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March 31, 2024

Front Cover Artwork

Detail from Henry Ossawa Tanner, *The Two Disciples at the Tomb*. c. 1906. Oil on canvas, 51 in x 41 7/8 in. Art Institute of Chicago, Robert A. Waller Fund. Reference Number 1906.300. In the public domain.

Working in Paris, Henry Ossawa Tanner grounded his portrayal of a biblical scene in the thoughtful, individual expressions of the figures. *The Two Disciples at the Tomb* depicts an event from the Gospel of Saint John in which Peter and John arrive at Christ's empty tomb. The bearded Peter looks downward with a somber gaze, but John appears transfixed, his face bathed in a golden light that signifies the presence of Christ's spirit.

The Art Institute acquired *The Two Disciples at the Tomb* in 1906 after the canvas was declared "the most impressive and distinguished work of the season" at the museum's annual exhibition of American painting and sculpture. At that time, Henry Ossawa Tanner was at the height of his reputation, enjoying international fame and winning prizes on both sides of the Atlantic.

The son of a prominent minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Tanner was perhaps the most renowned American painter of religious works at the turn of the 20th century. After studying at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Tanner expatriated to France in 1891 in an effort to escape the trenchant racism that limited his career in the United States.

Listen to the comments about the artist and his work from The Art Institute's 739th Audio Stop: <https://www.artic.edu/assets/c9f9d6c0-a964-6839-dd7e-0ed3ecdf7f7d>.

The above comments are combined from two sources:

<https://www.artic.edu/artworks/87643/the-two-disciples-at-the-tomb>

<https://useum.org/artwork/Two-Disciples-at-the-Tomb-Henry-Ossawa-Tanner-1906>



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), Isaiah Church (violin), Laura Church (vocals), Keith Dolon (sound), Dave Eakin (vocals), Peter Gibble (viola), Joe Kearns (leading worship and tin whistle), David Kertland (preaching), 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 Ephraim Church and Brad Weaver.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

The Easter Acclamation

Pastor:

Christ is Risen!

Congregation:

He is risen indeed!

Unison:

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Al - le - lu - ia!*

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

Charles Wesley, 1739

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7.al.
 Lyra Davidica, 1708; alt.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God
 the Father Almighty,**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion
 of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and
 the life everlasting. Amen.**

***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.**

* "'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 intended to
 be a reference solely to what is today called the *Roman* Catholic Church.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

1 John 1:8

As we listen to this reading of Scripture today we remember that our God is a holy God, "a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29), and so we are to "see that [we] do not refuse him who is speaking" (Hebrews 12:25).

God's Word declares to us:

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

Confession of Sin

Our confession of sin expresses "both sorrow over the sins we have committed and our revulsion at sin in general." (Hughes Oliphant Old, Leading in Prayer, 78)

Let us now confess our sin to God:

Leader:

God of everlasting love,
We confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant
with you and with one another.
We have worshipped other gods: money, power, greed, and
convenience.
We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you
and your people.
Neither have we loved our neighbor as you have
commanded.

Congregation:

**Forgive us, gracious God,
And bring us back into the fullness of our covenant
with you and with one another.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 John 1:9

The Declaration of Pardon announces that the Scriptures promise forgiveness to all those who repent, confessing their sins to God and putting their faith in Jesus Christ.

God's Word also assures us:

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of March 31-April 6, 2024

Intercession for the World:

- **The Hershey Community:** Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Company
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** South Korea
- **Unreached People Group:** Basith of India

Population: 28,000; Language: Dogri; Religion: Hinduism and Sikhism

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:** Peter M.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Set-up Team
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Reformed Presbyterian Church, Ephrata, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Mission to North America (MNA)

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 the Offertory today, children from 4 years old to 3rd grade are dismissed to attend Junior Church in Room 111.

Listening to God's Word

***Prayer for Illumination**

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

***Old Testament Reading of Scripture:**

Isaiah 53:10-12

*Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.*

Leader:

***Congregation:**

"The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God

will stand forever."**

** From Isaiah 40:8

Repentance & Faith (7): A Series in Isaiah 51-55

Sermon:

Satisfied and Successful!

