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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): Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin); Peter Gible (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals); David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood, and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Today's Communion Servers are Joe Kearns and Brad Weaver.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 103:1-5, 22b

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

*² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,*

*³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,*

*⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy*

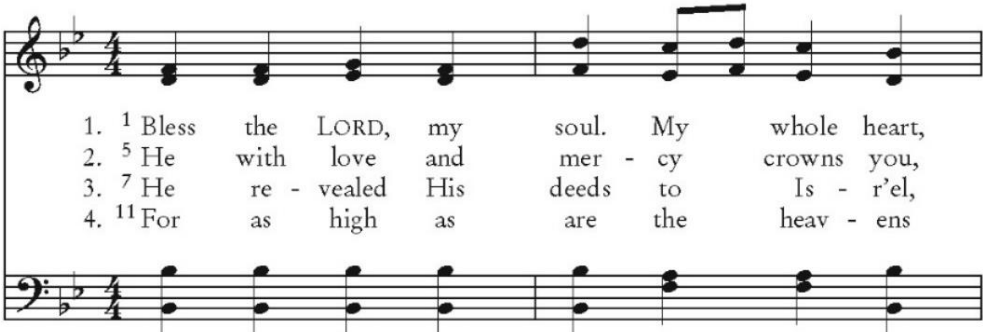
⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*^{22b} **Bless the Lord, O my soul!***

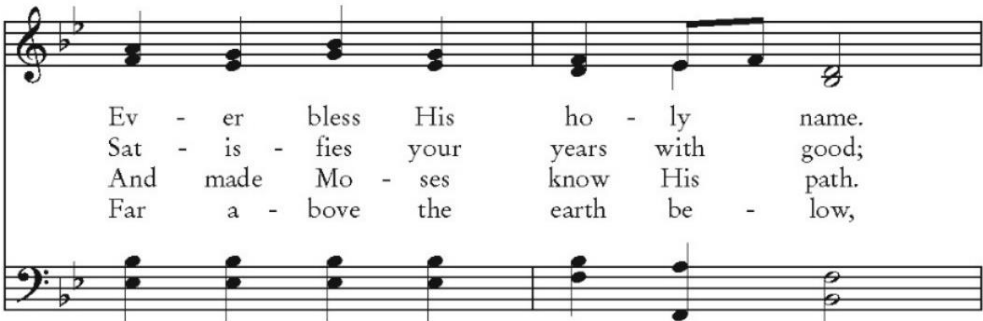
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***Response of Praise: Bless the Lord, My Soul (from Psalm 103)**



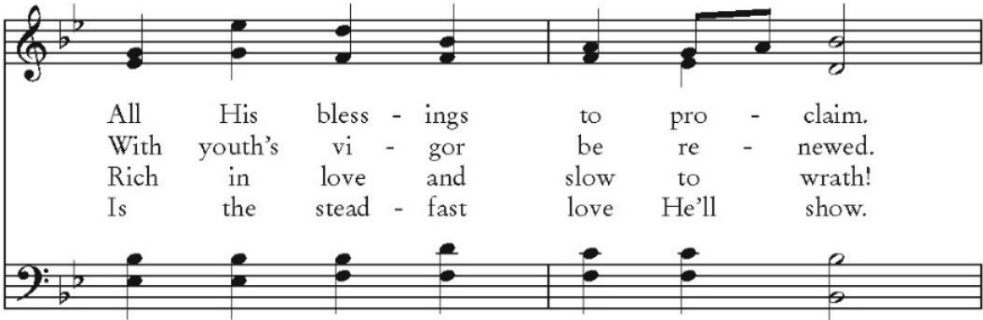
1. ¹ Bless the LORD, my soul. My whole heart,
 2. ⁵ He with love and mer - cy crowns you,
 3. ⁷ He re - vealed His deeds to Is - r'el,
 4. ¹¹ For as high as are the heav - ens



