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Front Cover Artwork

Ásgrímur Jónsson. *Mt. Esja, seen from the building Vinaminni*. 1910, Oil on canvas. In the public domain.

Ásgrímur Jónsson (March 4, 1876 – April 5, 1958) was an Icelandic painter, and one of the first in the country to make art a professional living.

He studied at the Royal Academy in Copenhagen between 1900 and 1903 and traveled widely after graduation.

Icelandic nature was Ásgrímur's principal subject from the beginning, and his work formed the foundation of Icelandic landscape art. His vision of nature was shaped by 19th-century romanticism, and he remained faithful to that vision, though his emphases and work methods changed over the course of a career spanning nearly 60 years. Ásgrímur was also a pioneer in the illustration of Icelandic folktales and adventures and remains one of Iceland's most prolific folktale illustrators.

Ásgrímur painted in nature and made a particular effort to interpret the light of the land. He painted both with watercolors and oil paint and occupies a unique place in Icelandic art history as a watercolor artist. He remained true to naturalism to begin with, but toward the end of the 1920s, impressionist influences begin to emerge in his works. After 1940 his work methods became more organic, and his art was characterized by colorful expressionism.

He was also noted for his murals in various churches in Iceland. A number of his works are on display in the National Gallery of Iceland. Ásgrímur influenced many artists in Iceland. He was made honorary professor at the University of Iceland, and in 1933 he was made Grand Knight of the Icelandic Order of the Falcon. He was an honorary member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Arts and Knight of Dannebrog, first class.

Ásgrímur Jónsson died in 1958 and bequeathed all his own works that remained in his possession to the Icelandic nation, along with a property at Bergstaðastræti 74 in Reykjavík. The Ásgrímur Jónsson Collection was opened in his house in 1960. The Ásgrímur Jónsson Collection is now a special division of the National Gallery of Iceland.

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ásgrímur_Jónsson



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), Peter Gible (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Brad Weaver (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 Keith Dolon and Joe Kearns.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 40:1-3

*I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.*

*² He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.*

*³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.*

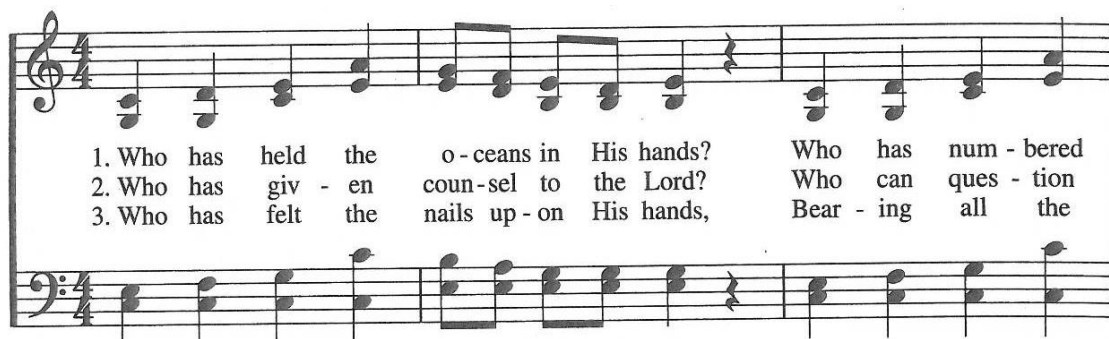
*Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.*

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Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

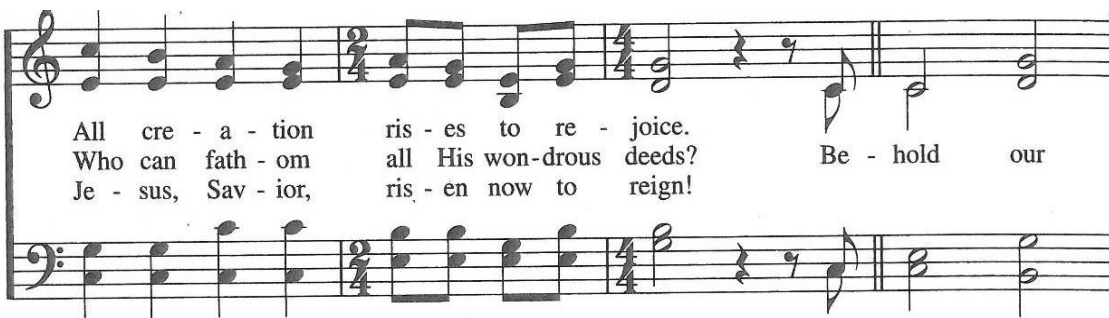
Behold Our God



1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion
3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, Bear - ing all the