Today's Text: Isaiah 53:10-12

Pastor David Kertland

1. God's _____ Servant

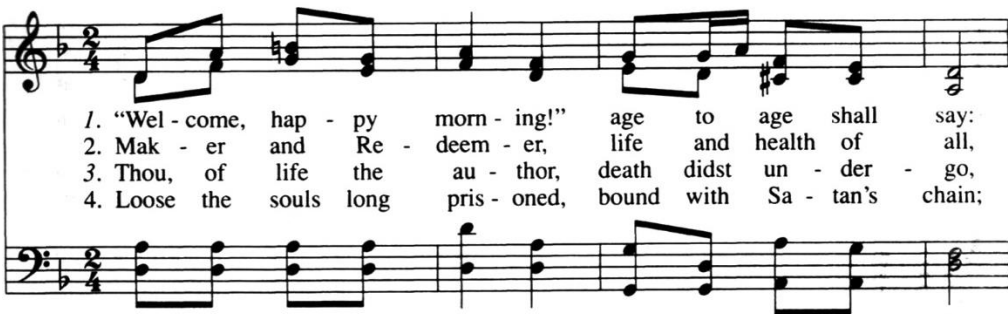
2. God's _____ Servant

Prayer of Application

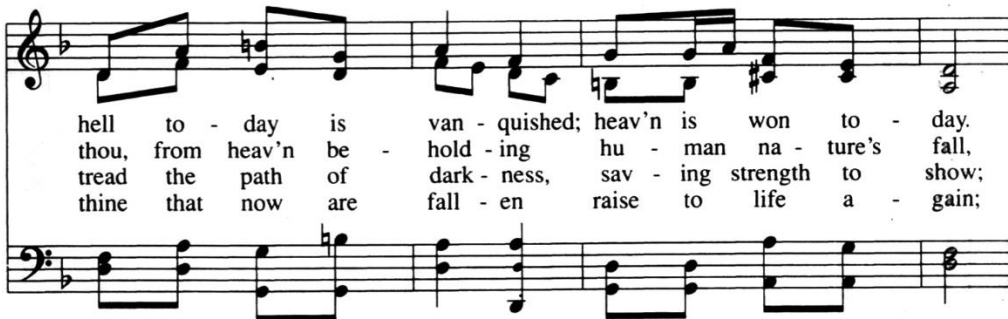
The sermon concludes with a prayer asking the Lord to help us to be those who listen to his word and obey it. "...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

***First Song of Response**

Welcome, Happy Morning!



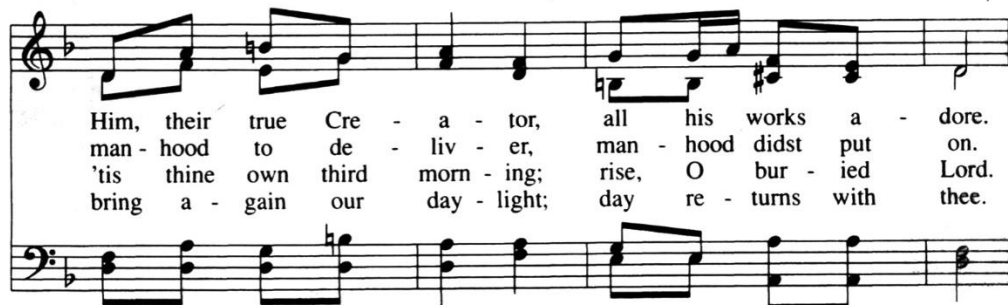
1. "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say:
 2. Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
 3. Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,
 4. Loose the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;



hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day.
 thou, from heav'n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;
 thine that now are fall - en raise to life a - gain;



Lo! the Dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
 come then, True and Faith - ful, now ful - fil thy word,
 show thy face in bright - ness, bid the na - tions see;



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.
 man - hood to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
 'tis thine own third morn - ing; rise, O bur - ied Lord.
 bring a - gain our day - light; day re - turns with thee.