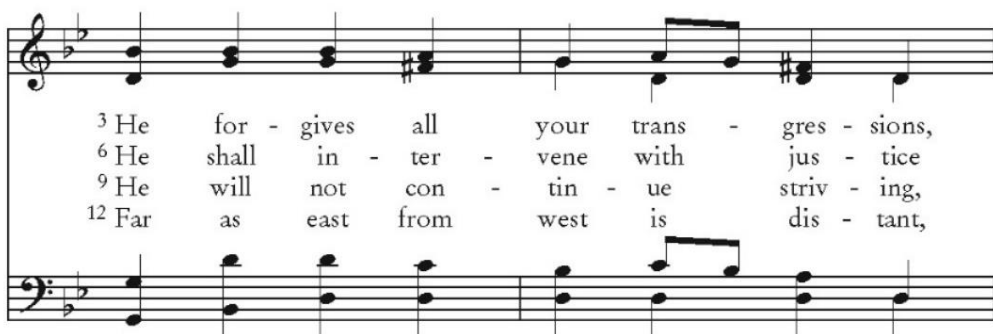
Ev - er bless His ho - ly name.
 Sat - is - fies your years with good;
 And made Mo - ses know His path.
 Far a - bove the earth be - low,



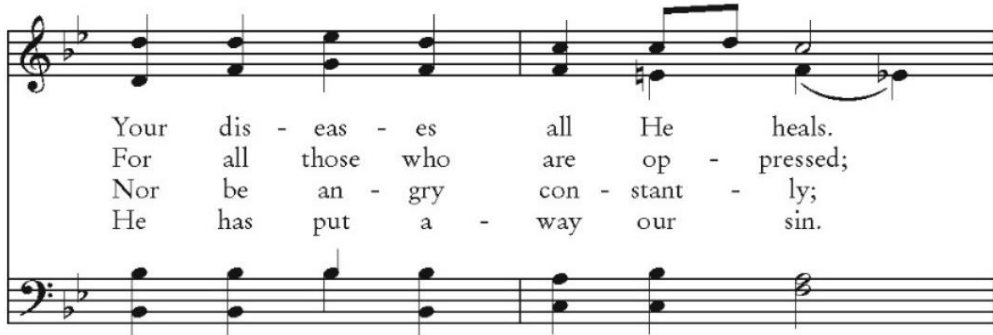
² Bless the LORD, my soul. For - get not
 So that you will, like the ea - gle,
⁸ LORD of grace and full of pit - y,
 Just as great to those who fear Him



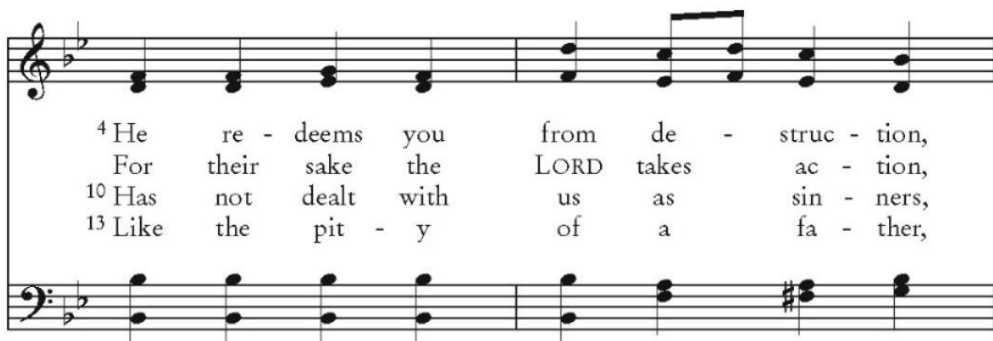
All His bless - ings to pro - claim.
 With youth's vi - gor be re - newed.
 Rich in love and slow to wrath!
 Is the stead - fast love He'll show.



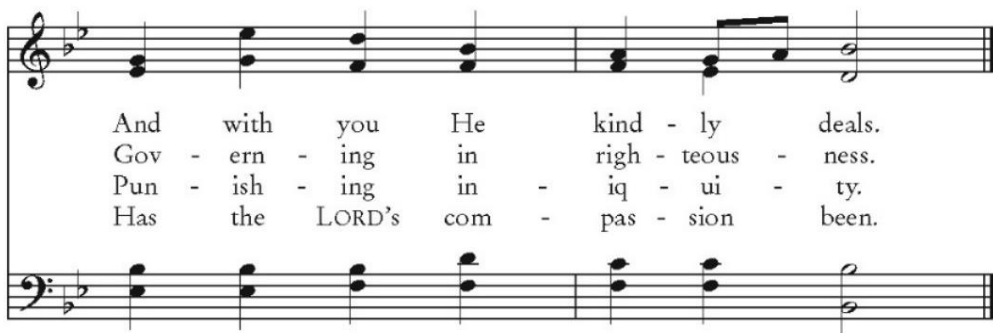
³ He for - gives all your trans - gres - sions,
⁶ He shall in - ter - vene with jus - tice
⁹ He will not con - tin - ue striv - ing,
¹² Far as east from west is dis - tant,



Your dis - eas - es all He heals.
 For all those who are op - pressed;
 Nor be an - gry con - stant - ly;
 He has put a - way our sin.



