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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): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Keith Dolon (sound), Dave Eakin (vocals), Paul Hepperle (preaching), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (leading worship), Nathanel Marengo (clarinet), 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 Dave Eakin and Nick Yingst.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 33:1-3

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

³ Sing to him a new song;

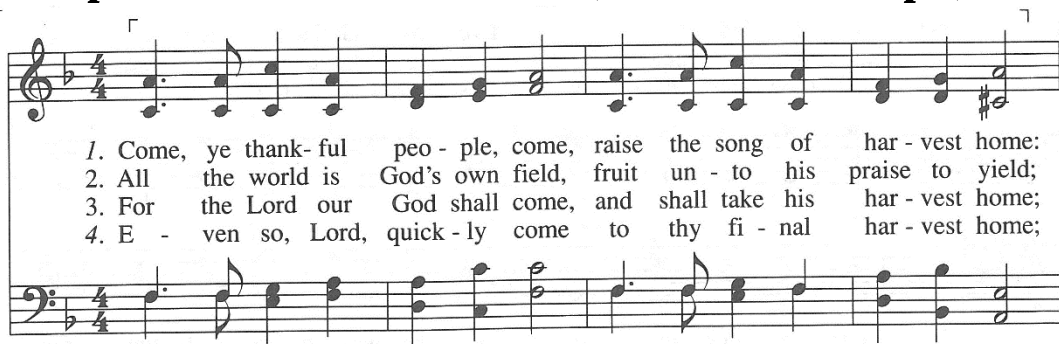
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Light Text = Read by Leader

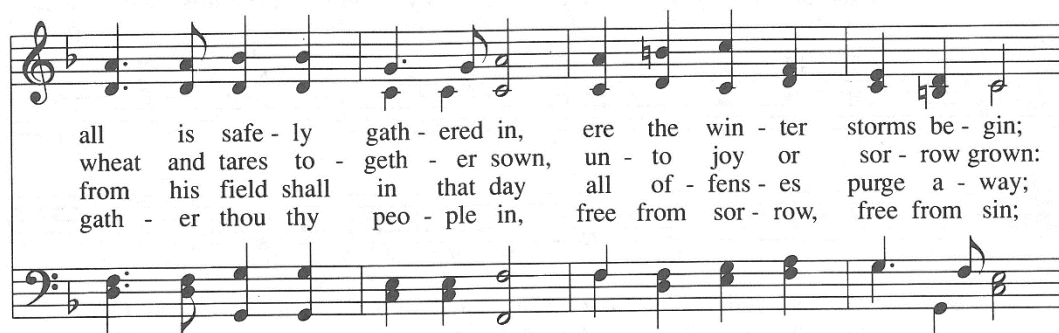
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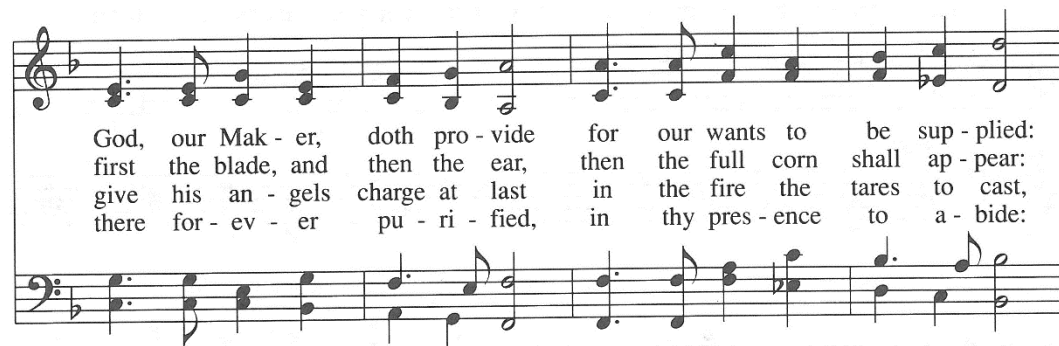
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



