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Front Cover Artwork

Richard Parkes Bonington, *An Estuary in Northern France possibly that of the River Somme*, about 1825-7, Oil on fiber board, 16.7 × 27.9 cm., Inventory Number: NG6619, Accepted by HM Government in lieu of Inheritance Tax and allocated to the National Gallery, 2012, National Gallery of Art, London, not on display.

“It is likely that Bonington made this around 1825-7 at La Ferté, on the estuary of the river Somme in northern France. He probably painted it on location using a wet-in-wet technique—painting directly onto wet paint rather than building up layers or glazes over time—that enabled him to recreate the spontaneity of watercolor in oils. Broad horizontal brushstrokes evoke an expansive blue sky. Vertical strokes create a bank of clouds and a suggestion of rain in the distance. Some details, such as the seated woman on the right, may have been added later in the studio.

“Bonington’s parents were English but he spent much of his life in France, travelling extensively in Normandy and Picardy. The freshness and immediacy of his painting was particularly admired by French artists, such as Eugène Delacroix, and later by the Impressionists. One of the most promising artists of his generation, he died aged only 25 in 1828.”

from <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/richard-parkes-bonington-an-estuary-in-northern-france>



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), Isaiah Church (violin), Peter Gobble (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (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 Joe Kearns and Greg Moore.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 46:10-11

*"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"*

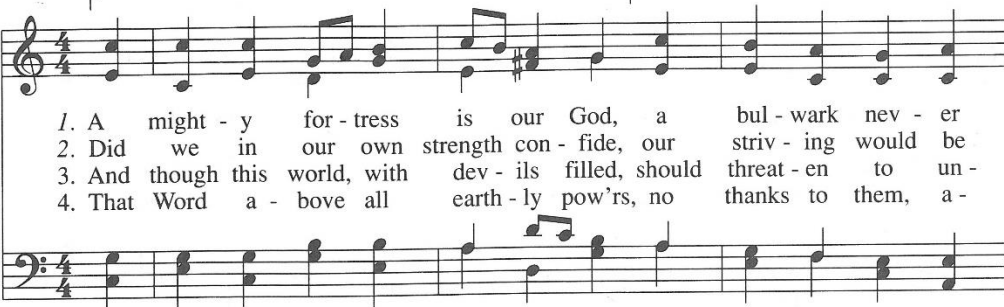
*¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Light Text = Read by Leader

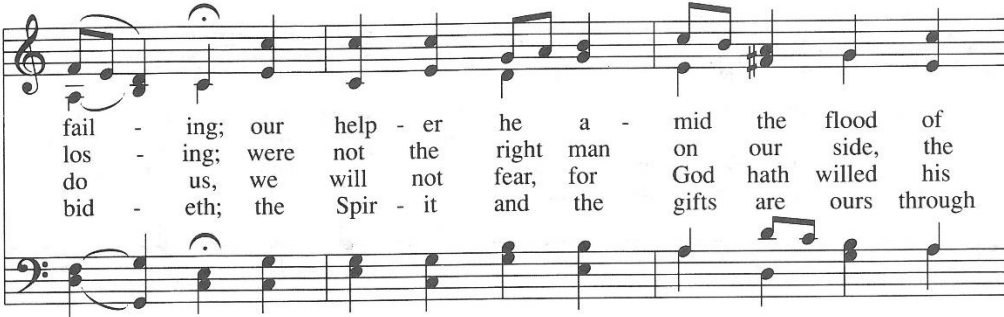
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*Response of Praise:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



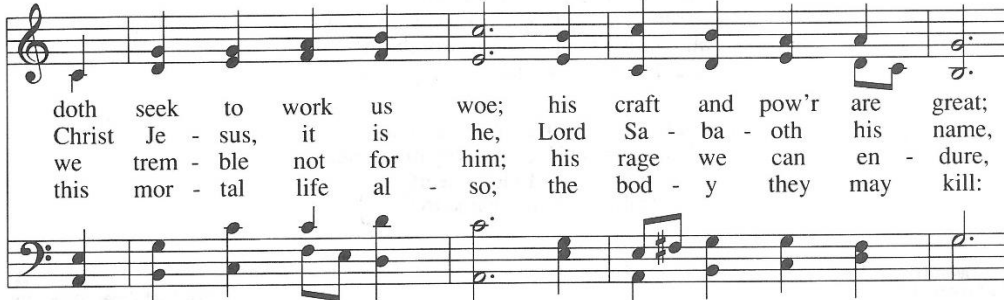
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

Based on Psalm 46
 Martin Luther, 1529
 Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

Ein' feste Burg 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7.
 Martin Luther, 1529

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.

