



Hershey Presbyterian
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Front Cover Artwork

Paul Cézanne, *Apples*, 1878-79, oil on canvas, 9 x 13 in., Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

This composition combines two separate studies that are unrelated to any known painting by Cézanne. The brownish tone that covers areas at the lower left and along the right edge may have been added by Cézanne's dealer, Ambroise Vollard, who sold this picture to the painter Édouard Vuillard in exchange for one of the artist's own works. The present canvas is thought to date to 1878-79, but 1883-87 has also been proposed.

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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): Keith Dolon (sound), Dave Eakins (vocals), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Peter Gobble (viola), Joe Kearns (leading worship and tin whistle), 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 Greg Moore and Keith Dolon.

Prelude

Praising God

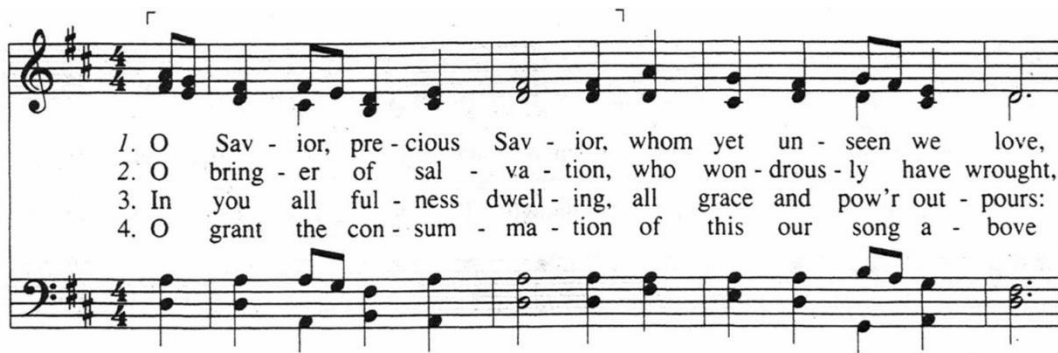
*Call to Worship:

1 Peter 1:3-9

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.⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Response of Praise:

O Savior, Precious Savior



1. O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love,
 2. O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly have wrought,
 3. In you all ful - ness dwell - ing, all grace and pow'r out - pours:
 4. O grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove



O Name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove;
 your - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought;
 the glo - ry all - ex - cel - ling, O Son of God, is yours;
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship you, we bless you, to you a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship you, we bless you, to you a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship you, we bless you, to you a - lone we sing;
 then shall we praise and bless you where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise you, and con - fess you our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise you, and con - fess you our gra - cious Lord and King.
 we praise you, and con - fess you our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess you our Sav - ior and our King.

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 Welsh hymn melody
 William Lloyd, 1840; alt. 1990

Frances R. Havergal, 1870
 Alt. 1990, mod.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

***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.**

*“‘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**

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Exodus 20:1-2, 15

As we listen to this reading of Scripture today we remember that our God is a holy God, "a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29), and so we are to "see that [we] do not refuse him who is speaking" (Hebrews 12:25).

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

...

You shall not steal."

Q. 74. What is required in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment requires the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Q. 75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbids whatsoever does, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Ephesians 2:4-5

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of September 1-7, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Hershey Area Small Businesses
- **Civil Government:** US Senator Robert Casey, Jr.
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** South Korea
- **Unreached People Group:** Baygo of Sudan
Population: 1,400; Language: Arabic, Sudanese; 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:** Darlene K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Sunday School and
Junior Church Teachers
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Reformed Presbyterian Church, Ephrata, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Susquehanna Valley Presbytery

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.