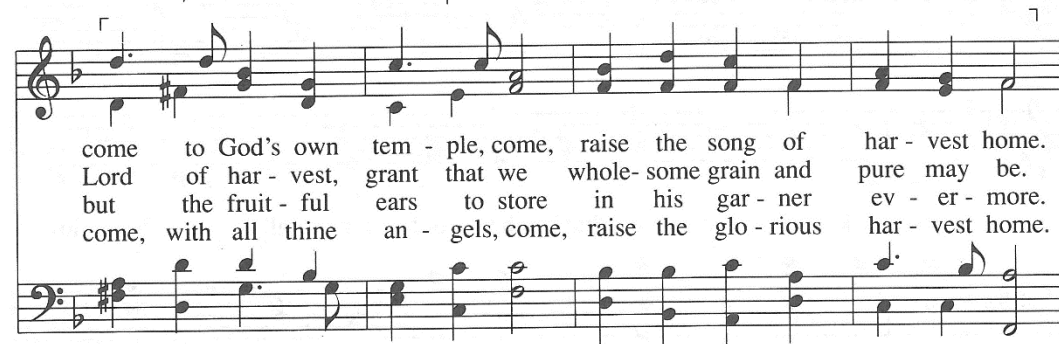
1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har-vest home;
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home;



all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown;
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied:
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear:
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, 7.7.77 D.
 George J. Elvey, 1859

Henry Allford, 1844, 1867

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith**

Hebrews 1:1-4, 8-12

In today's Confession of Faith from the book of Hebrews, we confess Jesus's superiority over all things.

*Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
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.
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,
having become as much superior to angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.*

*... of the Son he says,
"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness
beyond your companions."
And,*

*"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a
garment,
like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.
But you are the same, and your years will have no end."*

***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 13:8-10

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

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Romans 3:23-25a

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of November 26-December 2, 2023

Intercession *for the World*:

The Hershey Community: Derry Township Supervisor Carter Wyckoff

Civil Government: US Supreme Court Justices

- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** South Korea
- **Unreached People Group:** Bargi of India
Population: 13,000; Language: Hindi; 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:** Elmer C.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Sound Team

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

Supported Missionary or Organizations: Craig and Ree Coulbourne,
serving with MTW in Japan

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 3rd grade are dismissed
to attend Junior Church in Room 111.

*Song of Preparation:

For the Beauty of the Earth

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system is the beginning of the refrain. The fourth system is the end of the refrain. The fifth system is the end of the refrain. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
• for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

REFRAIN

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.
Conrad Kocher, 1838
Arr. by William H. Monk, 1861

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:**

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

*² For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.*

*³ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.*

*⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah*

*⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.*

*⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*

*⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!*

*⁸ God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.*

*⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

The Lord Reigns Today's Text: Psalm 47 Paul Hepperle

1. _____ is the spirit of true worship.

2. _____ to praise.

3. The Lord _____

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.'

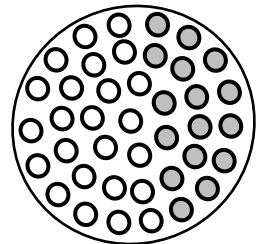
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.



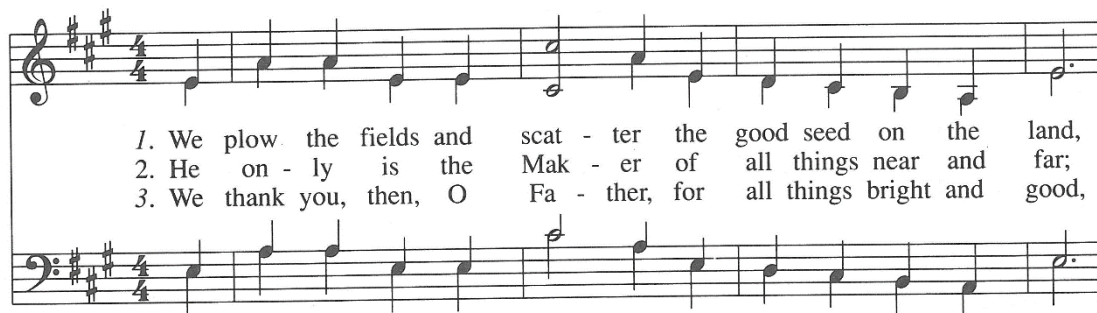
white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service:**