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.

* "‘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.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Exodus 20:12

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).

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Q. 64. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requires the preserving of honor, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

Q. 65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belong to everyone in their several places and relations.

Q. 66. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is, a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of June 2-8, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Director of Community Development Charles Emerick
- **Civil Government:** US Senator John Fetterman
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Taiwan
- **Unreached People Group:** Batlukh-Gid of Russia
Population: 31,000; Language: Avar; 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:** Peter M.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Elder Greg Moore
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Proclamation Presbyterian Church, Mt. Joy, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Rick and Clare –
serving in a sensitive area

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

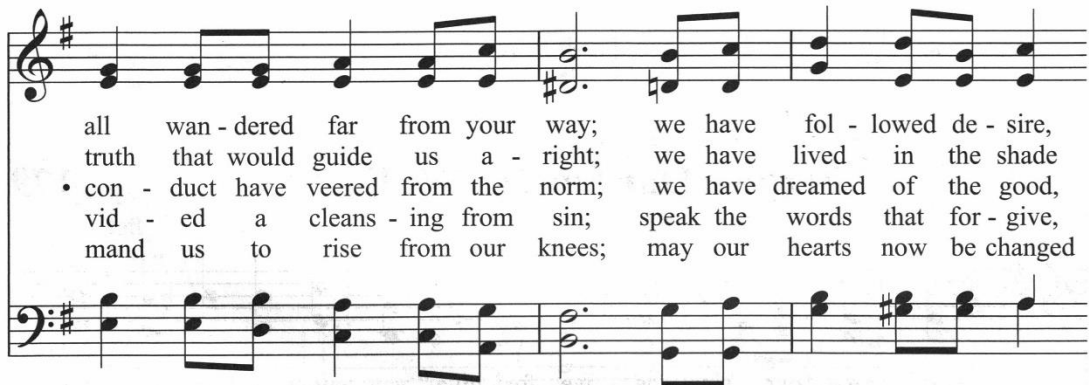
Offertory

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

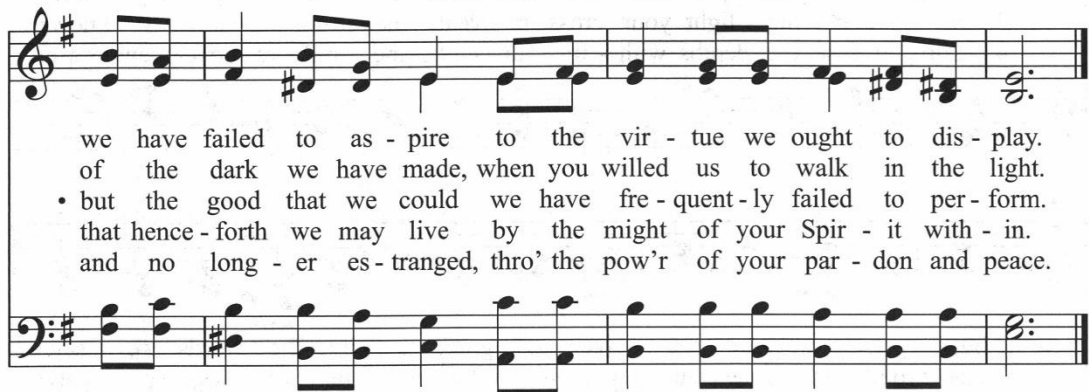
***Song of Preparation: Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned**



1. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, we have sinned in your sight, we have
2. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, we've ne - glect - ed your Word and the
3. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, we have bro - ken your laws and in
4. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, in Christ's death on the cross you pro -
5. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, bid us lift up our heads and com -



all wan - dered far from your way; we have fol - lowed de - sire,
truth that would guide us a - right; we have lived in the shade
• con - duct have veered from the norm; we have dreamed of the good,
vid - ed a cleans - ing from sin; speak the words that for - give,
mand us to rise from our knees; may our hearts now be changed



we have failed to as - pire to the vir - tue we ought to dis - play.
of the dark we have made, when you willed us to walk in the light.
• but the good that we could we have fre - quent - ly failed to per - form.
that hence - forth we may live by the might of your Spir - it with - in.
and no long - er es - tranged, thro' the pow'r of your par - don and peace.