⁴ He re - deems you from de - struc - tion,
 For their sake the LORD takes ac - tion,
¹⁰ Has not dealt with us as sin - ners,
¹³ Like the pit - y of a fa - ther,



And with you He kind - ly deals.
 Gov - ern - ing in righ - teous - ness.
 Pun - ish - ing in - iq - ui - ty.
 Has the LORD's com - pas - sion been.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Nicene Creed

We confess our common faith today with the Nicene Creed, a summary of the Bible's teaching about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of the Spirit. From the Trinity Hymnal: "The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ."

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,*
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

* The term "very God of very God" means that our Lord Jesus Christ is "true God from true God."

** "'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*.

***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

1 Timothy 6:6-10

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

[G]odliness with contentment is great gain,⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Psalms 103:11-13

*¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of September 22-28, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Natalie Nutt
- **Civil Government:** President Joe Biden
- **Unreached People Group:** Bedar of India and Pakistan
Population: 2,760,200; Languages: Kannada and Sindhi; Religions: Hinduism
"...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:** Donna K.
- **Retired Teaching Elder (pastor) in Our Congregation:** Bob Eickelberg
- **Supported Missionary or Organization:** Craig and Ree Coulbourne,
serving with MTW in Japan

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

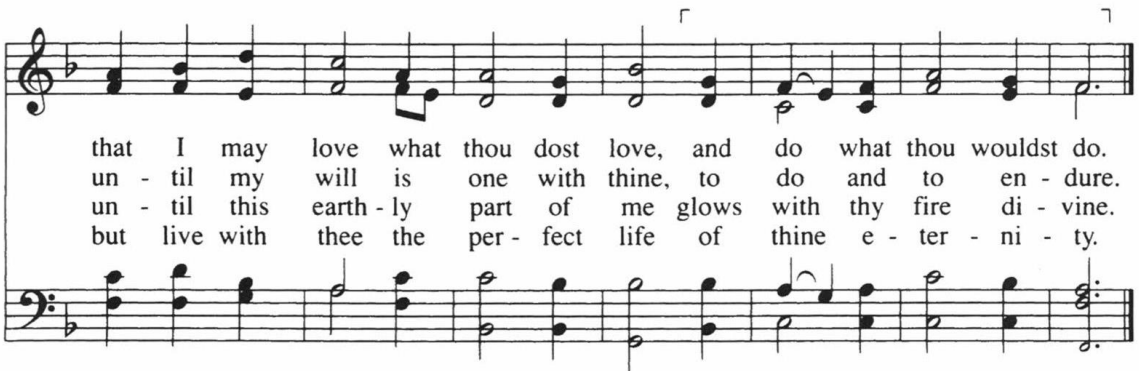
During this song, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in Room 111. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the door to the right when facing the stage.

*Song of Preparation:

Breathe on Me, Breath of God



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til my will is one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Edwin Hatch, 1878

TRENTHAM S.M.
Robert Jackson, 1888

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 (22):
Sermon: Jesus: “*I am the door.*” (3)
Today’s Text: John 10:7-10; David Kertland

1. Life, _____

2. Your Shepherd’s _____

3. Your Shepherd’s _____

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.'

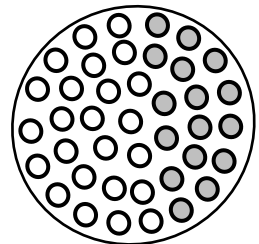
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.

