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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.

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/435866>



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 you have come to worship God with us as we come to him through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday: Today, we have encouraged our members and friends to bring someone with them to church. If you are visiting with us, we are glad that you have come! As a gift to you today, there are copies of *The Gospel of Mark* on the back tables. Please take one as our welcome gift to you. After the service, you are invited to stay for a sandwich luncheon.

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 3 years old is provided in Room 110.

A **Junior Church** for children aged 4-Grade 2 is offered in Room 111 during the sermon and communion time for our young worshippers. This time begins during the hymn before the sermon (page 8). Children participating in Junior church will return to their parents during the final hymn.

Thank you to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Crystal Basom (vocals); Ephraim Church (leading worship and violin), Isaiah Church (violin); Dave Eakin (vocals), Peter Gobble (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Bobby Noble (sound), and Nick Yingst (piano).

Today's Communion Servers are Dave Eakin and Brad Weaver.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 92:1-2, 4

*It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;*

*² to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,*

*⁴ For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Amazing Grace!

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;

3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;

4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
 and mortal life shall cease,
 I shall possess within the veil
 a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we've first begun.

St. 1–5, John Newton, 1779
 St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

AMAZING GRACE C.M.
 Traditional American melody
 Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

***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

Matthew 6:19-21

This month we are exploring the biblical standard summarized by the 8th Commandment, "You shall not steal."

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Confession of Sin

In Unison

Christians throughout the years, have found this confession to be a beneficial way to confess their sins to God. We will pray it together in unison. Let it express your own personal sorrow over sin and desire to repent of it as you seek God's forgiveness offered in Jesus Christ.

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, 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

Hebrews 13:5-6, 8

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."⁶ So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of September 8-14, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Chris Abruzzo
- **Civil Government:** US Senator John Fetterman
- **Unreached People Group:** Bazaar Low Malay Creole of Singapore

Population: 11,000; Language: Malay; Religion: Islam

"...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

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.

Intercession *for the Church (God's People)*:

- **Health issues:** Trudy K.
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Hanover Valley Presbyterian Church, Hanover, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
David and Aliece, 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 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:**

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a half rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: G2-Bb2, A2-Bb2, Bb2-C3, and D3-E3.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the 4/4 time signature and the same musical structure.

Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note G4, a half note A4, and a half note Bb4. The bass staff continues with chords: G2-Bb2, A2-Bb2, Bb2-C3, and D3-E3.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final measure in the treble staff showing a half note G4 and a half note A4. The bass staff continues with chords: G2-Bb2, A2-Bb2, Bb2-C3, and D3-E3.

Daniel Iverson, 1926

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

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 10: 7-10

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

One with the Father (20):

Sermon:

Jesus: “*I am the door.*”

Today’s Text: John 10:7-10

David Kertland

1. The _____

2. The _____

3. The _____

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.'

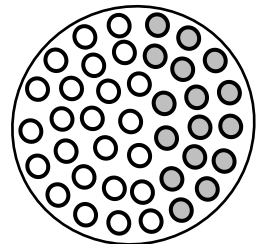
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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:**

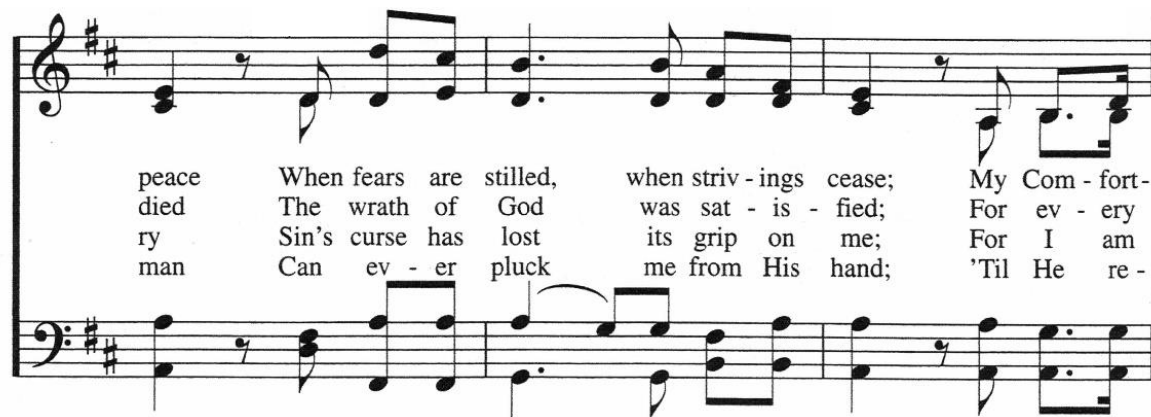
In Christ Alone

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. Each system has a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The first system contains four verses of the song. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the song.

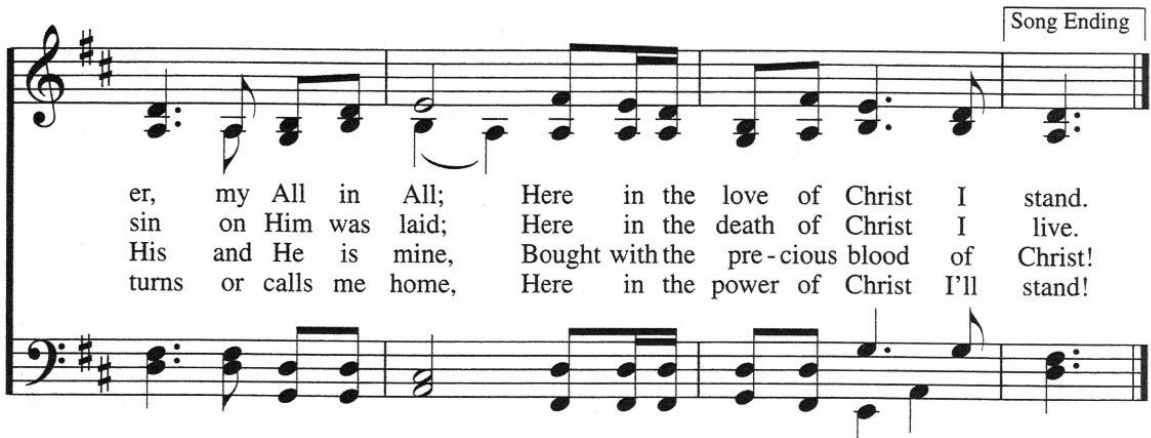
• 1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
• 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh; Full-ness of God in help - less
• 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay; Light of the world by dark - ness
• 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in

song; This Corn - er - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the
babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness Scorned by the
slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, Up from the
me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com -

fier - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
ones He came to save; 'Til on that cross as Je - sus
grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no scheme of



peace died ry man When fears are stilled, The wrath of God Sin's curse has lost Can ev - er plucked when striv - ings cease; was sat - is - fied; its grip on me; me from His hand; My Com - fort - For ev - ery For I am 'Til He re -



er, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
His and He is mine, Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ!
turns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Song Ending

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. Bruce Greer

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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 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:** "Amazing Grace!" (460) and "Spirit of the Living God" (726) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "In Christ Alone" (177) is reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (The Master's Seminary Press, Los Angeles, CA, 2015). 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>. Page 6: Today's Confession of Sin was modified from *Liturgical Forms and Prayers of the United Reformed Churches in North America* (URCNA, 2018, pp.100-101). Some of the 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).

* Congregation standing, as personal ability allows.



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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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