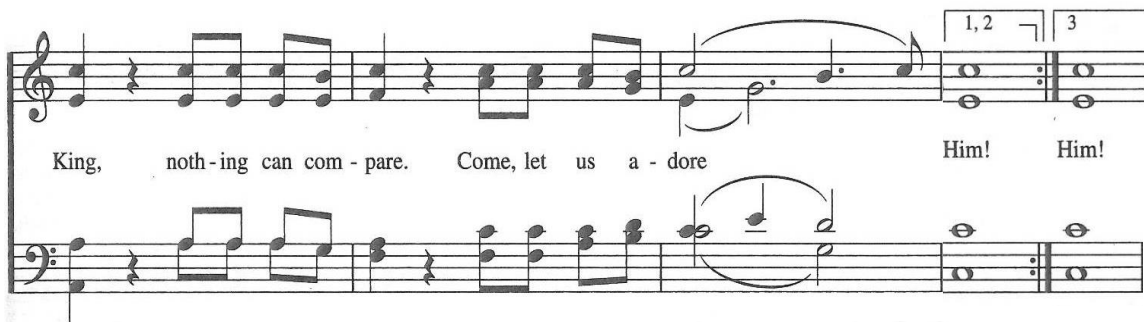
ev - 'ry grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice.
an - y of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things?
guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave.



All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.
Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds? Be - hold our
Je - sus, Sav - ior, ris - en now to reign!



God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our



Words and Music: Ryan Baird, Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird and Stephen Altrogge

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***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Isaiah 53:1-6

***Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?***

***² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.***

***³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.***

***⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.***

***⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.***

***⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.***

***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

Isaiah 45:20-22

Today's reading continues to explore in Scripture the First Commandment to have no other gods (Exodus 20:3).

*Assemble yourselves and come;
draw near together,
you survivors of the nations!
They have no knowledge
who carry about their wooden idols,
and keep on praying to a god
that cannot save.*

*²¹ Declare and present your case;
let them take counsel together!*

Who told this long ago?

Who declared it of old?

Was it not I, the LORD?

*And there is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
there is none besides me.*

*²² Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!*

For I am God, and there is no other.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Titus 3:4-7

[W]hen the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of February 11-17, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Hershey Public Library Director Alison Jacobine
- **Civil Government:** US Senator Robert Casey, Jr.
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Taiwan
- **Unreached People Group:** Barutgar of India
Population: 1,300; Language: Urdu; 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. "...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:** Director of Covenant Family Ministries Paul Hepperle
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Providence Presbyterian Church, York, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Lebanon Valley Presbyterian Church Plant

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:**

A Triune Prayer

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is carried by the Soprano and Alto parts, while the Bass part provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with each line corresponding to a measure of the music. The lyrics are: 1. Bless-ed Fa - ther, hear our cry. Cast out sin, but draw us nigh. 2. Bless-ed Je - sus, make our plea. In Your name to God we flee; 3. Bless-ed Spir - it meet our need; In our si - lence in - ter-cede. 4. Tri - une God, please grant our prayer As Your glo - ry we de-clare. The music is written on three staves, with the Soprano and Alto parts on the top two staves and the Bass part on the bottom staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, with each line of lyrics corresponding to a measure of the music.

1. Bless-ed Fa - ther, hear our cry. Cast out sin, but draw us nigh.
2. Bless-ed Je - sus, make our plea. In Your name to God we flee;
3. Bless-ed Spir - it meet our need; In our si - lence in - ter-cede.
4. Tri - une God, please grant our prayer As Your glo - ry we de-clare.

Not for mer - it we have none; For Your mer - cy, for Your Son.
Thru Your blood we seek His face, By Your priest-hood claim His grace.
Trans-late groans we can - not speak; Heal the bro - ken, help the weak.
May Your prom - ised king-dom come; May Your will on earth be done.

Words: Chris Anderson
Music: Molly Ijames

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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 7:1-52

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.² Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand.³ So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing."⁴ For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world."⁵ For not even his brothers believed in him.⁶ Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here.⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil.⁸ You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come."⁹ After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

¹⁰ But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private.¹¹ The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?"¹² And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray."¹³ Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

¹⁴ About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching.¹⁵ The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?"¹⁶ So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.¹⁷ If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.¹⁸ The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.¹⁹ Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?"²⁰ The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?"²¹ Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it.²² Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.²³ If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well?²⁴ Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

²⁵ Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill?" ²⁶ And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? ²⁷ But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." ²⁸ So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. ²⁹ I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me." ³⁰ So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. ³¹ Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?"

³² The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. ³³ Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. ³⁴ You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." ³⁵ The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? ³⁶ What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰ When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." ⁴¹ Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? ⁴² Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" ⁴³ So there was a division among the people over him. ⁴⁴ Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.'

