



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

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Front Cover Artwork

Bonnie Kertland, *Fall Leaves*, 2017, photograph.

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely giv'n,
graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

"For the Beauty of the Earth,"
The Trinity Hymnal, 116



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 (leading worship and violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Keith Dolon (sound), Peter Gobble (viola), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Jared Salyards (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Brad Weaver and Nick Yingst.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 145:8-10

*The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

*¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!*

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

***Response of Praise: Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord**

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Luke 1:46, 47

Unison

1. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord: un - num - bered
 2. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his name: make known his
 3. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might: pow'rs and do -
 4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word: firm is his

bles - ings give my spir - it voice; ten - der to me the
 might, the deeds his arm has done; his mer - cy sure, from
 min - ions lay their glo - ry by; proud hearts and stub - born
 prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure. Tell out, my soul, the

prom - ise of his word; in God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
 age to age the same; his ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
 wills are put to flight, the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 great - ness of the Lord to chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more.

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1965

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 Walter Greatorex, 1919

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Romans 4:18-25

¹⁸ In hope [Abraham] believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." ²³ But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

***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

Exodus 23:1-3

This month we are exploring the biblical standard summarized by the 9th Commandment, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness. ² You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice, ³ nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his lawsuit.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Acts 10:43

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 13-19, 2024

Intercession for the World:

- **The Hershey Community:** Local Public and Private Schools and Homeschooling Families – Students, Faculty, Administration, and Staff
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick
- **Unreached People Group:** Kare Bedar of India
Population: 121,000; Language: Kannada; Religion: 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:** Elmer and Pat C.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Ruling Elder Joe Kearns

Supported Missionary or Organization: Richard and Lynne Smith, serving with RUF-I at Penn State

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:

The King of Glory Comes

Unison B⁷ Em

(Ref.) The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

B⁷ Em *Fine*

O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

G C Bm G

1. Who is the King of glo - ry? What shall we call him?
 2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
 3. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion.
 4. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en.

Em Cmaj⁷ D⁷ G D.C.

He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
 he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
 He took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.
 And he will share with us his heav - en - ly king - dom.

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 Israeli folk song
 Arr. by John Ferguson, 1973

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Based on Psalm 24
 Willard F. Jabusch, 1966

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 10:25, 37-42

²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me...."

...

³⁷ "If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; ³⁸ but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."

³⁹ Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands. ⁴⁰ He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. ⁴¹ And many came to him. And they said, "John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." ⁴² And many believed in him there.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

One with the Father (25):

Sermon: “I and the Father are one.” (part 2)

Today’s Text: John 10:21-42; David Kertland

From last week (part 1):

1. Jesus is the Christ.

It is clear that both followers and opponents knew that Jesus claimed to be the Christ, God’s Anointed King. His opponents wanted to kill him for that claim. Jesus maintained his claim with grace, giving all who hear his voice every opportunity to listen and come under his care, giving us an example to follow.

“[T]hose...who had called Him a demoniac, and a Samaritan, and who had often desired to kill Him, and had cast stones at Him, the same surrounded and asked Him, ‘are you the Christ?’ *Yet not even in this case did He reject them after so many and so great plots against Him...but answered them with great gentleness.*” (John Chrysostom, c. 390s A.D.)

Confidence in your faith: Jesus’s specific answer provides a window into how the Bible encourages you to find certainty in your faith.

2. Jesus’s words: “I told you.”

Jesus places emphasis on his words—on what he taught. His teaching has priority. Throughout his public ministry, Jesus taught that he is the Christ, the unique Son of God. Certainty in our faith comes from *knowing* and *believing* and *embracing* his teaching. His word births and builds up your faith. The church proclaims our Lord’s word because he continues to use it to call people to himself and to perfect his saints.

“[F]aith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

(Romans 10:17)

This week (part 2):

3. Jesus’s _____ : “ _____ *the works.*”

a. Jesus’s signs _____

b. Jesus’s signs call for _____

c. Jesus’s great sign: _____

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.'