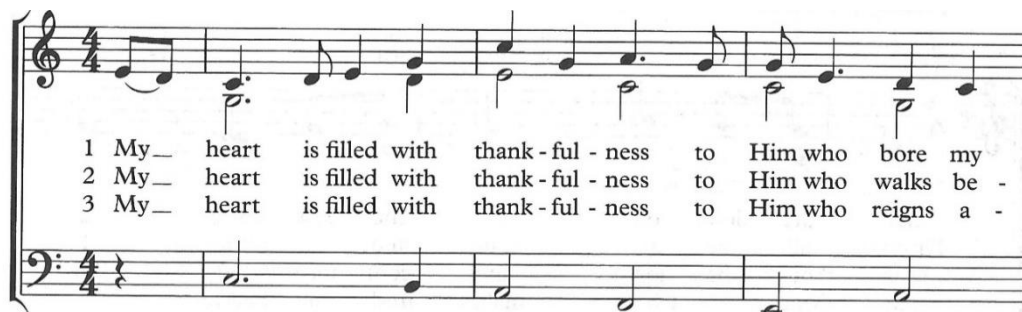


white circles = grape juice
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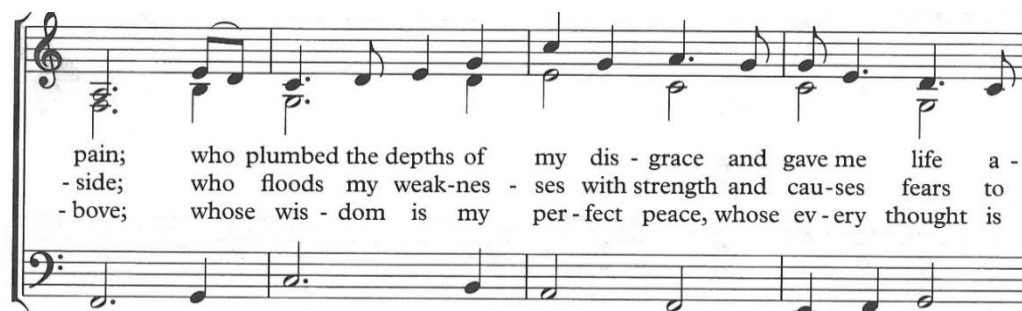
Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

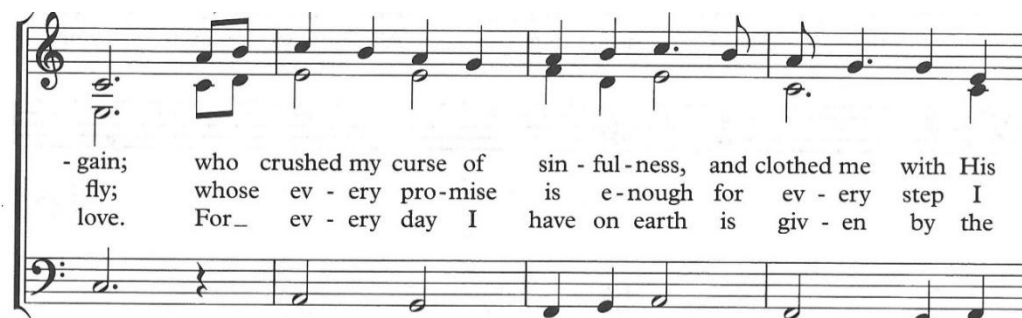
***Song of Dedication & Service: My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness**



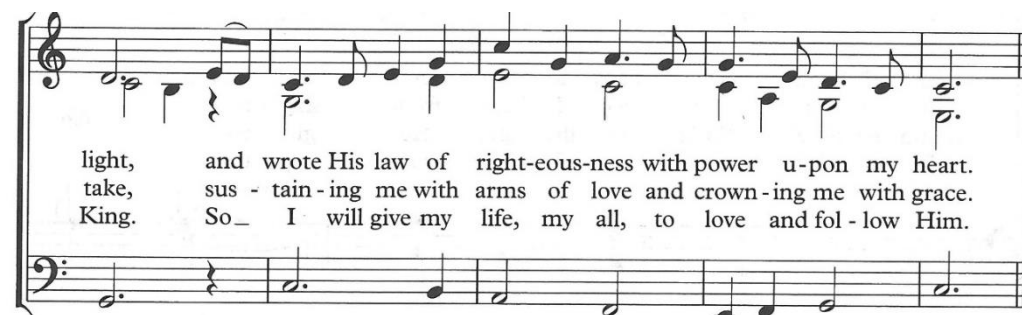
1 My_ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who bore my
 2 My_ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who walks be -
 3 My_ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who reigns a -



pain; who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a -
 - side; who floods my weak - nes - ses with strength and cau - ses fears to
 - bove; whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - ery thought is



- gain; who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness, and clothed me with His
 fly; whose ev - ery pro - mise is e - nough for ev - ery step I
 love. For_ ev - ery day I have on earth is giv - en by the



light, and wrote His law of right - eous - ness with power u - pon my heart.
 take, sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
 King. So_ I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

Words and music: Stuart Townend
and Keith Getty

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Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever.
Amen.*

*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:** "Bless the Lord, My Soul" (103B) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (334) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" (1209) is reprinted from *Mission Praise* (Collins, London, England, 2014). 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>. 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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