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:**

Isaiah 55:6-13

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

An Everlasting Sign (3)

Today's Text: Isaiah 55:6-13

Pastor David Kertland

Overall theme: Humble yourself before the Lord because you can trust his powerful word to bring joy and peace.

Previously:

1. God view is high and wise. He freely forgives and pardons, (vv. 8-9)
2. God's word is sufficient and effective. (vv. 10-11)

Today:

3. God's plan is _____ and _____. (vv. 12-13)

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.'

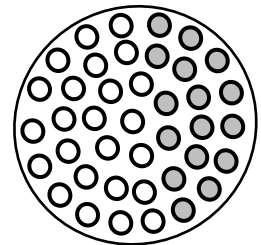
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.



Communion Meditation "His Robes for Mine"

(See lyrics on page 15.)

Prayer

white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

Celebrating God's Blessing

***Song of Celebration:**

All Glory Be to Christ

1. Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive;
2. His will be done, His king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove;
3. When on the day the great I Am, the Faith - ful and the True

Un - less the Lórd does raise the house, in vain its build - ers strive.
Who is Him - self our dai - ly bread, praise Him the Lord of love.
The Lamb who was for sin - ners slain, is mak - ing all things new.

To you who boast to - mor - row's gain, tell me what is your life?
Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price,
Be - hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light,

A mist that van - ish - es at dawn, all glo - ry be to Christ!
 We'll take a cup of kind - ness yet, all glo - ry be to Christ!
 And we shall e'er His peo - ple be, all glo - ry be to Christ!

All glo - ry be to Christ, our King. All glo - ry be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glo - ry be to Christ!

Words: Dustin Kensrue

Music: *Auld Lang Syne* - Scottish traditional

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Receiving 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:** Michael J. Sweere, *Untitled*. Tin mosaic tryptic. Currently hanging in the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Emergency Department Waiting Room. Personal photo from 04/25/2024. Used with permission of the artist.
- 2) **Music:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (92) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned" (180) is reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Willow Grove, PA: Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture, 2018). "All Glory Be to Christ" (133) is reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (The Master's Seminary Press, Los Angeles, CA, 2015). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 8: Confession of Sin #8 from *The Worship Sourcebook, 2nd Ed.* (Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, 2013, page 569). 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).

* Congregation standing

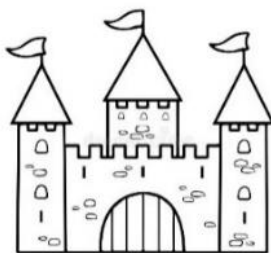
His Robes for Mine

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.
I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own:
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: What cause have I for dread?
God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.
Faultless, I stand with righteous works not mine,
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.
I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own:
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.
I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own:
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: Such anguish none can know.
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!
I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own:
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.



“The King Is Coming!” Sign Up for VBS!

It's time to sign up for our medieval-themed Vacation Bible School program, Monday through Thursday, June 24-27 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Children aged 3 through completed Grade 5 will participate in Bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks. Registration forms and invitations to give out to friends and family are on the table at the back for our worship space.



Wednesday Evening Church Family Ministries!

Join us this summer for 6 weeks of Wednesday Evening Church Family Ministries beginning on Wednesday, **July 10** from **6:00 PM** to **7:30 PM**. Each Wednesday evening (July 10 through August 14) will include:

Kids Club: for children up to completed Grade 5. Club will include time for games, stories, crafts, and snacks. This is a good follow-up to VBS. Invite your friends to come along!

Women's Bible Study: We will study Psalm 23, using the book *Rest for Weary Souls* by Sophron Studies and spend time in small groups praying with and for one another.

Men's Summer Training Camp: A six-week men's fellowship time to strengthen our bond to Christ and to each other. We will memorize and discuss a Scripture passage and its application to our lives; set personal spiritual goals, and participate in small group accountability and prayer.

For our planning purposes, please sign up all who plan to participate. Sign-up sheets are in the back of our worship space. You can also call or email the church office.



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