



Hershey Presbyterian
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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 (leading worship), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Mark Tedford (preaching), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst.

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

Happy Father's Day!

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and grandfathers! While our worship service remains focused on the worship of our Sovereign God, we are grateful to Him for providing fathers who love and care for the covenant children of our worship site. Thank you for all that you do!

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 136:1-4

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

*Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

*³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;*

*⁴ to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever*

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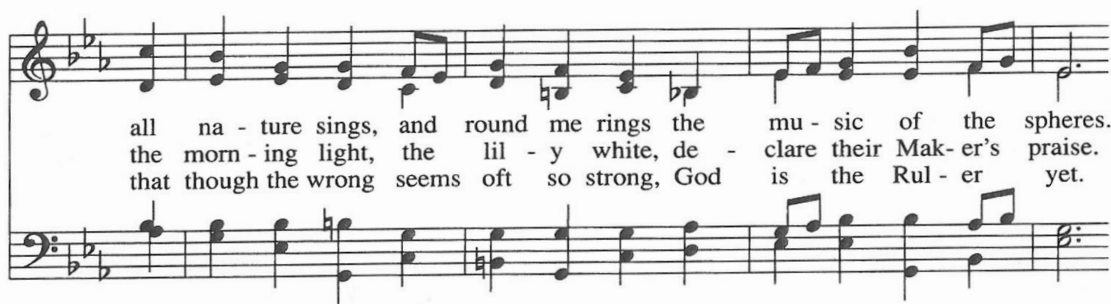
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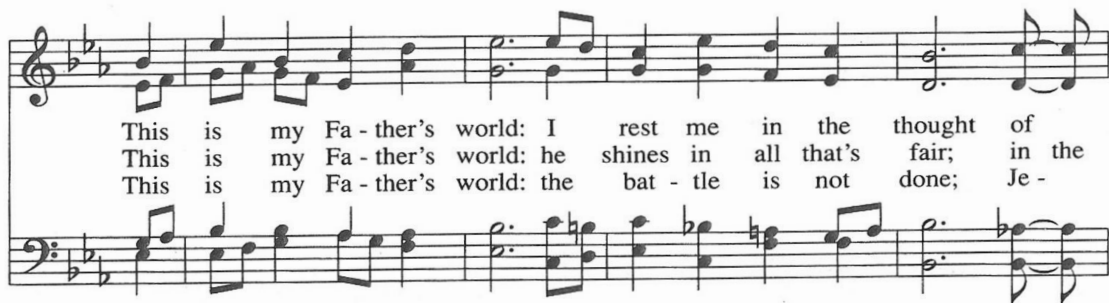
This Is My Father's World



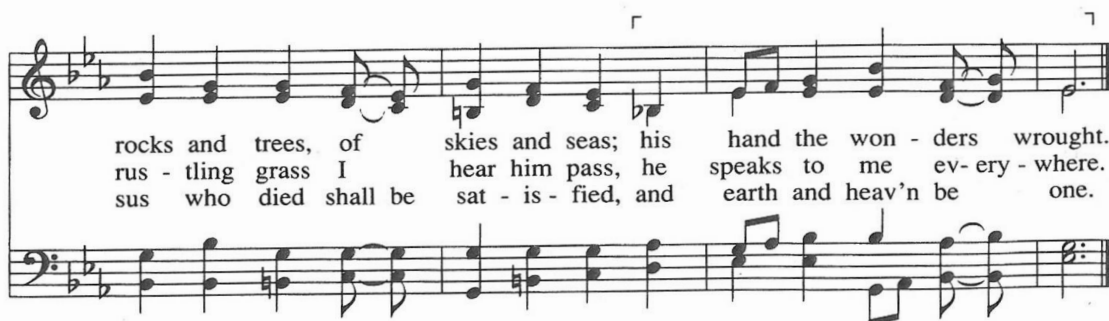
1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get



all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

***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.**

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Ephesians 6:1-4

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

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

John 3:16-18

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of June 16-22, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Hershey Volunteer Fire Department Chief
Patrick Leonard
- **Civil Government:** President Joe Biden
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** China
- **Unreached People Group:** Batwal of India
Population: 100,700; Language: Dogri and Kashmiri; Religion: Hinduism and 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:** Deacon Keith Dolon
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Bethany Presbyterian Church, Oxford, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Richard and Lynne Smith,
serving with RUF-I 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.