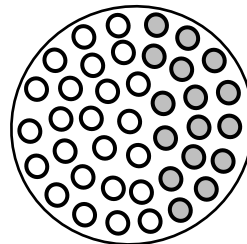
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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

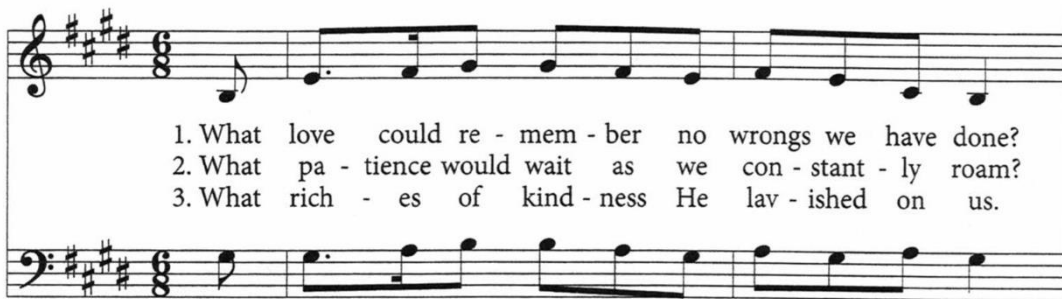
Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

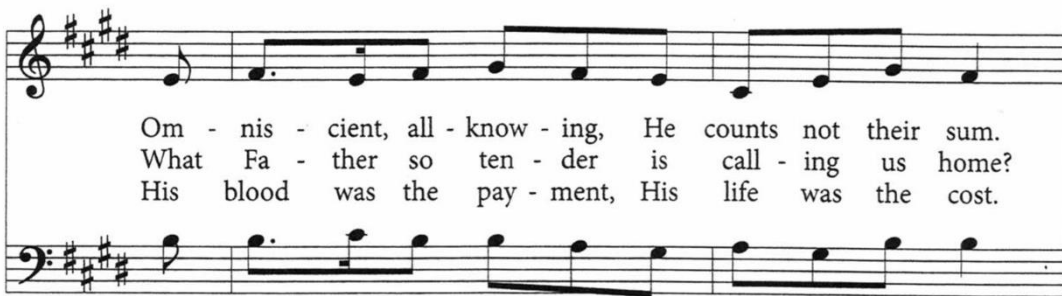
***Song of Dedication & Service:**

His Mercy Is More

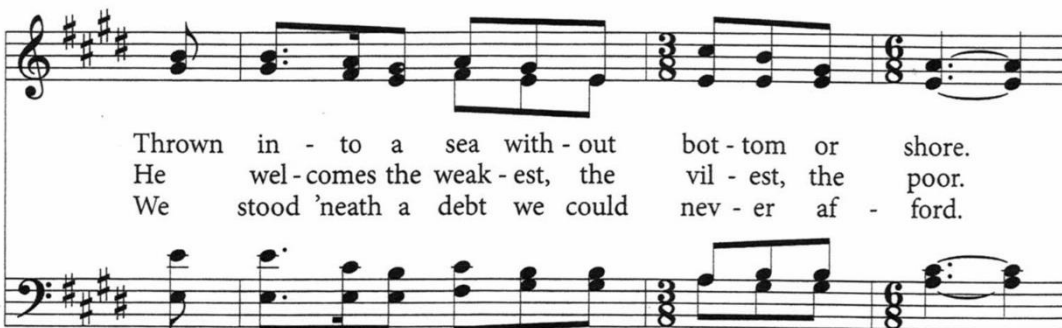
*He kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"... And Jesus said to him,
"Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." Luke 18:39, 42*



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us.



Om - nis - cient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum.
What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home?
His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost.



Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore.
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.

Our sins, they are man-y—His mer-cy is more. Praise the Lord,

His mer-cy is more. Strong-er than dark - ness,

new eve-ry morn; our sins, they are man - y—His mer-cy is more.

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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:** Bonnie Kertland, *Fall Leaves*, 2017, photograph.
- 2) **Music:** "Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord" (26) and "The King of Glory Comes" (240) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "His Mercy Is More" (221) is reprinted from *Sing the Wonders* (2nd Ed.), Dan Kreider, General Editor, Grace Immanuel Bible Church, 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>. 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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