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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.

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 (violin), Isaiah Church (violin); Peter Gobble (viola), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Jared Salyards (piano), and Jeb Yingst (sound).

Today's Communion Servers are Ephraim Church and Josh Franklin.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 32:10-11

*Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.*

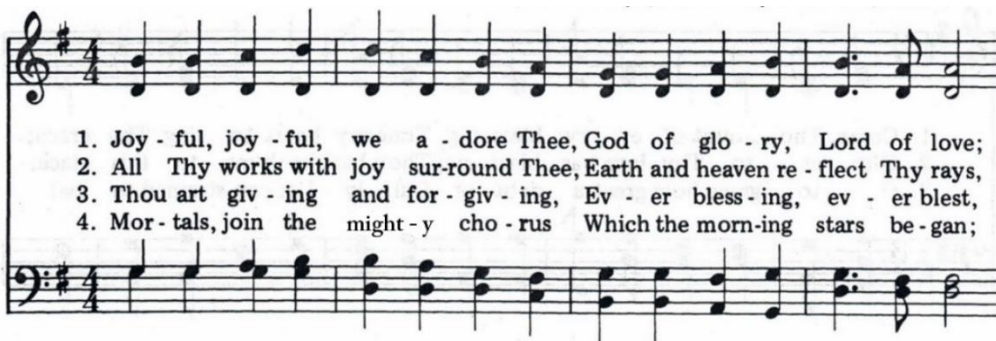
*¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*

Light Text = Read by Leader
Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

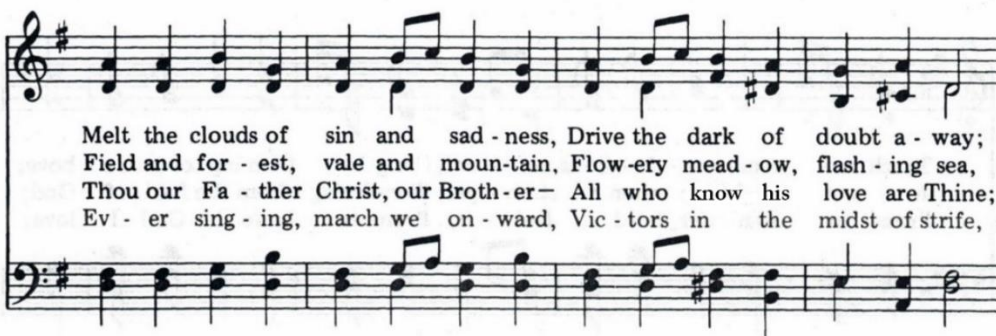
TEXT: Henry van Dyke alt.
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven; melody from Ninth Symphony;
adapted by Edward Hodges



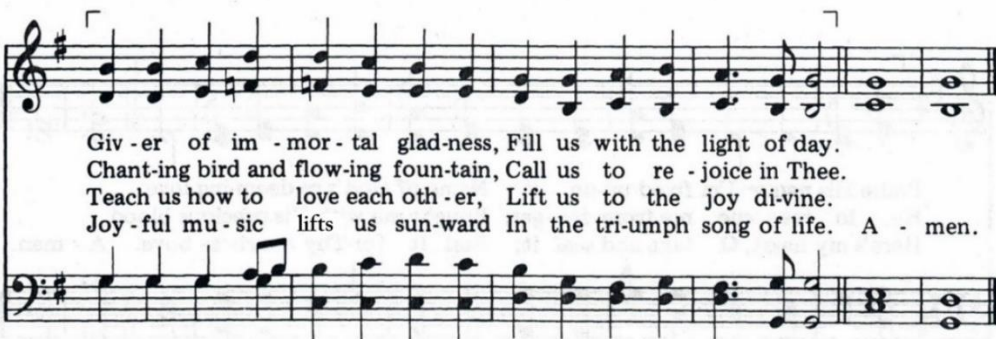
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther Christ, our Broth - er— All who know his love are Thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic lifts us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

HYMN TO JOY
8.7.8.7.D.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith**

Hebrews 1:1-4

Today's confession of our faith is from the book of Hebrews. By it, we confess Jesus's superiority over all things.

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

***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

James 2:1-4, 8-10

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

...

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Hebrews 9:15

[H]e is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of September 15-21, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Michael Corado
- **Civil Government:** US Representative Scott Perry
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** South Korea
- **Unreached People Group:** Bazigar of India and Pakistan
Population: 502,400; Languages: Punjabi, Urdu, Saraiki;
Religions: Hinduism Islam, and Sikh

"...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:** Lois K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Location Task Force
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Trinity Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** John and Kathy Clow,
serving with MTW in Honduras

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.