Reading of the Gospel:

John 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

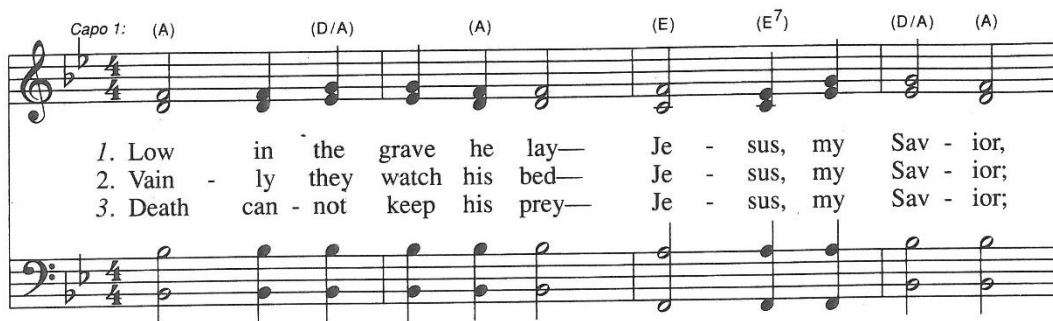
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

*Second Song of Response:

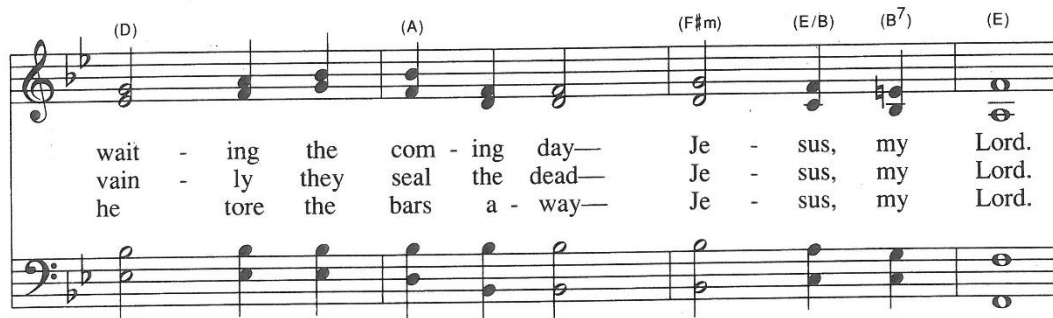
Up from the Grave He Arose

Capo 1: (A) (D/A) (A) (E) (E⁷) (D/A) (A)



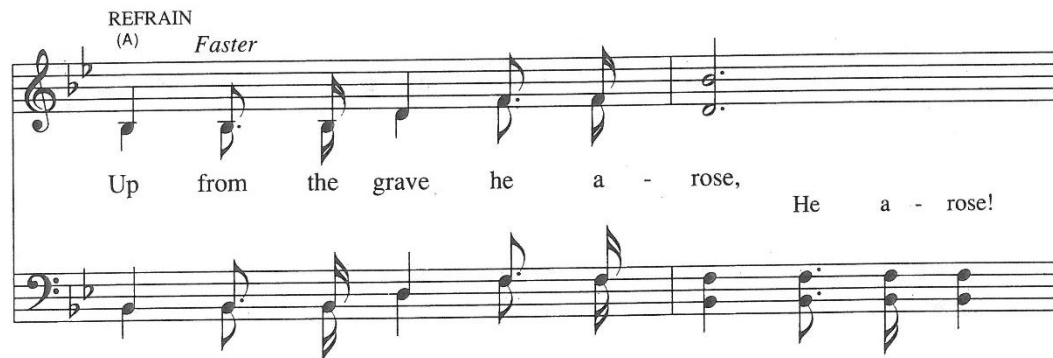
1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior,
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;

(D) (A) (F#m) (E/B) (B⁷) (E)



