break - ing bread, but do not then de - part;
 5. There sup with us in love di - vine; your bod - y and your blood,

with man - na in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 our souls the joys ce - les - tial seek which from your sor - rows flow.
 • in strength of which we trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.
 Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
 that liv - ing bread, that heav'n - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

St. 1-3, anon.
 St. 4-5, James Montgomery, 1825; mod.

ST. AGNES C.M.
 John B. Dykes, 1866

God's Blessing

*Benediction:

Romans 16:25-27

*Now to him who is able to strengthen you
according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery
that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed
and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations,
according to the command of the eternal God,
to bring about the obedience of faith—
to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ!
Amen.*

*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:** "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" (716), "I Know Whom I Have Believed" (705), and "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless" (424) 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).

Lyrics for “Let All Things Now Living” from Offertory

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving,
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

For further study on the topics of today's sermon

Readings in the document that explain our church's understanding of what is taught in Scripture:

The Westminster Confession of Faith (see <https://www.pcaac.org/bco/westminster-confession/>)

Chapter 17: *Of the Perseverance of the Saints*

Chapter 18: *Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation*

See also: *Confessing the Faith: A Reader's Guide to the Westminster Confession of Faith* by Chad van Dixhoorn (2014, Banner of Truth Trust). Available in the church office.



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