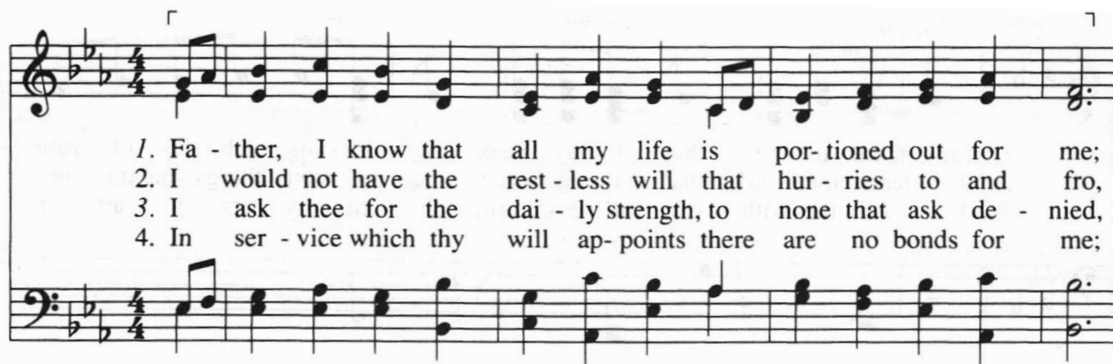
Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

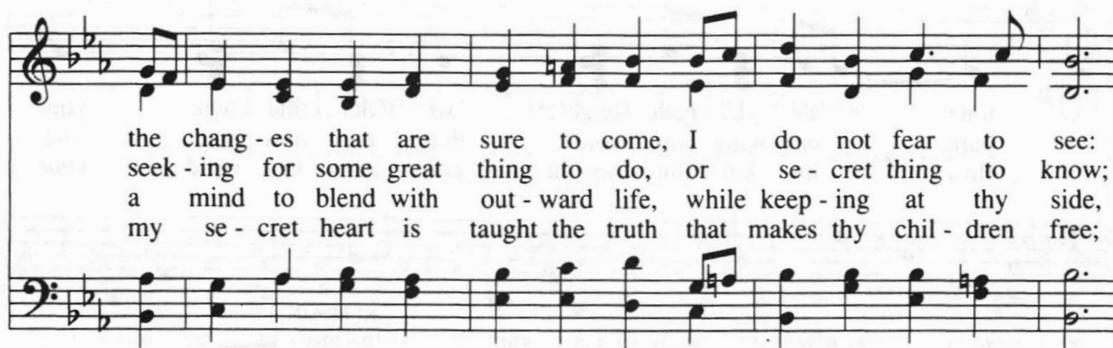
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***Song of Preparation:**