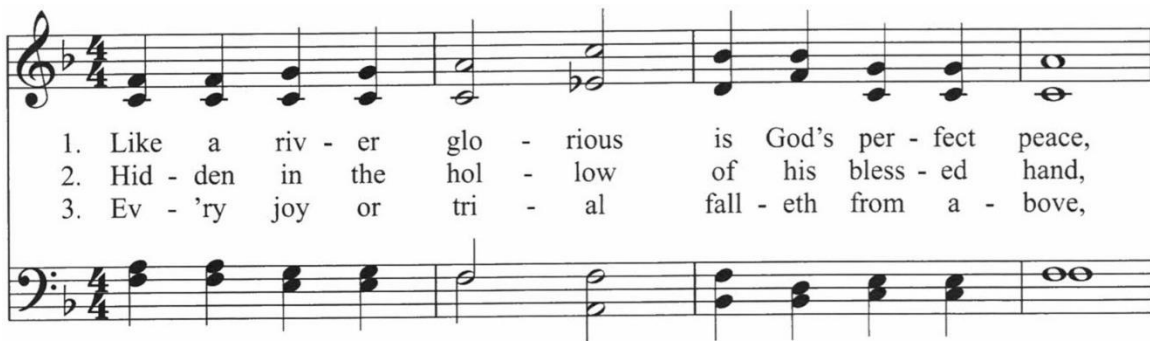
Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

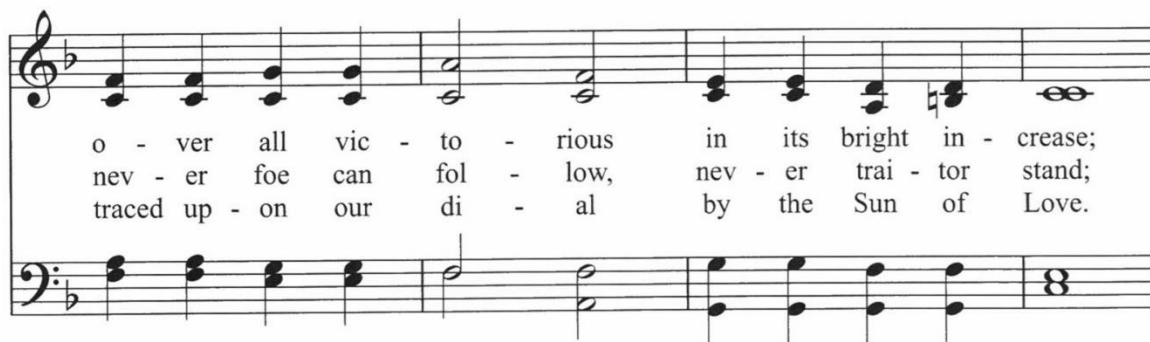
During this song, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in Room 111. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the door to the right when facing the stage.

***Song of Preparation:**

Like a River Glorious



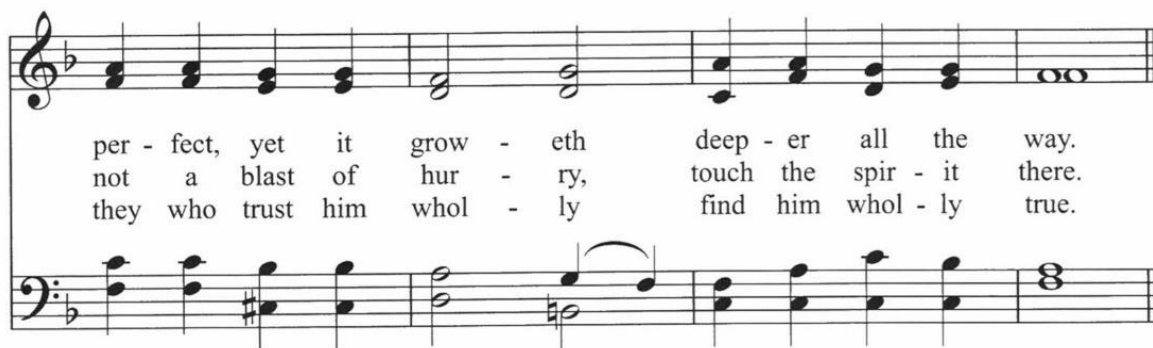
1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace,
2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand,
3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove,



o - ver all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease;
nev - er foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand;
traced up - on our di - al by the Sun of Love.

