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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. 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 (leading worship and violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Laura Church (vocals), Peter Gible (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Jared Salyards (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Keith Dolon and Greg Moore.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 93

*The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.*

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

**² Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.**

*³ The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.*

*⁴ Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty!*

*⁵ Your decrees are very trustworthy;
**holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.***

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise: Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy he is
 3. We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and

a - tion, the God of pow'r, the God of love, the God of our
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his eye is nev -
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with peace
 glo - ry. Let all who know his pow'r pro - claim a - loud the won -

sal - va - tion. My soul with com - fort rich he fills, and
 er sleep - ing. And where he rules in king - ly might, there
 to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who
 drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne; the

ev - 'ry grief he gen - tly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 is by one and all a - dored: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 Lord is God and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry!

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

from Matthew 5:3-10

Leader: Our Lord Jesus said,

Congregation:

***"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

***"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.***

***"Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.***

***"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.***

***⁷ "Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.***

***⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.***

***⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.***

***¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."***

***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 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Confession of Sin

We, poor sinful people, confess ourselves before you, our Lord God and Maker, that sadly we have sinned much, with our senses, thoughts, words, and deeds, as you, eternal God, know very well. We regret them and beg your grace. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of September 29 - October 5, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Carter Wyckoff
- **Civil Government:** Vice President Kamala Harris
- **Unreached People Group:** Bile Bedar of India

Population: 126,000; Languages: Kannada; 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:** Peter M.
- **Retired Teaching Elder (pastor) in Our Congregation:** Mark Tedford
- **Supported Missionary or Organization:** Rick and Clare,
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:**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare:
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bo - soms fill:

bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee;
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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SHEPHERD, 8, 7, 8, 7, 4, 4, 7 rep.
 William B. Bradbury, 1859

Hymns for the Young, 1836,
 attr. to Dorothy Ann Thrupp: alt.

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 10:11-21

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

¹⁹ There was again a division among the Jews because of these words.

²⁰ Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?"

²¹ Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

One with the Father (23):
The Good Shepherd
Today's Text: John 10:11-21; David Kertland

1. _____ His Sheep: Jesus _____ with you.

2. _____ His Sheep: Jesus is _____ to you.

3. _____ *His Life* for His Sheep:
Jesus is _____ for you.

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.'

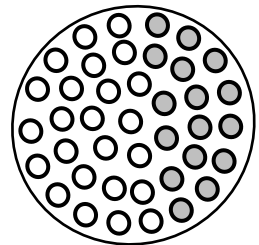
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.



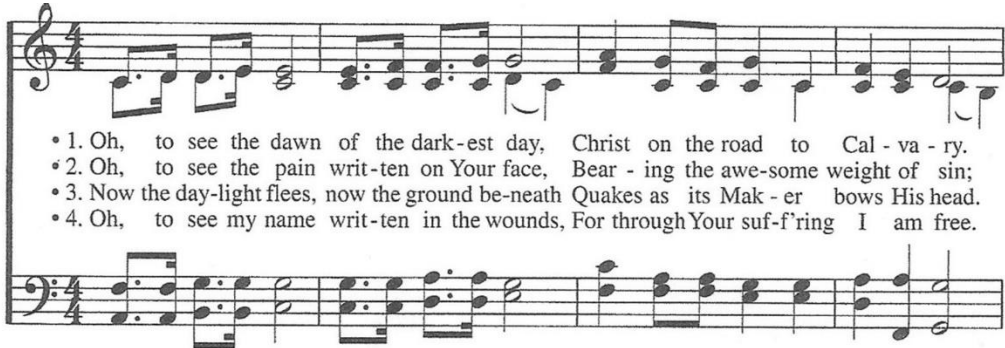
white circles = grape juice
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Prayer

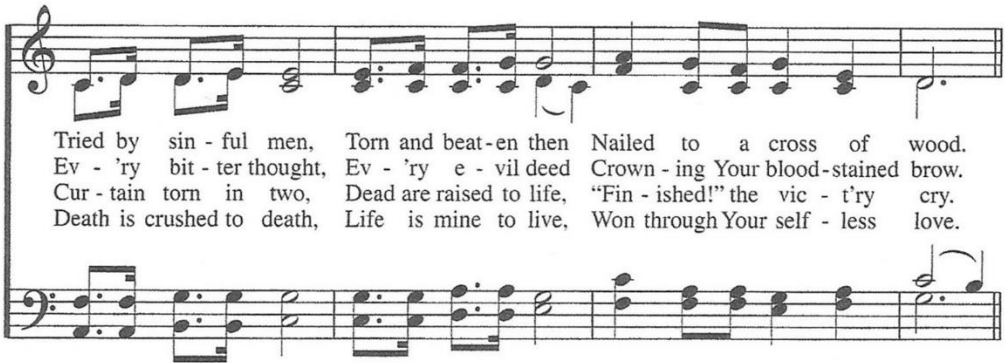
Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service:**

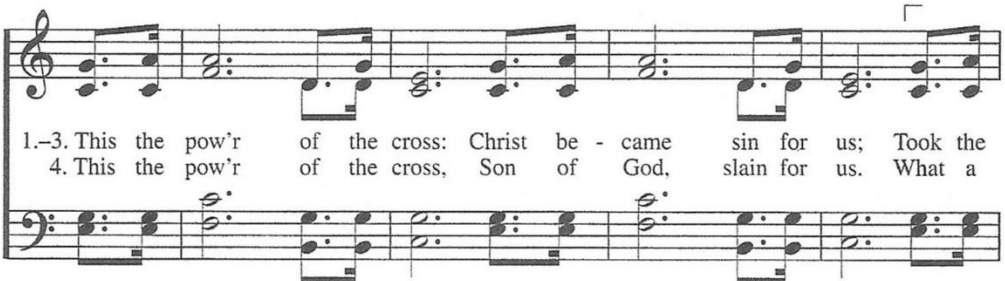
The Power of the Cross



• 1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark-est day, Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
 • 2. Oh, to see the pain writ-en on Your face, Bear - ing the awe-some weight of sin;
 • 3. Now the day-light flees, now the ground be-neath Quakes as its Mak - er bows His head.
 • 4. Oh, to see my name writ-en in the wounds, For through Your suf-f'ring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, Torn and beat-en then Nailed to a cross of wood.
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, Ev - 'ry e - vil deed Crown - ing Your blood-stained brow.
 Cur - tain torn in two, Dead are raised to life, "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
 Death is crushed to death, Life is mine to live, Won through Your self - less love.



1.-3. This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us; Took the
 4. This the pow'r of the cross, Son of God, slain for us. What a



blame, bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 love! What a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

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:** "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" (214) is reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture (OPC & URCNA), Willow Grove, PA, 2018). "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" (599) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "The Power of the Cross" (272) is reprinted from the *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>. Some of the quotes describing worship elements are from: Page 7: Confession of Sin, written by Heinrich Bullinger (modified for plural pronouns) is reprinted from *Be Thou My Vision: Liturgy for Daily Worship* (Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2021). 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) **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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