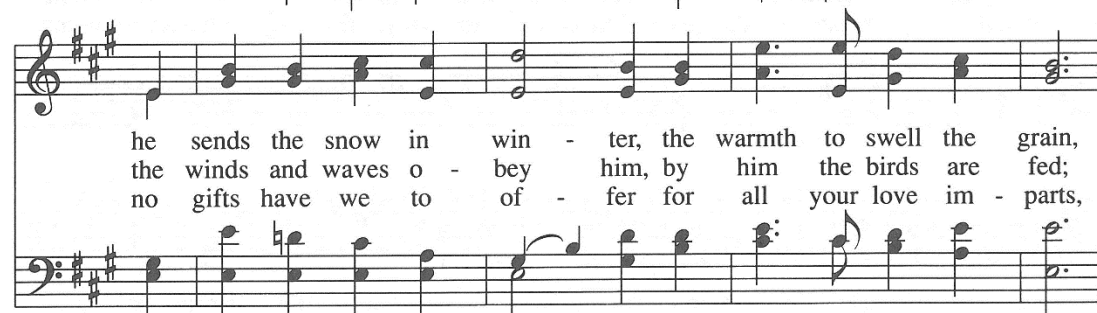
We Plow the Fields



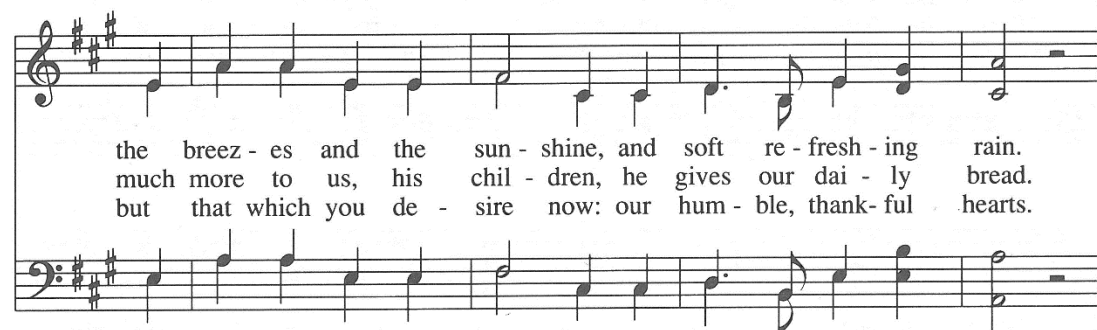
1. We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2. He on - ly is the Mak - er of all things near and far;
3. We thank you, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food;



he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
no gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but that which you de - sire now: our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

REFRAIN

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Matthias Claudius, 1782
Tr. by Jane M. Campbell, 1861; alt. 1990, mod.

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Johann A. P. Schulz, 1800

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

- 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:** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (715), "For the Beauty of the Earth" (116), and "We Plow the Fields" (714) 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) 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 (www.mtw.org): international missions in keeping with the Great Commission



Mission to North America (www.pcamna.org): North American missions in keeping with the Great Commission.



Committee on Discipleship Ministries

(www.pcacdm.org, www.cepbookstore.com, www.gcp.org): Curriculum and other resources to assist leaders in the local church as they make disciples (Matthew 28:19) among children, youth, and adults in the congregation.



Covenant College

(www.covenant.edu): our denominational college on Lookout Mountain, GA (overlooking Chattanooga, TN)



Covenant Theological Seminary

(www.covenantseminary.edu): our denominational seminary in St. Louis, MO.



PCA Administrative Committee (www.pcaac.org): promotes the unity, purity, and mission of the PCA.



Reformed Universities Ministries (www.ruf.org): the PCA college campus ministry



Ridge Haven Camp, Conference Center, Retreat Center, and Residential Community

(www.ridgehaven.org): providing camps, retreats, conferences, and etc.



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