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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), Laura Church (vocals), Dave Eakin (vocals), Peter Gibble (viola), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), 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 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 Joe Kearns and Brad Weaver.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 131

*O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
² But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.*

**³ O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

How Great Thou Art

Capo 1: B $\flat$ (A) E $\flat$ (D)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

B $\flat$ /F(A/E) F(E) B $\flat$ (A)

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

E $\flat$ (D)

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

B $\flat$ /F(A/E) F(E) B $\flat$ (A)

thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

REFRAIN

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

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how great thou art, how great thou art!

Chords: E^b(D), B^b(A), F(E), B^b(A), E^b(D), B^b(A), C^m⁷(B^m⁷), F⁷(E⁷), B^b(A)

Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt.

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Swedish folk melody
Arr. by Stuart K. Hine, 1949

The author's original words for "worlds" and "rolling" in st. 1 are "works" and "mighty."
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***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Athanasian Creed, part 2

"This creed is named after Athanasius (A.D. 293-373)...the name persists because until the seventeenth century it was commonly ascribed to him." In this second part of the creed, we confess what the Scriptures reveal to us about Jesus.

We believe and confess

**that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,
is both God and human, equally.**

**He is God from the essence of the Father,
begotten before time;
and he is human from the essence of his mother,
born in time;
completely God, completely human,
with a rational soul and human flesh;
equal to the Father as regards divinity,
less than the Father as regards humanity.**

**Although he is God and human,
yet Christ is not two, but one.**

**He is one, however,
not by his divinity being turned into flesh,
but by God's taking humanity to himself.**

**He is one,
certainly not by the blending of his essence,
but by the unity of his person.**

**For just as one human is both rational soul and flesh,
so too the one Christ is both God and human.**

**He suffered for our salvation;
he descended to hell;
he arose from the dead;
he ascended to heaven;
he is seated at the Father's right hand;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
At his coming all people will arise bodily
and give an accounting of their own deeds.
Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.**

***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

Malachi 3:1-6

In our call to confession today, the prophet reminds us that "God is not slow to judge wrongdoing...yet without the preparatory ministry of his messengers, God's own people would not survive the justice they seek. Malachi shows us how...the Lord takes the initiative to purify his people so that the greatest...injustice can be rectified: our unworthy worship. Only then does God draw near."

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.

And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶ For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

Confession of Sin

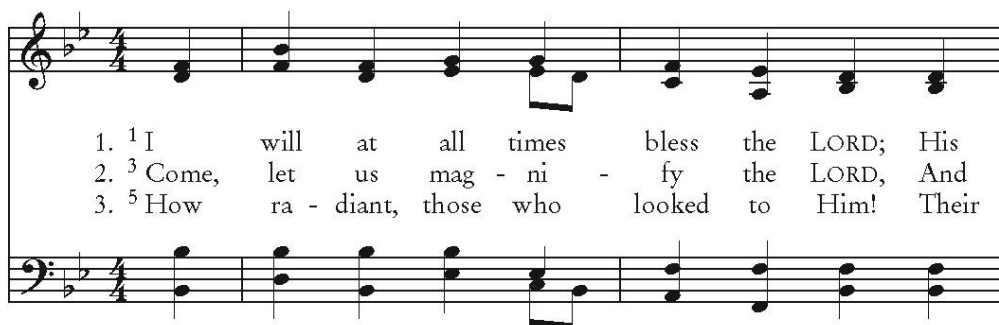
Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 Peter 1:3-5

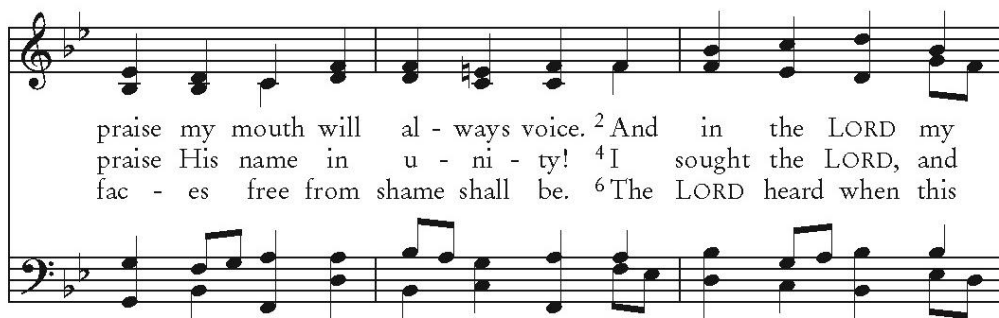
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

*Song of Thanksgiving: I Will At All Times Bless the Lord

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1. ¹ I will at all times bless the LORD; His
 2. ³ Come, let us mag - ni - fy the LORD, And
 3. ⁵ How ra - diant, those who looked to Him! Their



praise my mouth will al - ways voice. ² And in the LORD my
 praise His name in u - ni - ty! ⁴ I sought the LORD, and
 fac - es free from shame shall be. ⁶ The LORD heard when this



soul shall boast; The poor will hear it and re - joice.
 in re - ply, From all my fears He res - cued me.
 poor man cried, And from all trou - ble set him free.

