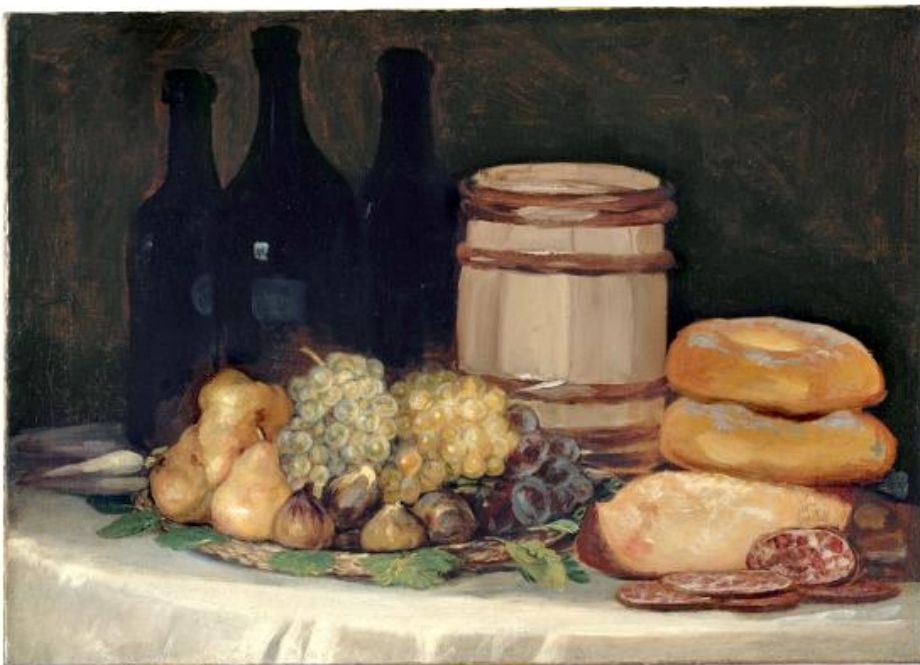




Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

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Front Cover Artwork

Francisco José de Goya y Lucientes (1746-1828), *Still life with fruit, bottles, breads* (*Naturaleza muerta con frutas, botellas, panes*), 1808-1812 (other sources, 1824-1826), oil on canvas, 45 cm x 63 cm, Oskar Reinhart Foundation (<https://www.roemerholz.ch/sor/en/home.html>), Winterthur, Zurich Canton, Switzerland, in the public domain.

The artwork presents a rich assortment of fruits, bottles, and bread that are lavishly spread across the foreground. In the composition, several ripe pears and grapes are artfully arranged on a woven mat, accompanied by resplendent figs that add a note of luxury to the scene. Amidst the fruits, there are three dark bottles, their forms creating a contrasting backdrop to the pale delicacies in front of them. The robust texture of a wooden barrel suggests a rustic charm while inviting speculations about its contents.

A stack of bread offers a hearty presence with their crusty exterior and warm tones, inviting the observer to ponder the simple yet essential role of this staple food. Beside the bread lies what appears to be a large wedge of cheese with slices cut from it, augmenting the sense of opulence and abundance in the scene. The interplay of light and shadow enhances the tactile qualities of the foodstuffs and containers, lending a sense of immediacy and palpability to the viewer's experience.

The composition, while realistic, embraces the Romantic movement's inclination for expressive brushwork and rich color palettes. Goya's strategic placement of objects creates a narrative within the ordinary, allowing the viewer to sense the textural contrasts and earthy beauty of these everyday items. Through this work, Goya not only demonstrates his mastery of oil painting but also his capacity to elevate the mundane to the realm of fine art.

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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. Today's Nursery Workers are Nancy Eakin and Bonnie Kertland.

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. Today's Junior Church Teacher is Eve Dolon.

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), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Peter Gible (viola), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Jared Salyards (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Jeb Yingst (sound).