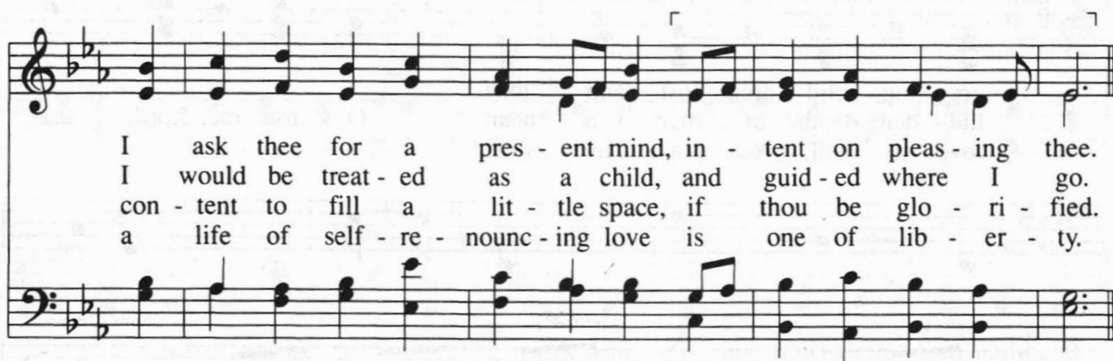
Father, I Know That All My Life



1. Fa - ther, I know that all my life is por - tioned out for me;
2. I would not have the rest - less will that hur - ries to and fro,
3. I ask thee for the dai - ly strength, to none that ask de - nied,
4. In ser - vice which thy will ap - points there are no bonds for me;



the chang - es that are sure to come, I do not fear to see:
seek - ing for some great thing to do, or se - cret thing to know;
a mind to blend with out - ward life, while keep - ing at thy side,
my se - cret heart is taught the truth that makes thy chil - dren free;



I ask thee for a pres - ent mind, in - tent on pleas - ing thee.
I would be treat - ed as a child, and guid - ed where I go.
con - tent to fill a lit - tle space, if thou be glo - ri - fied.
a life of self - re - nounc - ing love is one of lib - er - ty.

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:**

1 John 2:24-3:3

Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

²⁶ I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷ But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. ²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

^{3:1} See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:***Children of the Father***

Today's Text: 1 John 2:24-3:3

Rev. Mark Tedford

1. All of us in the human race are children of God as our Creator. 1 John 2:24-3:3

2. Believers in Jesus Christ are children of God in a special way.
What kind of "love" is this?

3. As God's children we live in confidence and purity, expecting to see Him one day.

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.'

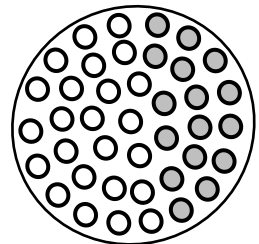
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.



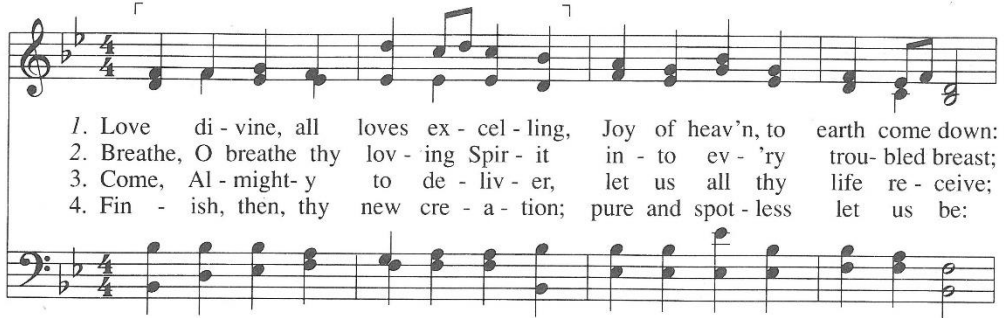
white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

