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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), Keith Dolon (sound), Dave Eakin (vocals), Peter Gible (viola), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), 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 2 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 Josh Franklin.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus

*⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.*

*⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.*

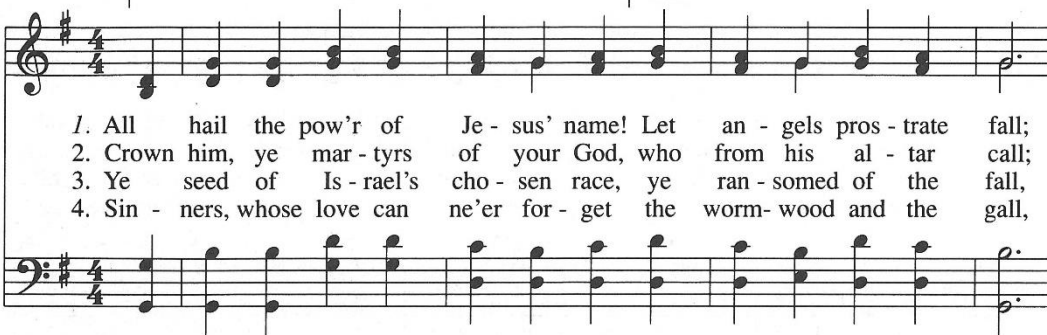
***⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.***

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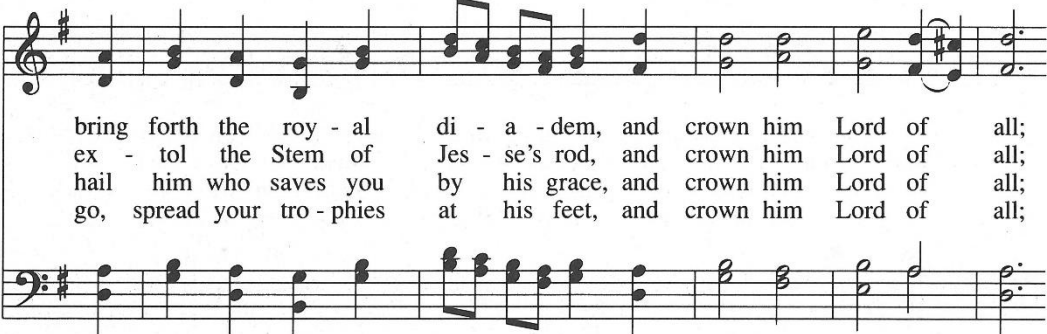
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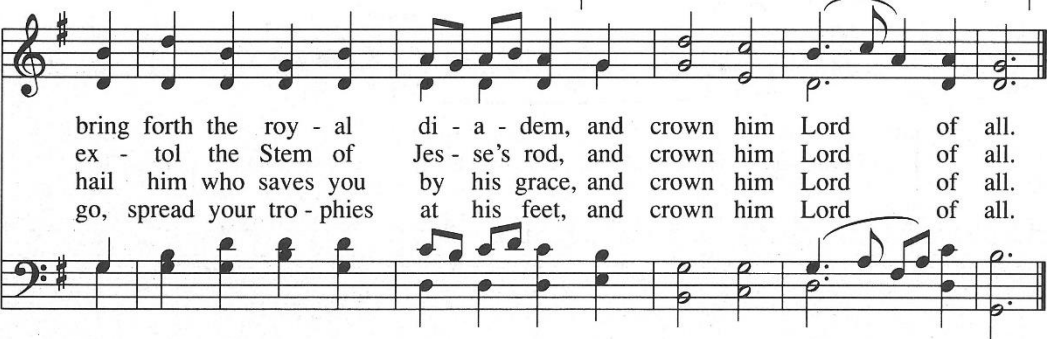
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm- wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;



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5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

1 John 4:7-12

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,
and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

***In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.
In this is love, not that we have loved God
but that he loved us and sent his Son
to be the propitiation for our sins.***

*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
No one has ever seen God; if we love one another,
God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*

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***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

Romans 13:7-10

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

*Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to
whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom
honor is owed.*

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⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

***Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.***

***² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!***

***³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.***

***⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.***

***¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.***

***¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.***

***¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.***

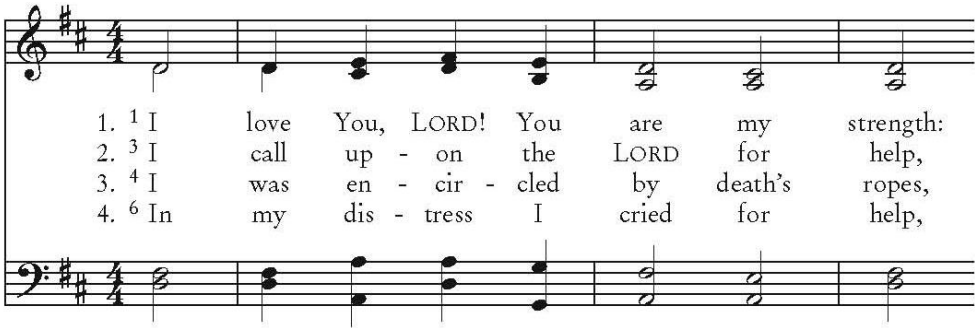
Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

