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Front Cover Artwork

Winslow Homer, *Salt Kettle, Bermuda*, 1899, watercolor over graphite on wove paper, 13 15/16 in. x 21 in., National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Winslow Homer was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1836, the second of the three children, all sons, of Henrietta Benson and Charles Savage Homer. His artistic education consisted chiefly of his apprenticeship to the Boston commercial lithographer John H. Bufford, and a few lessons in painting from Frédéric Rondel after that. Following his apprenticeship, Homer worked as a free-lance illustrator for such magazines as *Harper's Weekly*.

In 1859 he moved to New York City, where began his career as a painter. He visited the front during the Civil War and his first important paintings were of Civil War subjects. In 1867 he spent a year in France. At Gloucester, Massachusetts, in 1873 he began to paint in watercolor. In 1875 he submitted his last drawing to *Harper's Weekly*, ending his career as an illustrator. He traveled widely in the 1870s in New York State, to Virginia, and Massachusetts, and in 1881 he began a two-year stay in England, living in Cullercoats, near Newcastle.

Returning to America in 1883, he settled at Prout's Neck, Maine, where he would live for the rest of his life. He continued to travel widely, to the Adirondacks, Canada, Bermuda, Florida, and the Caribbean, in all those places painting the watercolors upon which much of his later fame would be based. In 1890 he painted the first of the series of seascapes at Prout's Neck that were the most admired of his late paintings in oil. Homer died in his Prout's Neck studio on September 30, 1910.

<https://www.nga.gov/collection/artist-info.1401.html>



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), Peter Gobble (viola), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Chris Peter (preaching), 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 Nick Yingst and Dave Eakin.

Prelude

Welcome Chris Peter: We welcome Chris Peter to our pulpit this morning. Chris is one of our supported missionaries, serving with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Millersville University. RUF connects the big truths of the Bible with the big questions college students face with a desire to reach student for Christ and to equip them to serve in the church, their community, and the wider world. (See <https://ruf.org/>.) Chris will also present his ministry to the Adult Sunday School Class this morning.

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 145:1-3, 9-10

*I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.*

*² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.*

*³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

*⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

*¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!*

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

***Response of Praise: All Creatures of Our God and King**

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'All Creatures of Our God and King'. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/2 time signature. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes, with five lines of text corresponding to the five verses of the hymn. The lyrics are: 1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and strong, ye clouds that sail in 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

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with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Philippians 2:5-11

Leader:

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

Congregation:

**who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

***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 5:27-28

Today's reading continues to explore the Seventh Commandment, "Thou shall not commit adultery."

You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Confession of Sin

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against Your holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,
and so we are helpless without You.**

**O Lord, have mercy on us, miserable offenders,
spare us, as we confess our faults,
restore us, as we are penitent, according to Your promises
declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord,
and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may
hereafter live a godly, righteous, and devout life, to the glory
of Your holy name.**

Amen.

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Isaiah 53:5-6

[H]e was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 11-17, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Hershey Area Retirement Communities
- **Civil Government:** PA Governor Josh Shapiro
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Honduras
- **Unreached People Group:** Bawaria of India and Pakistan
Population: 355,000; Languages: Hindi, Punjabi, and Savaiki;
Religions: Hinduism, Sikhism, 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:** Catherine S.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Church Musicians

Our Denomination (PCA): Carlisle Reformed Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)

- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** PCA Administrative Committee

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 3^d grade are dismissed
to attend Junior Church in Room 111.*

***Song of Preparation: Lead Me, Lord, Lead My in Thy Righteousness**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the song. The second system contains the third and fourth lines. The third system contains the fifth and sixth lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The music features various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests. There are also some performance markings like 'f' (forte) and '8' (octave) in the bass line.

1. Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ-teous-ness, make thy way
2. Teach me, Lord, teach me tru - ly how to live, that I may

plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord,
come to know thee, and in thy pres - ence serve thee with

on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.
glad - ness, and sing songs of praise to thy glo - ry.

St. 1, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876
St. 2, George F. Strickling
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LEAD ME, LORD 10.8.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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:

Psalm 55

*Give ear to my prayer, O God,
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!
 ² Attend to me, and answer me;
I am restless in my complaint and I moan,
 ³ because of the noise of the enemy,
because of the oppression of the wicked.
For they drop trouble upon me,
and in anger they bear a grudge against me.
 ⁴ My heart is in anguish within me;
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
 ⁵ Fear and trembling come upon me,
and horror overwhelms me.
⁶ And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!
I would fly away and be at rest;
 ⁷ yes, I would wander far away;
I would lodge in the wilderness; Selah
 ⁸ I would hurry to find a shelter
from the raging wind and tempest."
⁹ Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues;
for I see violence and strife in the city.
 ¹⁰ Day and night they go around it
on its walls,
and iniquity and trouble are within it;
 ¹¹ ruin is in its midst;
oppression and fraud
do not depart from its marketplace.
¹² For it is not an enemy who taunts me—
then I could bear it;
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—
then I could hide from him.*

*¹³ But it is you, a man, my equal,
my companion, my familiar friend.
¹⁴ We used to take sweet counsel together;
within God's house we walked in the throng.
¹⁵ Let death steal over them;
let them go down to Sheol alive;
for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart.
¹⁶ But I call to God,
and the LORD will save me.
¹⁷ Evening and morning and at noon
I utter my complaint and moan,
and he hears my voice.
¹⁸ He redeems my soul in safety
from the battle that I wage,
for many are arrayed against me.
¹⁹ God will give ear and humble them,
he who is enthroned from of old, Selah
because they do not change
and do not fear God.
²⁰ My companion stretched out his hand against his friends;
he violated his covenant.
²¹ His speech was smooth as butter,
yet war was in his heart;
his words were softer than oil,
yet they were drawn swords.
²² Cast your burden on the LORD,
and he will sustain you;
he will never permit
the righteous to be moved.
²³ But you, O God, will cast them down
into the pit of destruction;
men of blood and treachery
shall not live out half their days.
But I will trust in you.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***Congregation: Thanks be to God! 11**

Sermon:

“Who Can You Trust?”

Today's Text: Psalm 55

Chris Peter

1. Grieving betrayal (v. 1-8)

2. Longing for vengeance (v. 9-15)

3. Trusting the trustworthy one (v. 16-23)

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.'

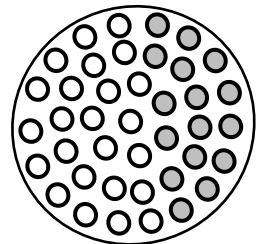
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK L.M.ref.
William B. Bradbury, 1863

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Bb(G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN Bb(G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Edward Mote, 1834

*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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Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Winslow Homer, *Salt Kettle, Bermuda, 1899*, watercolor over graphite on wove paper, 13-15/16 in. x 21 in., National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
- 2) **Music:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (115), "Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness" (727), "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (521) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: about the artist: <https://www.nga.gov/collection/artist-info.1401.html>. Page 7: Confession of Sin reprinted from *Liturgical Forms and Prayers of the United Reformed Churches in North America* (URCNA, 2018, pp.100-101.) 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) 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



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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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