Prayer

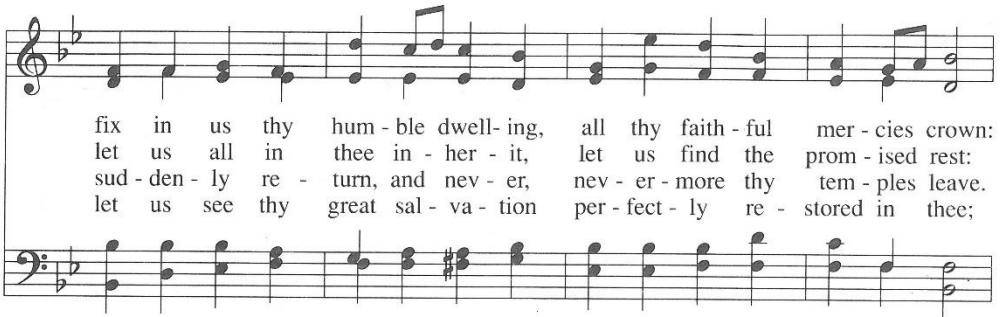
Celebrating God's Blessing

***Song of Celebration:**

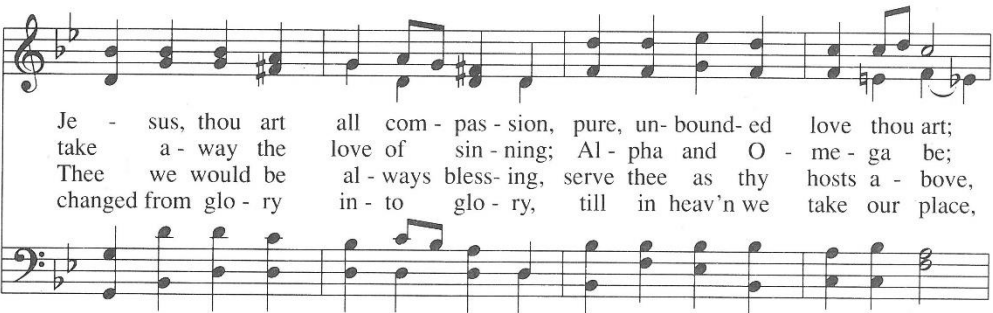
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



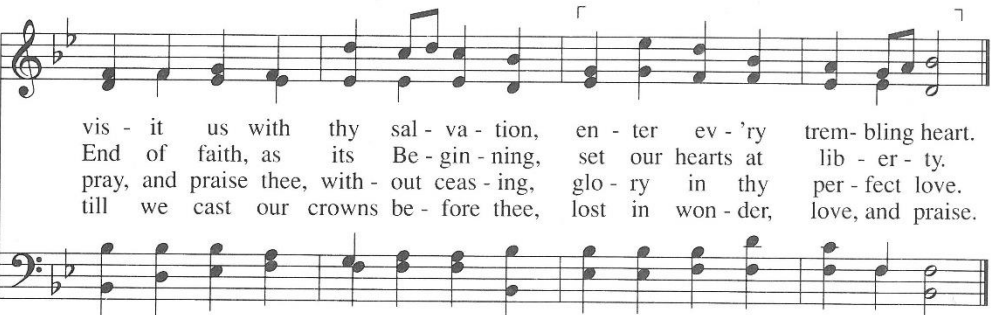
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray, and praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley, 1747

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 John Zundel, 1870; alt. 1990

Receiving 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.

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- 3) 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



THE KING IS COMING!

Vacation Bible School

June 24-27, 2024

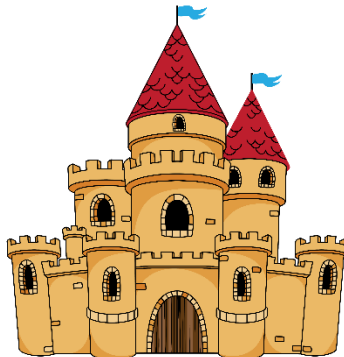
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For ages 3 through completed 5th Grade

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Mission to the World (www.mtw.org): international missions in keeping with the Great Commission



Mission to North America (www.pcamna.org): North American missions in keeping with the Great Commission.



Committee on Discipleship Ministries

(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.



Covenant College

(www.covenant.edu): our denominational college on Lookout Mountain, GA (overlooking Chattanooga, TN)



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.



Reformed Universities Ministries (www.ruf.org): the PCA college campus ministry



Ridge Haven Camp, Conference Center, Retreat Center, and Residential Community

(www.ridgehaven.org): providing camps, retreats, conferences, and etc.



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