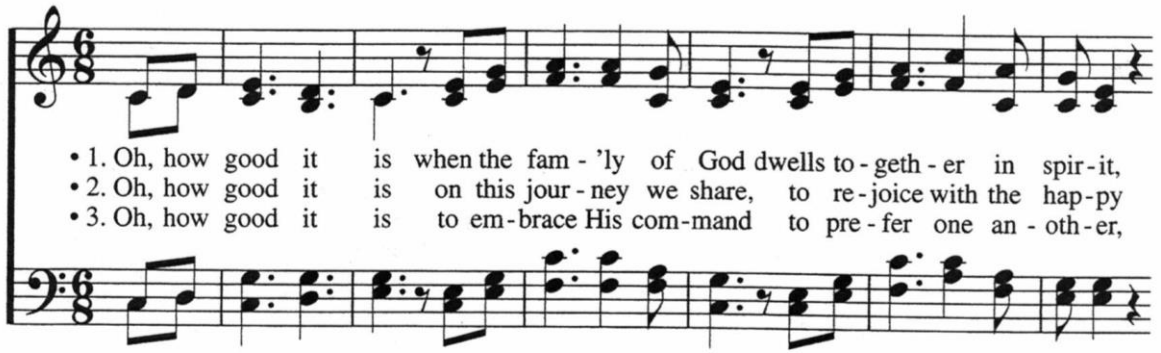
Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

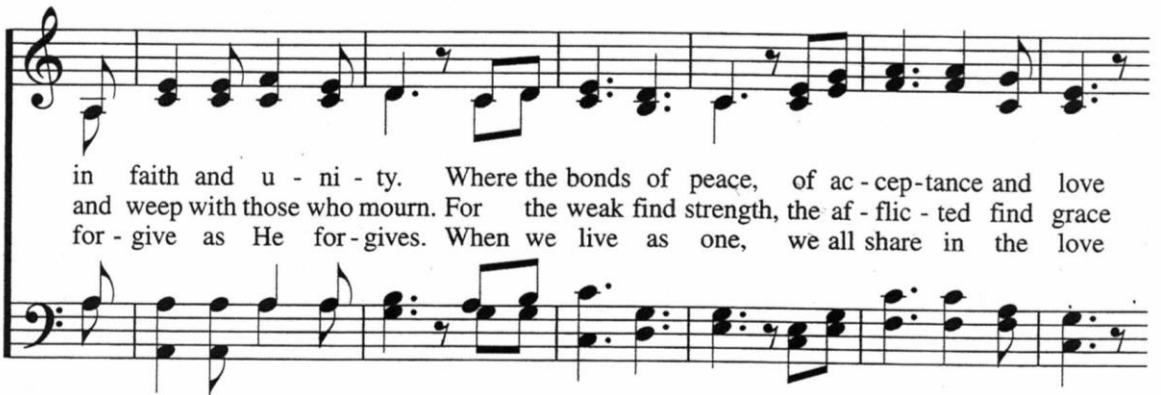
During this song, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in Room 111. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the door to the right when facing the stage.

***Song of Preparation:**

Oh, How Good It Is



• 1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to - geth - er in spir - it,
• 2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share, to re - joice with the hap - py
• 3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace His com - mand to pre - fer one an - oth - er,



in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cep - tance and love
and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the af - flic - ted find grace
for - give as He for - gives. When we live as one, we all share in the love



are the fruits of His pres - ence here a - mong us.
when we of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
of the Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one heart we'll

live out His Word. Till the whole earth sees the Re-deem-er has

come, For He dwells in the pres-ence of His peo - ple.

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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 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!**

Sermon:

One with the Father (21):

Jesus: "I am the door." (2)

Today's Text: John 10:7-10; David Kertland

1. The _____

2. The Second _____

3. A Word for 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.'

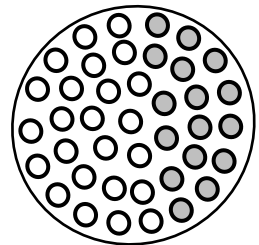
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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: O Love of God, How Strong and True**

Introduction Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹

Unison C F C F

1. O love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2. O heav'n-ly love, how pre - cious still, in days of
 3. We read you best in him who came to bear for
 4. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the

C Am⁷ F C Am⁷

and yet ev - er new, un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 wea - ri - ness and ill, in nights of pain and help - less -
 us the cross of shame; sent by the Fa - ther from on
 per - ils of our way! E - ter - nal love, in you we

F[#]dim Em Am⁷ Em D C Dm A

bought, be - yond all knowl - edge and all thought! O love of
 ness, to heal, to com - fort, and to bless! O wide - em -
 high, our life to live, our death to die. We read your
 rest, for - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest. We will ex -

Dm⁷ Gm Dm G F C
 God, how deep and great, far deep - er than man's deep - est
 brac - ing, won - drous love! We read you in the sky a -
 pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the dark - ness of the
 alt you, God and King, and we will ev - er praise your

F C Dm⁷ G⁷ C F
 hate; self - fed, self - kin - dled like the light, change-less, e -
 bove, we read you in the earth be - low, in seas that
 grave; still more in res - ur - rec - tion light we read the
 name; we will ex - tol you ev - 'ry day, and ev - er -

C F G C Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹
 ter - nal, in - fi - nite.
 swell, and streams that flow.
 ful - ness of your might.
 more your praise pro - claim.

Final ending C C⁷ Am F C
 (Piano accompaniment for the final ending)

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 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:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (1) is reprinted from *The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration* (Nashville, TN: Word Music, 1986), with alterations based on the words as printed in the PCA General Assembly Worship Booklet for June 12-16, 2017, page 14. "Oh, How Good It Is" (332) is reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (The Master's Seminary Press, Los Angeles, CA, 2015). "O Love of God, How Strong and True" (81) is 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 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 North America (www.pcamna.org): North American missions in keeping with the Great Commission.



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