4. ⁷ Encircling those who fear the LORD
 His angel camps, and rescues them.
⁸ O taste and see the LORD is good;
 How blessed are those who trust in Him.
5. ⁹⁻¹⁰ Revere the LORD, all you His saints.
 Young lions may at times lack food;
 But none who fears and seeks the LORD
 Shall be deprived of any good.

Musikalisches Handbüch, Hamburg, 1690

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of June 30-July 6, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Director of Parks and Recreation
Zachary Jackson
- **Civil Government:** US Supreme Court Justices
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** India
- **Unreached People Group:** Baul of India and Bangladesh
Population: 20,800; Language: Bengali; 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:** Ken K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Director of Covenant Family
Ministries Paul Hepperle
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church,
Shippensburg, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Committee on Discipleship
Ministries (CDM)

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.

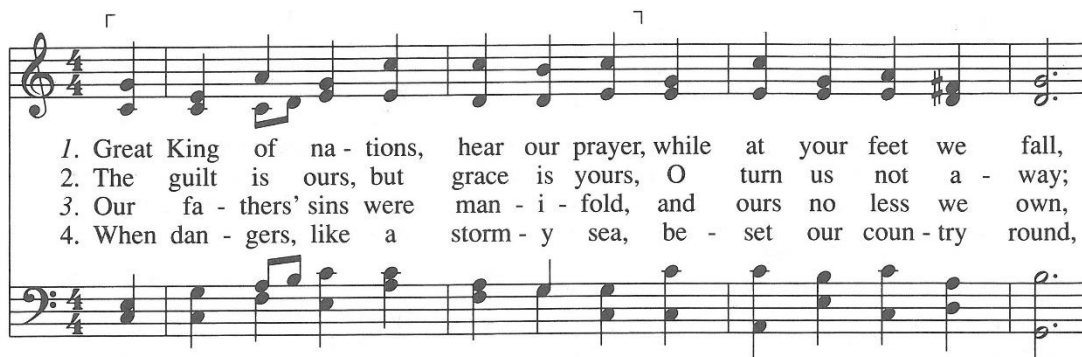
Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

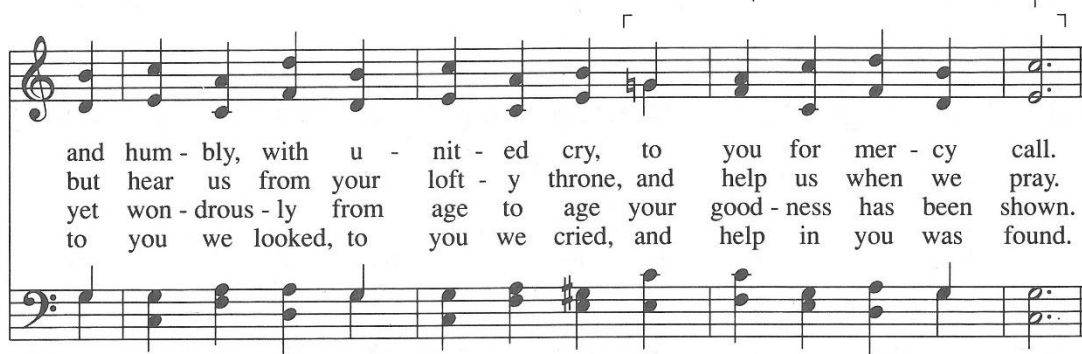
During this song, children from 4 years old to 3rd grade are dismissed
to attend Junior Church in Room 111.

*Song of Prayerful Response and Preparation:

Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer



1. Great King of na - tions, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall,
2. The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not a - way;
3. Our fa - thers' sins were man - i - fold, and ours no less we own,
4. When dan - gers, like a storm - y sea, be - set our coun - try round,



and hum - bly, with u - nit - ed cry, to you for mer - cy call.
but hear us from your loft - y throne, and help us when we pray.
yet won - drous - ly from age to age your good - ness has been shown.
to you we looked, to you we cried, and help in you was found.

5. With one consent we meekly bow
beneath your chast'ning hand,
and, pouring forth confession meet,
mourn with our mourning land.

