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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.

Edited from: <https://www listasafn.is/en/visit/home-of-an-artist/> and
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 (violin), Laura Church (vocals), Keith Dolon (sound), Peter Gobble (viola), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Jared Salyards (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 David Eakin and Joe Kearns.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 148:1-4, 11-13

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² *Praise him, all his angels;*
praise him, all his hosts!

³ *Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ *Praise him, you highest heavens,*
and you waters above the heavens!

¹¹ *Kings of the earth and all peoples,*
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² *Young men and maidens together,*
old men and children!

¹³ *Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

***Response of Praise:**

All Creatures of Our God and King

The musical score is written for a choir or group, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with a bass line in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

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with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225
 Tr. by William H. Draper, 1926

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.
 Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

***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

1 Timothy 2:1-6

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

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of February 18-24, 2024

Intercession for the World:

- **The Hershey Community:** Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Med. Center
Doctors, Nurses, Staff, and Board of Directors
- **Civil Government:** US Senator John Fetterman
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Ukraine
- **Unreached People Group:** Barwala of Pakistan and India
Population: 676,700; Language: Punjabi, Urdu, and Hindi; Religion: Islam and 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:** Tim G.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Treasurer Mike Miller
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** New Life Presbyterian Church, York, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Richard and Lynne Smith,
RUF-I Penn State

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

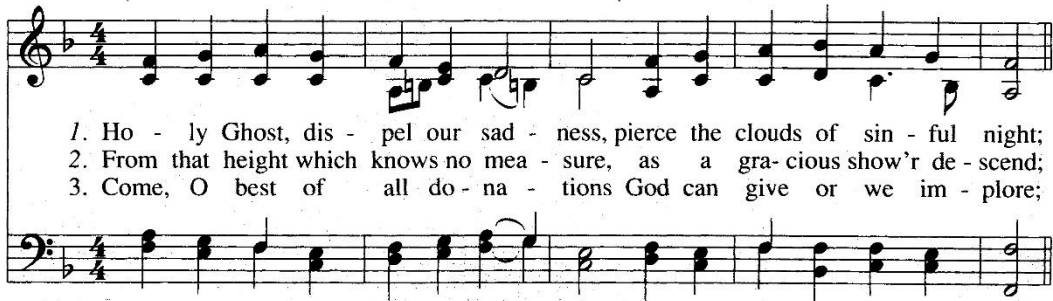
Offertory: "O Worship the King"

arr. Timothy Shaw

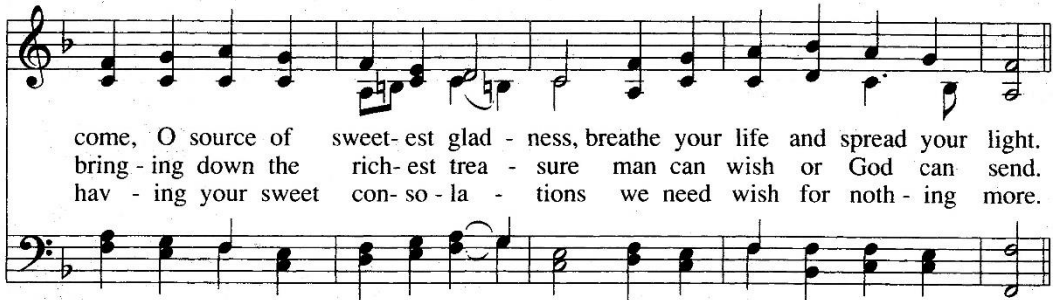
(See lyrics on page 15)

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

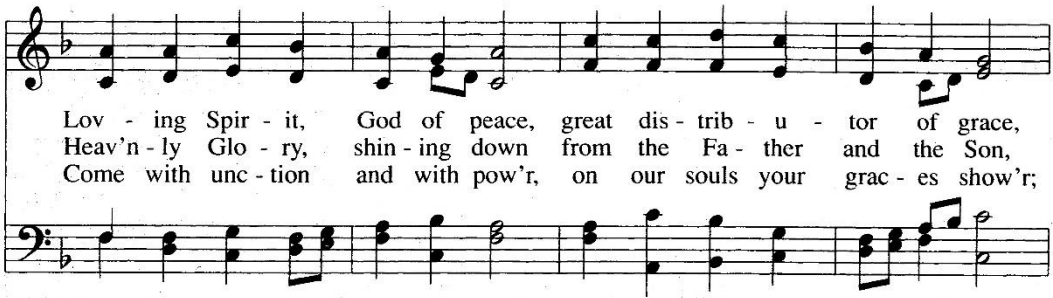
*Song of Preparation: Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness



1. Ho - ly Ghost, dis - pel our sad - ness, pierce the clouds of sin - ful night;
2. From that height which knows no mea - sure, as a gra - cious show'r de - scend;
3. Come, O best of all do - na - tions God can give or we im - plore;



come, O source of sweet - est glad - ness, breathe your life and spread your light.
bring - ing down the rich - est trea - sure man can wish or God can send.
hav - ing your sweet con - so - la - tions we need wish for noth - ing more.