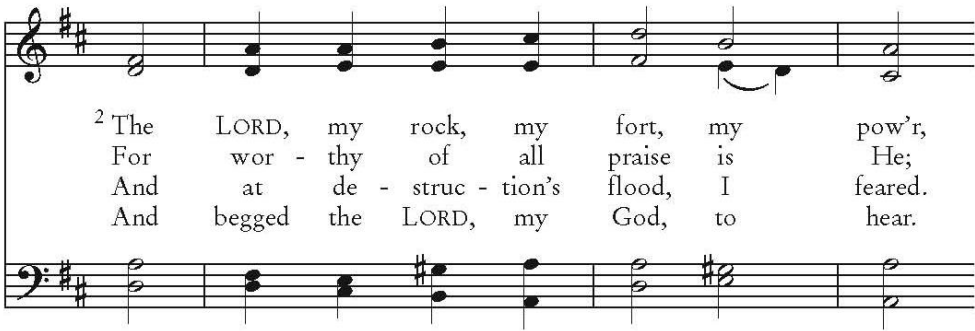
***Song of Thanksgiving:**

I Love You, Lord (Psalm 18:1-6)



1. ¹ I love You, LORD! You are my strength:
 2. ³ I call up - on the LORD for help,
 3. ⁴ I was en - cir - cled by death's ropes,
 4. ⁶ In my dis - tress I cried for help,

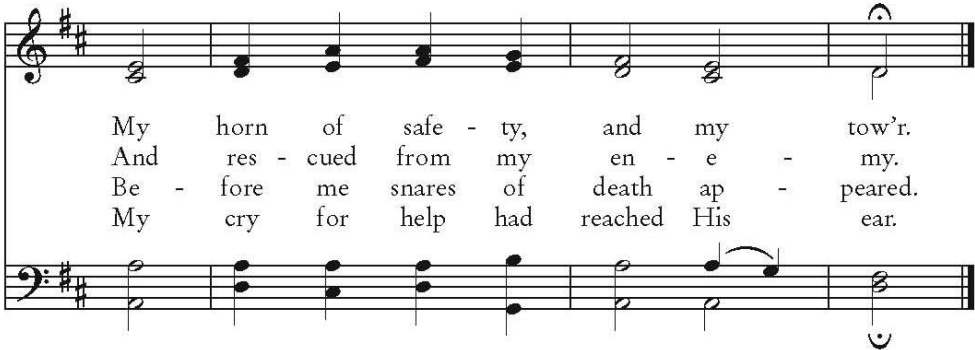
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² The LORD, my rock, my fort, my pow'r,
 For wor - thy of all praise is He;
 And at de - struc - tion's flood, I feared.
 And begged the LORD, my God, to hear.



My God, my hid - ing place, my shield,
 And in this way I will be saved
⁵ The ropes of She - ol wrapped a - round;
 He from His tem - ple heard my voice;



My horn of safe - ty, and my tow'r.
 And res - cued from my en - e - my.
 Be - fore me snares of death ap - peared.
 My cry for help had reached His ear.

Lowell Mason, 1830

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of June 23-29, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Director of Public Works
Thomas Clark
- **Civil Government:** Vice President Kamala Harris
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Honduras
- **Unreached People Group:** Bauchi of Nigeria
Population: 40,000; Language: Bauchi; 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:** Tim G.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Deacon Brad Weaver
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Faith Church, Quarryville, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Anees and Fareda,
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

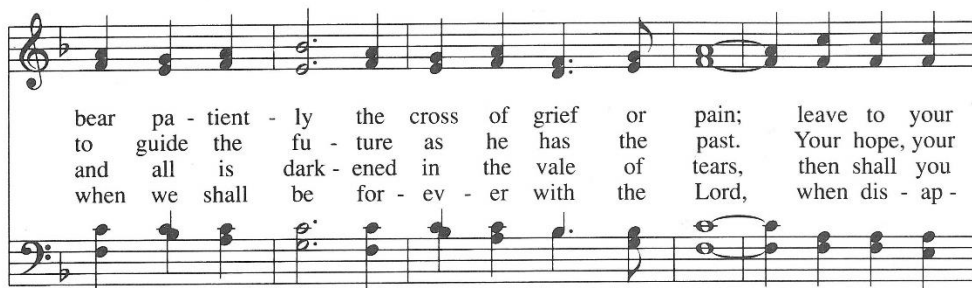
During this song, children from 4 years old to 3rd grade are dismissed
to attend Junior Church in Room 111.