6. With pitying eye behold our need,
as thus we lift our prayer;
correct us with your judgments, Lord,
then let your mercy spare.

John H. Gurney, 1838
Mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.
Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727
Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708

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 8:30-36

³⁰ *As he was saying these things, many believed in him.*

³¹ *So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

³³ *They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"*

³⁴ *Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

"One with the Father" (15)

Sermon:

Freedom Giver

Today's Text: John 8:30-36

Pastor David Kertland

1. The Christian's _____

2. A freedom _____

3. The freedom _____

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.'

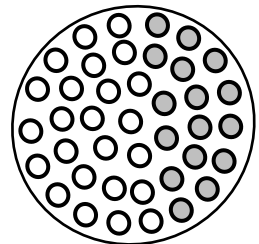
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.

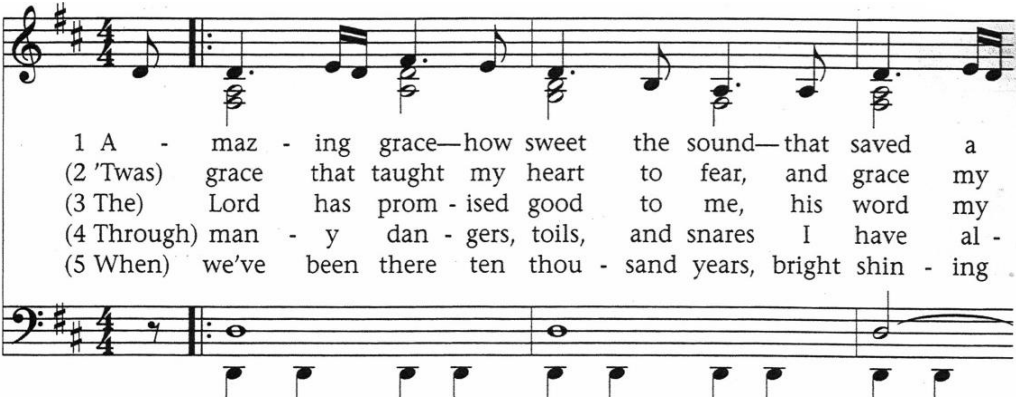


white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

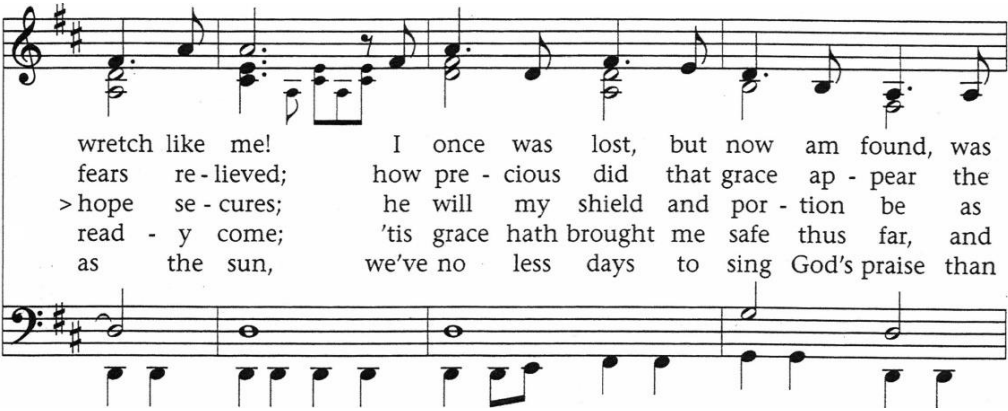
Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**



1 A - maz - ing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a
 (2 'Twas) grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my
 (3 The) Lord has prom - ised good to me, his word my
 (4 Through) man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I have al -
 (5 When) we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing



wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was
 fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the
 > hope se - cures; he will my shield and por - tion be as
 read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and
 as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than



1, 3, 5 *Fine last time* 2, 4 *To Refrain*
 blind, but now I see. 2 'Twas
 hour I first be - - lieved!
 > long as life en - dures. 4 Through
 grace will lead me home.
 when we'd first be - gun.

My chains are gone, I've been set free; my God, my

Sav - ior has ran-somed me. And like a flood, his mer-cy

rains un-end-ing love, a - maz-ing grace.

To stanzas

3 The
5 When

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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.

Today's Service Information

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- 2) **Music:** "How Great Thou Art" (44) and "Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer" (713) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "I Will At All Times Bless the Lord" (34B) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" (693) is 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.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2 about the artist and artwork: from <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/richard-parkes-bonington-an-estuary-in-northern-france>. Page 7 Call to Confession quote: Eric Ortland, *ESV Expository Commentary*, Vol 7, 755-756. 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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