Lov - ing Spir - it, God of peace, great dis - trib - u - tor of grace,
Heav'n - ly Glo - ry, shin - ing down from the Fa - ther and the Son,
Come with unc - tion and with pow'r, on our souls your grac - es show'r;



rest up - on this con - gre - ga - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
grant us your il - lu - mi - na - tion; rest up - on this con - gre - ga - tion.
au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, make our hearts your hab - i - ta - tion.

PSALM 42 (COBLENTZ) 8.7.8.7.7.8.8.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Paul Gerhardt, 1648
Tr. by John Christian Jacobi, 1725,
and Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; alt. 1990, mod.

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 7:37-39

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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

One with the Father (12):

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

Giver of the Spirit

Today's Text: John 7:37-39

Pastor David Kertland

1. Jesus _____ you a _____.

2. Jesus _____ you.

3. Jesus _____ you a _____.

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.'

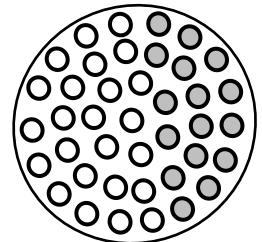
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.

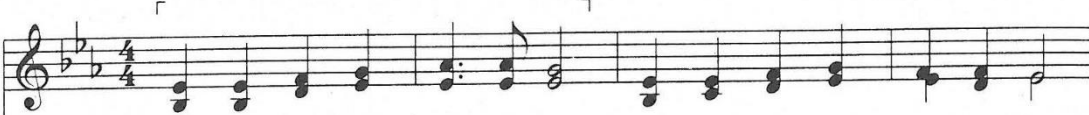


white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

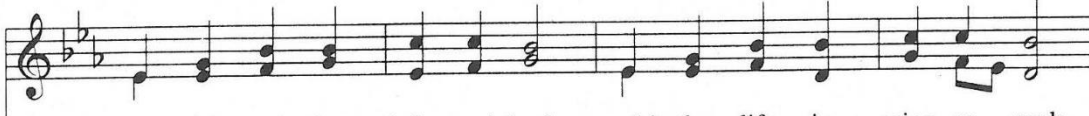
Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

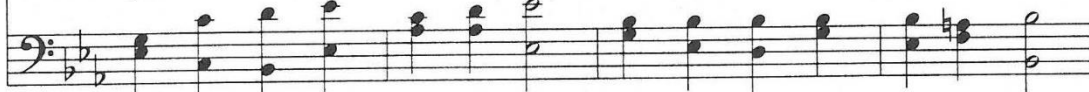
*Song of Dedication & Service: Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me



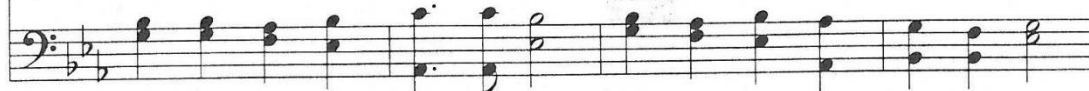
1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would gra - cious be;
 2. Truth - ful Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would truth - ful be;
 3. Might - y Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would might - y be;
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would ho - ly be;

and with words that help and heal would thy life in mine re - veal;
 and with wis - dom kind and clear let thy life in mine ap - pear;
 might - y so as to pre - vail where un - aid - ed man must fail;
 sep - a - rate from sin, I would choose and cher - ish all things good,




and with ac - tions bold and meek would for Christ my Sav - ior speak.
 and with ac - tions broth - er - ly speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty.
 ev - er by a might - y hope press - ing on and bear - ing up.
 and what - ev - er I can be, give to him who gave me thee!



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.

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>
- 2) **Music:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (115), "Holy Spirit, Dispel Our Sadness" (330), and "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" (335) 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 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).

* Congregation standing

O Worship the King

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.



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



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