Today's Communion Servers are Greg Moore and Brad Weaver.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 30:4-5

*Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.*

*⁵ For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.*

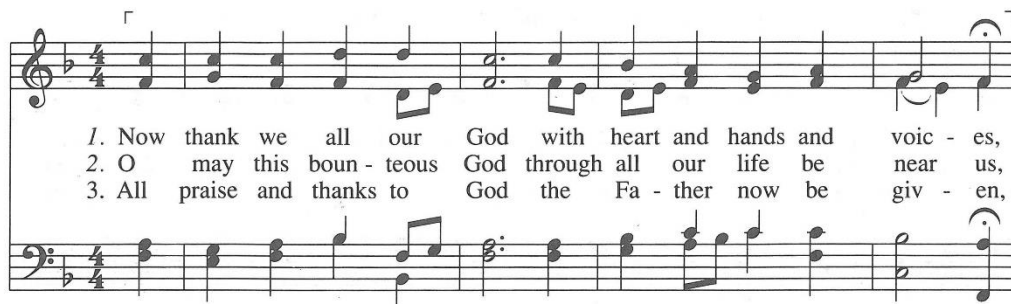
*Weeping may tarry for the night,
But joy comes with the morning.*

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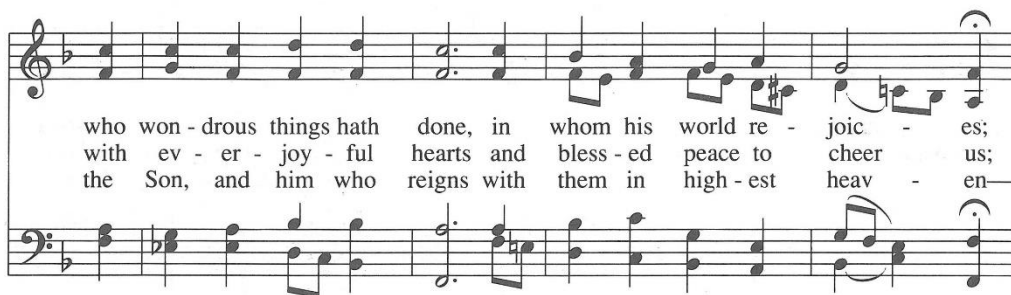
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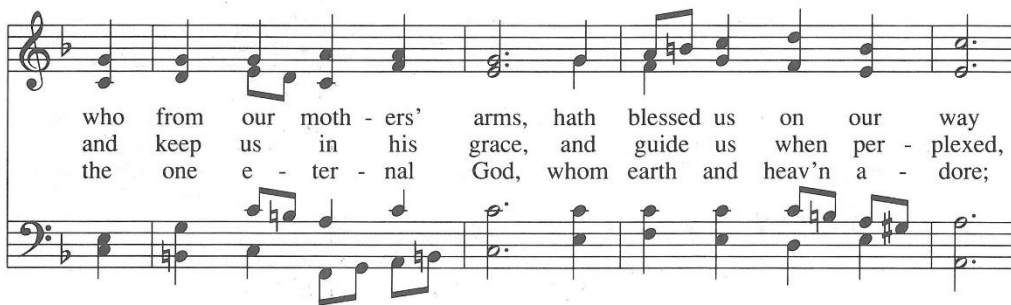
Now Thank We All Our God



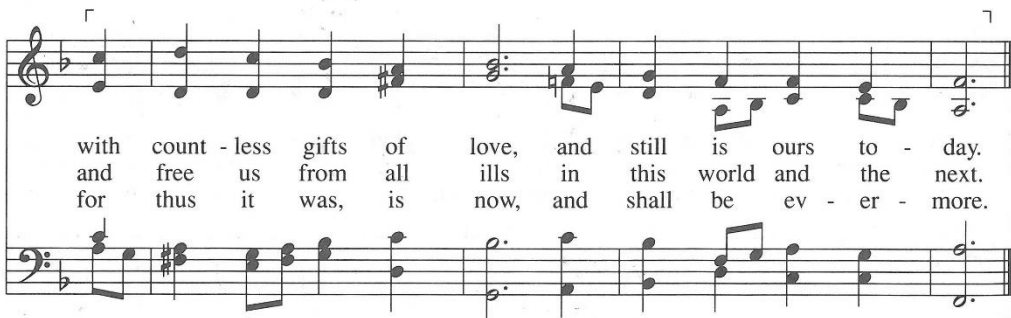
1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en—



who from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
 Johann Crüger, 1647

Martin Rinkart, 1636
 Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

2 Corinthians 5:1-9

Today, we confess our faith in God's promise of resurrection, which gives us hope to endure.