⁴⁵ The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" ⁴⁶ The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!" ⁴⁷ The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? ⁴⁸ Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? ⁴⁹ But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." ⁵⁰ Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, ⁵¹ "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" ⁵² They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

One with the Father (11):

Sermon: A sermon series from chapters 5-10 of John's Gospel

Can This Be the Christ?

Today's Text: John 7:1-52

Pastor David Kertland

1. Who is Jesus?

a. _____ on others?

b. "_____ time"

2. Jesus's Messianic Credentials

a. _____ by God

b. _____ from God

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.'

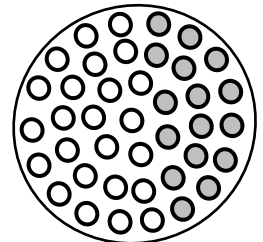
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.

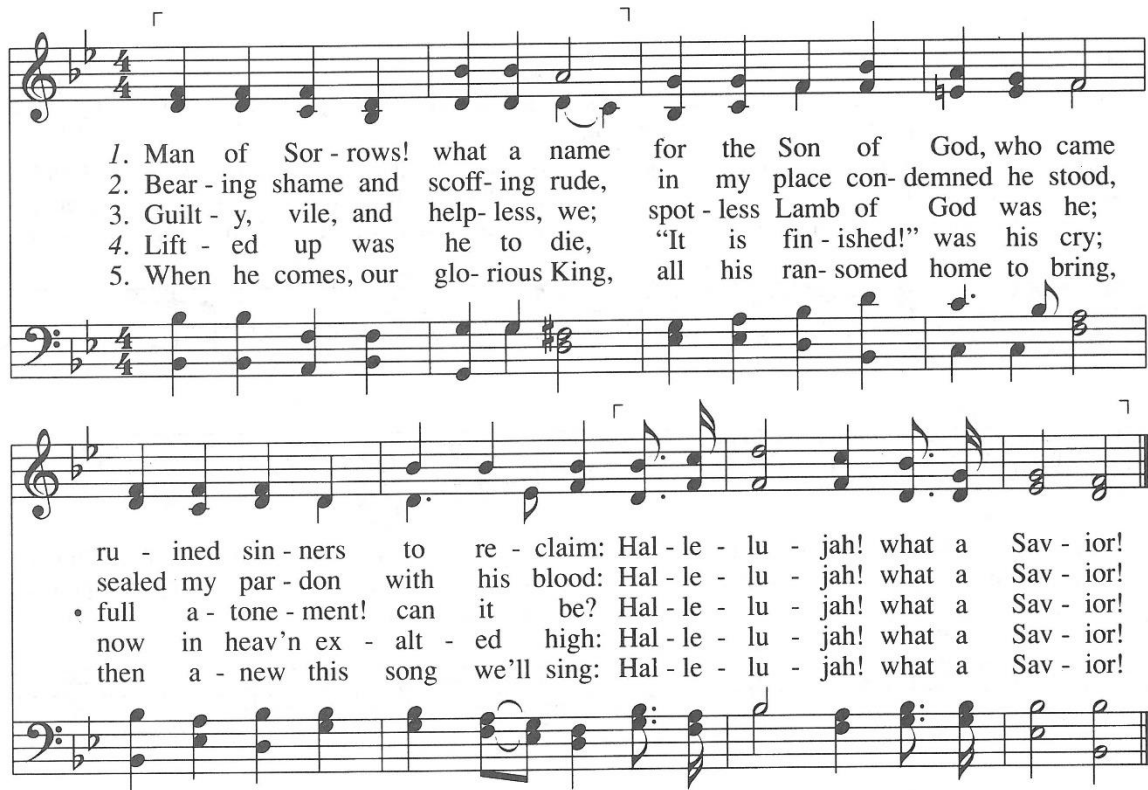


white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

*Song of Dedication & Service: Man of Sorrows! What a Name



1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
 2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
 3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
 4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
 5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 • full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR! 7.7.7.8.
 Philip P. Bliss, 1875

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.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Ásgrímur Jónsson. *Mt. Esja, seen from the building Vinaminni*. 1910, Oil on canvas. In the public domain, US. Information from: <https://www.wikiart.org/en/asgrimur-jonsson/mt-esja-seen-from-the-building-vinaminni-1910>; image from: <https://theintrepidtourist.blogspot.com/2023/09/hus-asgrims-jonssonar-painters-home-in.html>. Image from: <https://theintrepidtourist.blogspot.com/2023/09/hus-asgrims-jonssonar-painters-home-in.html>
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- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** Information about the artist and the National Gallery of Iceland museums from www listasafn.is/en/visit/home-of-an-artist/; www listasafn.is/en/; and en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ásgrímur_Jónsson. Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. 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 Eric Alexander, 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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Mission to North America (www.pcamna.org): North American missions in keeping with the Great Commission.



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(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.



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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.



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