*Song of Preparation:

Be Still, My Soul



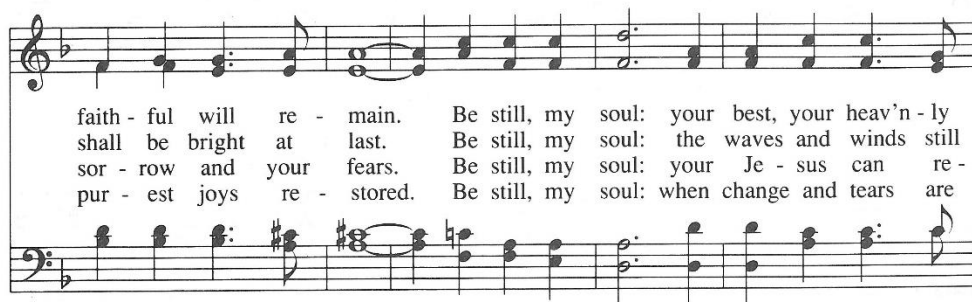
1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on



bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
to guide the fu - ture as he has the past. Your hope, your
and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears, then shall you
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -



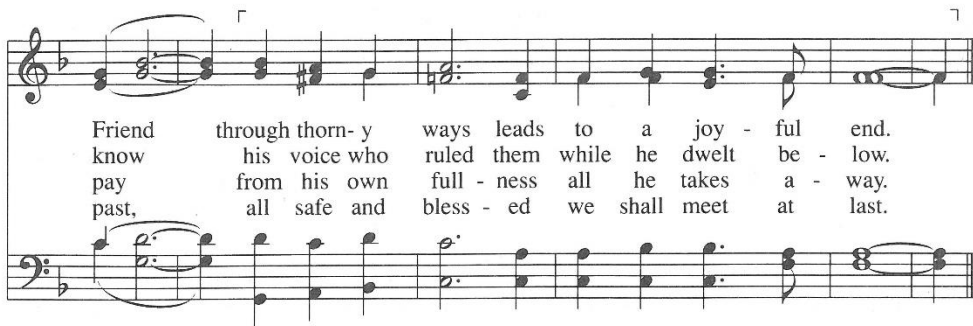
God to or - der and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he
con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious
bet - ter know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your
point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's



faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly
shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
sor - row and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re -
pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752
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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 8:12-30

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." ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father^[a] who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

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²¹ So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." ²² So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come?'" ²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." ²⁵ So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." ²⁷ They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. ²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." ³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon:

The True Witness

Today's Text: John 8:12-30

Pastor David Kertland

1. The faithful and true _____ .
2. Why _____ what Jesus says?
 - a. His witness is _____ in itself.
 - b. He has _____ knowledge of God.
 - c. He has the Father's _____ .
3. Why do Jesus's words _____ ?
 - a. We are left without _____ .
 - b. Jesus came for our _____ .
 - c. Jesus is our only _____ .

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.'

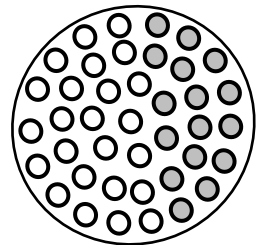
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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:**

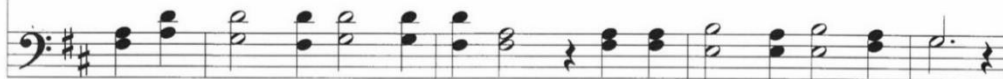
Across the Lands



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be - gan;
2. Yet You left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost,
3. With a shout You rose vic - to-rious, wrest-ing vic - t'ry from the grave



eve - ry star and eve - ry plan-et has been fash-ioned by Your hand.
and ex-changed the joy of heav-en for the an-guish of a cross.
and as - cend - ed in - to heav-en, lead-ing cap - tives in Your way.



All cre - a - tion holds to-gether by the pow - er of Your voice;
With a prayer You fed the hun-gry, with a word You calmed the sea,
Now You stand be - fore the Fa-ther, in - ter - ced - ing for Your own;



let the skies de-clare Your glo-ry; let the land and seas re - joice!
yet how si - lent - ly You suf-fered, that the guilt - y may go free!
from each tribe and tongue and na-tion You are lead-ing sin-ners home!



Please turn the page for the Chorus —————>

You're the Au - thor of cre - a - tion, You're the Lord of eve - ry

man, and Your cry of love rings out a - cross the lands.

TEXT and MUSIC: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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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.

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- 3) **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.
- 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).



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