***For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a house not made with hands,
eternal in the heavens.***

***² For in this tent we groan,
longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,
³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.***

***⁴ For while we are still in this tent,
we groan, being burdened—
not that we would be unclothed,
but that we would be further clothed,
so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God,
who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.***

***⁶ So we are always of good courage.
We know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord,
⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight.
⁸ Yes, we are of good courage,
and we would rather be away from the body
and at home with the Lord.***

***⁹ So whether we are at home or away,
we make it our aim to please him.***

***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

Luke 12:29-34

This month we are exploring the biblical standard summarized by the 10th Commandment which forbids us from coveting that which belongs to our neighbors.

[D]o not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of November 24-30, 2024

In Unison

From "National Day of Thanksgiving" in *Liturgical Forms and Prayers*

Our Sovereign God, who created all things for Your pleasure and who gives to all life, breath, and every good thing, we thank You for our creation, our preservation, and all the blessings of this life. For rain and sunshine, in abundance and in lack, we acknowledge that our times are in Your hands. You supply all of Your creatures with Your good gifts, the just and the unjust alike. Nevertheless, we especially give You praise for the surpassing greatness of Your saving grace, which You have shown to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. For our election in Him before the foundation of the world, for our redemption by Him in life, death, and resurrection, for our effectual calling, justification, sanctification, and all of the blessings of our union with Him, we give You our heartfelt thanks. And we look with great anticipation toward the day when You will raise us to life everlasting, glorified and confirmed in righteousness, so that we may sing Your praises without the defilement of our present weaknesses, distractions, and sins. As you have given us these gifts, we ask that You would give us grateful hearts, so that we may serve our neighbors in love. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray, saying:

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: My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain, Who
 2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side, Who
 3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove, Whose

plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain, Who
 floods my weak - ness - es and strengths and caus - es fear to fly, Whose
 wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love, For

crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light, And
 ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take, Sus -
 ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King. So

wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
 tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
 I will give my life, my all to love and fol - low Him.

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. Mark Rice.

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 11:32-46

³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶ but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Through Me! (4)
Jesus, who gives life
Today's Text: John 11:37-46
Pastor David Kertland

1. Our greatest _____

2. _____ Jesus

3. "Lazarus, _____ ."

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.'

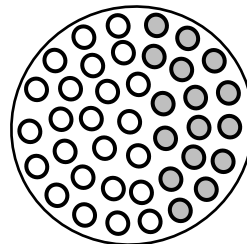
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.

