



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

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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 (leading worship and violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Peter Gible (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Jared Salyards (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 Dave Eakin and Josh Franklin.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

1 Chronicles 16:8-11, 35-36a

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

⁹ Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

¹⁰ Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

¹¹ Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

³⁵ "Save us, O God of our salvation,

and gather and deliver us from among the nations,

that we may give thanks to your holy name

and glory in your praise.

³⁶ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting!"

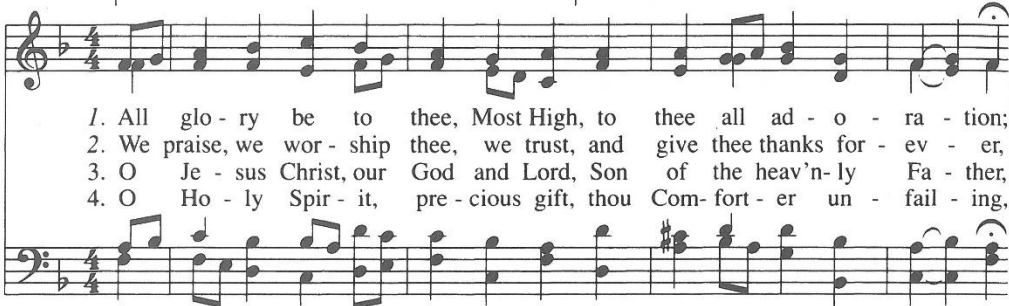
Amen!

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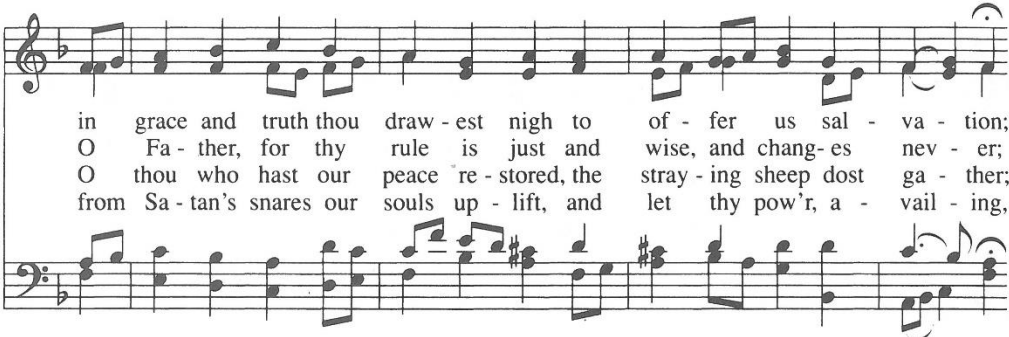
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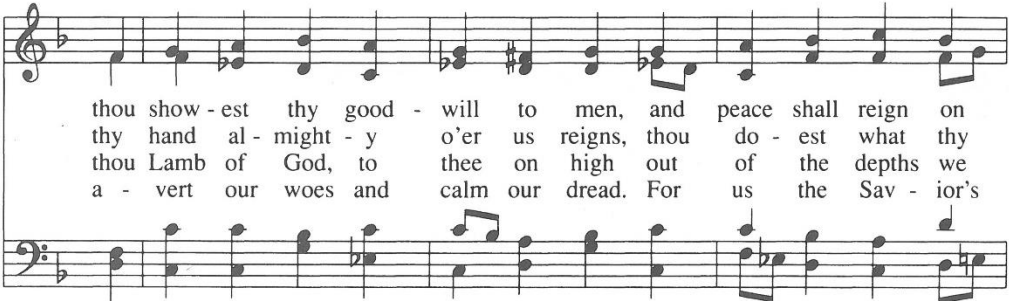
All Glory Be to Thee, Most High



1. All glo - ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad - o - ra - tion;
 2. We praise, we wor - ship thee, we trust, and give thee thanks for - ev - er,
 3. O Je - sus Christ, our God and Lord, Son of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther,
 4. O Ho - ly Spir - it, pre - cious gift, thou Com - fort - er un - fail - ing,



in grace and truth thou draw - est nigh to of - fer us sal - va - tion;
 O Fa - ther, for thy rule is just and wise, and chang - es nev - er;
 O thou who hast our peace re - stored, the stray - ing sheep dost ga - ther;
 from Sa - tan's snares our souls up - lift, and let thy pow'r, a - vail - ing,



thou show - est thy good - will to men, and peace shall reign on
 thy hand al - might - y o'er us reigns, thou do - est what thy
 thou Lamb of God, to thee on high out of the depths we
 a - vert our woes and calm our dread. For us the Sav - ior's



earth a - gain; we praise thy name for - ev - er.
 will or - dains; 'tis well for us thou rul - est.
 sin - ners cry: have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!
 blood was shed; we trust in thee to save us.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Hebrews 1:1-4

*Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,
whom he appointed the heir of all things,
through whom also he created the world.
He is the radiance of the glory of God
and the exact imprint of his nature,
and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.
After making purification for sins,
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
having become as much superior to angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.*

***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

Matthew 15:3-9

Today's reading continues to explore in Scripture the Fifth Commandment about honoring parents.

³ He answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'

⁵ But you say, 'If anyone tells his father or his mother, "What you would have gained from me is given to God," ⁶ he need not honor his father.'

So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.

⁷ You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

*⁸ "This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;*

*⁹ in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"*

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Romans 8:1

*There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of June 9-15, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Chief of Police Garth Warner
- **Civil Government:** US Representative Scott Perry
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Ukraine
- **Unreached People Group:** Batui of Indonesia
Population: 3,700; Language: Batui; 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:** Catherine S.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Elder Nick Yingst
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** St. Stephen Reformed Church, New Holland, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** RUF at 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

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

*Song of Preparation:

As the Deer

D A/C# Bm Bm/A G A sus A

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter

D A/C# Bm D

you; you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I

Em7 A7sus A7 D Bm Bm/A

long to wor - ship you. You a - lone are my

G D/F# G Bm/F# Em F#sus F#

strength, my shield; to you a - lone may my spir - it yield;

D A/C# Bm D Em7 A7sus A7 D

you a - lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor - ship you!

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 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: One with the Father (13): ***Darkness or Light?***

Today's Text: John 8:12 Pastor David Kertland

1. _____ is Jesus?

2. The _____ of the world.

3. True _____ .

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.'

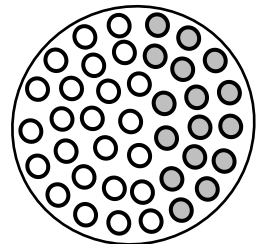
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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

Celebrating God's Blessing

***Song of Celebration:**

The Light of the World Is Jesus

1. The whole world was lost in the dark - ness of sin; the light of the
2. No dark - ness have we who in Je - sus a - bide, the light of the
3. Ye dwell - ers in dark - ness with sin - blind - ed eyes, the light of the
4. No need of the sun - light in heav - en, we're told, the light of the

world is Je - sus; like sun - shine at noon - day his glo - ry shone in,
world is Je - sus; we walk in the light when we fol - low our Guide,
world is Je - sus; go, wash at his bid - ding, and light will a - rise,
world is Je - sus; the Lamb is the light in the Cit - y of Gold,

the light of the world is Je - sus.
the light of the world is Je - sus. Come to the light, 'tis
the light of the world is Je - sus.
the light of the world is Je - sus.

shin - ing for thee; sweet - ly the light has dawned up - on me; once I was

blind, but now I can see; the light of the world is Je - sus.

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

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Philip P. Bliss, 1875

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction:

from 2 Corinthians 4:6

May God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
shine in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Postlude

To our guests this morning: We are very glad that you have joined us for worship today. We hope you can stay a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members and friends.

After the service, greet someone you don't know. If you see someone sitting or standing alone, welcome them in the name of Christ! The time after worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ, feel free to sit down with someone for conversation or prayer.

* Congregation standing

Today's Service Information

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- 1) **Music:** "All Glory Be to Thee, Most High" (102) and "The Light of the World Is Jesus" (476) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "As the Deer" (503) are reprinted from *Lift Up Your Hearts: Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* (Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, 2013). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 2) **Quotes:** Page 2 about the artist and artwork: from <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/richard-parkes-bonington-an-estuary-in-northern-france>. 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.
- 3) **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.
- 4) The **"Invitation to the Lord's Supper"** and the communion page information was, in part, modified from the practice of Redeemer PCA in NYC (2008) and Westminster PCA in Lancaster, PA (2015).

THE KING IS COMING!

Vacation Bible School

June 24-27, 2024

Monday -Thursday Evenings from 5:30-7:30 PM

For ages 3 through completed 5th Grade

Enjoy singing, stories, crafts, outside games, and snacks!

Sign up today!

A link to the registration form is on our website.





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