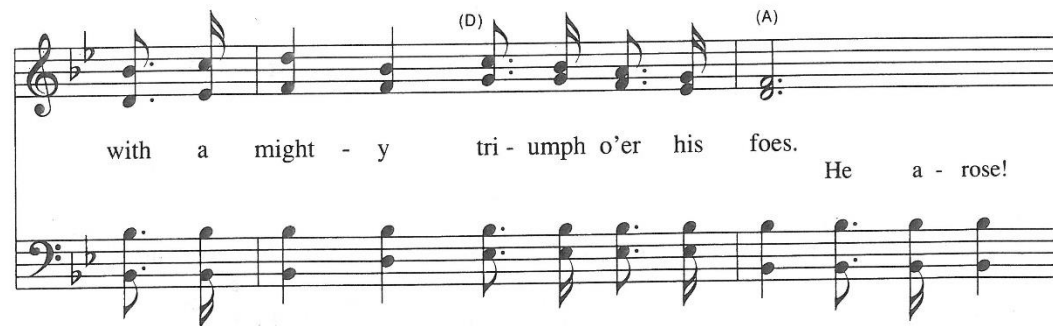
wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord.
 vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord.
 he tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord.

REFRAIN (A) *Faster*



Up from the grave he a - rose, He a - rose!

(D) (A)



with a might - y tri - umph o'er his foes. He a - rose!

He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a - rose!

He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

He a - rose!

Robert Lowry, 1874

CHRIST AROSE 11.10.ref.
Robert Lowry, 1874

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.'

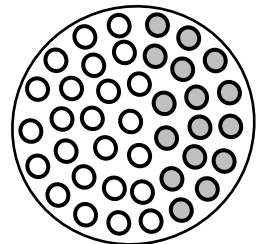
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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: Worship Christ, the Risen King!**

♯ B♭ F7 B♭ ♯ E♭ B♭ Gm F7 B♭

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voic- es, Christ has con- quered death and hell.
 2. See the tomb where death had laid him, emp - ty now, its mouth de - clares:
 3. Hear the earth pro - test and trem - ble, see the stone re - moved with pow'r;
 4. Doubt may lift its head to mur - mur, scoff - ers mock and sin - ners jeer;
 5. We ac - claim your life, O Je - sus, now we sing your vic - to - ry;

B♭ F7 Gm D Gm D Gm F C7 F

Sing as all the earth re - joic - es; res - ur - rec - tion an - thems swell.
 "Death and I could not con - tain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's min - ions may as - sem - ble, but can - not with - stand his hour.
 but the truth pro - claims a won - der thought - ful hearts re - ceive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your con - quest keeps us free.

F B♭7 E♭ ♯ Cm Dm Cm Gm B♭ F7 B♭ ♯

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!
 • He has con - quered, he has con - quered, Christ the Lord, the ris - en King!
 He is ris - en, he is ris - en, now re - ceive the ris - en King!
 Stand in tri - umph, stand in tri - umph, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!

God's Blessing

*Benediction:

Hebrews 13:20-21

*Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
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.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Detail from Henry Ossawa Tanner, *The Two Disciples at the Tomb*. c. 1906. Oil on canvas, 51 in x 41 7/8 in. Art Institute of Chicago, Robert A. Waller Fund. Reference Number 1906.300. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (277), "Welcome, Happy Morning!" (268), "Up from the Grave He Arose" (276), and "Worship Christ, the Risen King!" (286) 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 artist: hannahklaushunterarts.com/bio. Page 5: Gregory Nazianzen (4th Century, as quoted in *Fount of Heavens: Prayers of the Early Church*, Ed., Robert Elmer, Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2022, 66). 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 Hebrew and English texts, a variety of commentaries and study aids have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the book of Isaiah, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of John Calvin, Bob Fyall, Matthew Henry, J. Alec Motyer, Graham S. Ogden, Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr., Shalom M. Paul, Gary V. Smith, Jan Sterk, Barry G. Webb, Edward J. Young, 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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Our Supported Missions and Missionaries:

As a congregation, Hershey PCA supports a variety of people and agencies seeking to advance the gospel and build up the church, including:

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Craig & Ree Coulbourne (MTW Japan)
Chris & Kelsey Peter (RUF at Millersville)
Cam & Kaela Smith (RUF at PSU)
Richard & Lynne Smith (RUF-I at PSU)
Anees & Fareda Zaka (CWW)
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