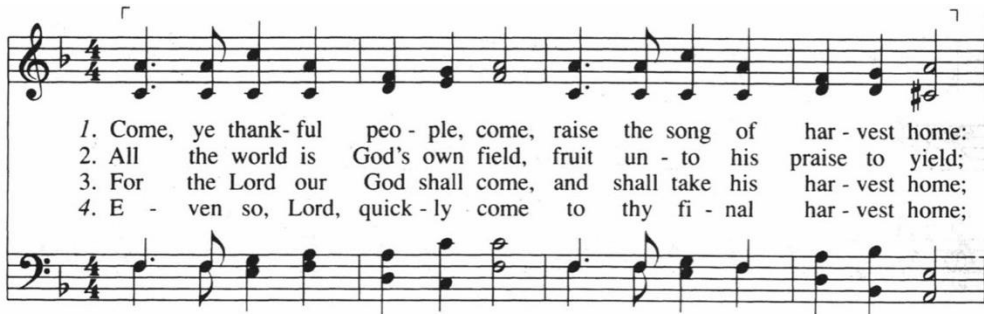


white circles = grape juice in clear cups
gray circles = wine in purple cups

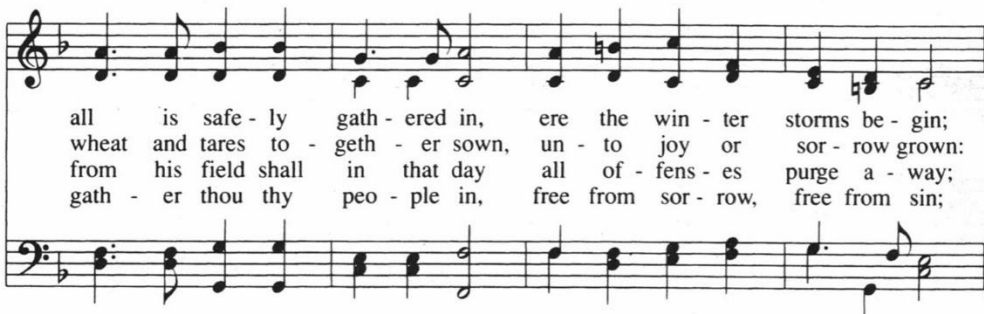
Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

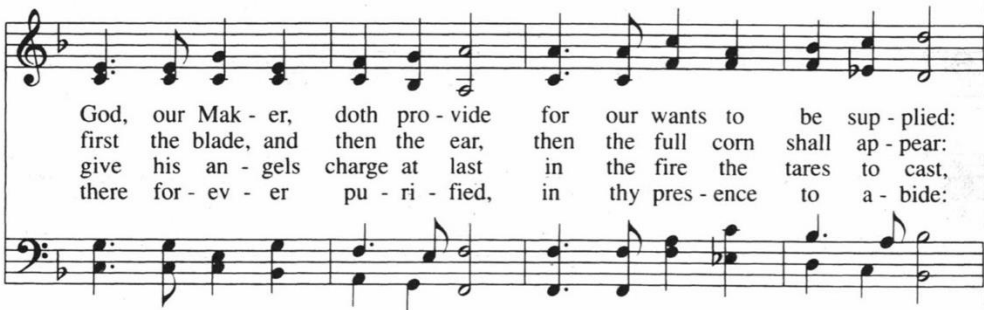
***Song of Dedication & Service: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**



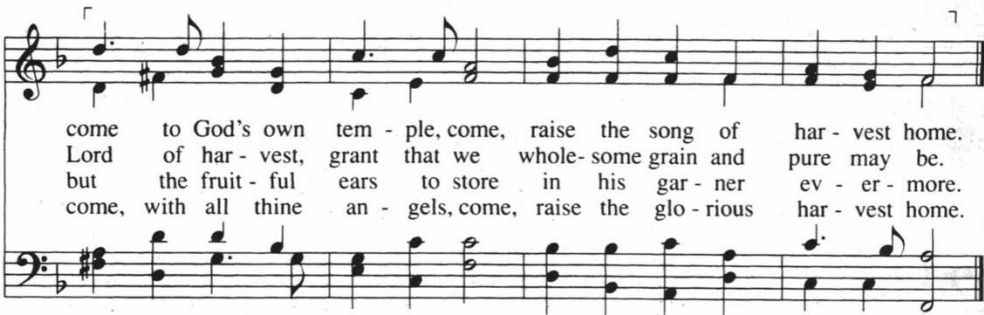
1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home:
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har-vest home;
 4. E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home;



all is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin;
 wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown;
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
 gath-er thou thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin;



God, our Mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied:
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear:
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy pres-ence to a-bide:



come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er more.
 come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

ST. GEORGES, WINDSOR 7.7.77.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1859

Henry Allford, 1844, 1867

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:18

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
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:** Francisco José de Goya y Lucientes (1746-1828), *Still life with fruit, bottles, breads* (*Naturaleza muerta con frutas, botellas, panes*), 1808-1812, oil on canvas, 45 cm x 63 cm, Oskar Reinhart Foundation (<https://www.roemerholz.ch/sor/en/home.html>), Winterthur, Zurich Canton, Switzerland, Image downloaded on 11/20/2024 from: <https://www.roemerholz.ch/sor/en/home/museum/the-collection/the-artists/francisco-jose-de-goya-y-lucientes--still-life-with-bottles--fru.html>. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "Now Thank We All Our God" (98) and "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (715) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" (374) 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.artchive.com/artwork/still-life-with-fruit-bottles-breads-francisco-goya-1824-1826/>. Page 8: Prayer of Thanksgiving is reprinted from "National Day of Thanksgiving," page 111 of *Liturgical Forms and Prayers* (United Reformed Churches in North America, Ontario, Canada, 2018). 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).

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