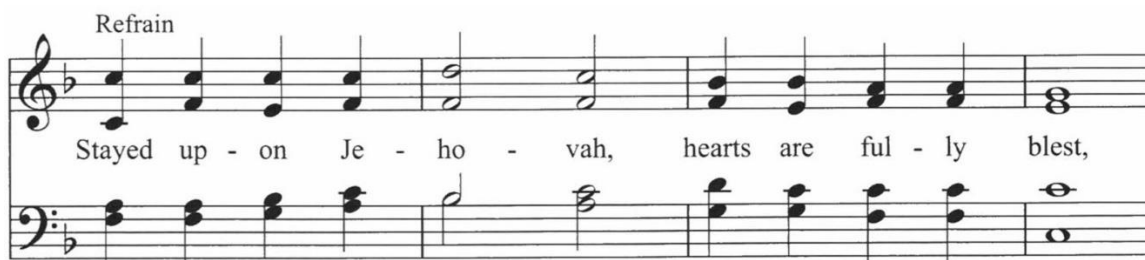


per - fect, yet it flow - eth full - er ev - 'ry day,
not a surge of wor - ry, not a shade of care,
We may trust him ful - ly all for us to do;

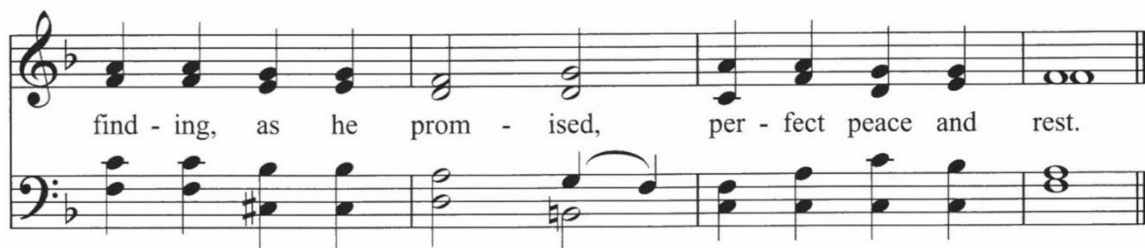


per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er all the way.
not a blast of hur - ry, touch the spir - it there.
they who trust him whol - ly find him whol - ly true.

Refrain



Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,



find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

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James Mountain, 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:**

Luke 15:8-10

⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?

⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying,

*‘Rejoice with me,
for I have found the coin that I had lost.’*

¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Introducing Others to Jesus (2):

Sermon:

Share in the Joy!

Today's Text: Luke 15:8-10

David Kertland

1. A tells a _____ : a _____

2. About our _____ and _____ God

3. To ask us: a _____ or a _____ ?

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.'

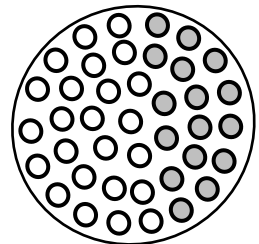
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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:**

Lift High the Cross

Unison

(Ref.) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4. Thy king - dom come, that earth's de - spair may cease
5. For thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,

D.C.

our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to thee.
be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne.

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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

- 1) **Artwork:** Paul Cézanne, *Apples*, 1878-79, oil on canvas, 9 x 13 in., Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
- 2) **Music:** "O Savior, Precious Savior!" (159) and "Lift High the Cross" (263) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Like a River Glorious" (485) is reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Willow Grove, PA: Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture, 2018). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: about the artwork: <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/435866>. 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



Bring a Friend to Church Day on Sunday - September 8

On Sunday, September 8th we are planning a *Bring a Friend to Church Day*. All are welcome to come experience the worship and fellowship of a gospel-believing congregation. On that day, we will have a church luncheon afterwards to give our guests time to get to know others.



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The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), was formed in 1973 to be a denomination that is “**Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.**” Various organizations of the PCA include:



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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