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Front Cover Artwork

Claude Monet (1840-1926), *Lavacourt under Snow*, about 1878-1881, oil on canvas, 59.7 cm. x 80.6 cm., Sir Hugh Lane Bequest, 1917, The National Gallery, London. In partnership with Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin. On loan: Long Loan to The Hugh Lane (2019 - 2026) (Group B), Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane, Dublin, Ireland, 1927, Inventory Number NG3262. In the public domain.

“Snow scenes were a particular favorite among the Impressionists, and Monet painted several canvases that explore the way sunlight plays upon the snow, reflecting tones of red, pink, purple and blue at different times of day. He produced this scene of Lavacourt, a tiny hamlet on a bend in the Seine, when he was living in Vétheuil on the opposite side of the river.

The picture is dated 1881, but it may have been painted earlier, during the winter of 1879/80, which was unusually cold. The Seine froze over and Monet was captivated by the way the landscape was transformed by snow and ice, braving the freezing temperatures to set up his easel out of doors. The great bank of snow in the foreground is conveyed with broad sweeps of the brush, the whites overlain with blues. The cold tones suggest that this side of the river is in shadow, unlike the opposite side, where the pink tones suggest the warmth of pale sunlight.”

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/claude-monet-lavacourt-under-snow>
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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 Emily Church and Paige Eickelberg.

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 Katy McIlvaine.

Thank you to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Ephraim Church (violin), Jericho Church (sound), Isaiah Church (violin), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Peter Gobble (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Today's Communion Servers are Nick Yingst and Michael Kitchens.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 47:1-2, 6-8

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

² For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

a great king over all the earth.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm!

⁸ God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Wondrous King, All-Glorious

G Dsus D Em Bsus B C

1. Won-drous King, all - glo - rious, sov'-reign Lord vic - to - rious, oh, re -
 2. Heav-ens, spread the sto - ry of our Mak-er's glo - ry, all the
 3. O my soul, re - joic - ing, sing, thy prais-es voic - ing, sing, with
 4. Hal - le - lu - jahs ren - der to the Lord most ten - der, ye who

G Em D G D G Dsus D Em

ceive our praise with fa - vor! From thee welled God's kind - ness tho' we
 pomp of earth ob - sur - ing. Sun, thy rays be send - ing, thy bright
 hymns of faith a - dore him! All who here have be - ing, shout, your
 know and love the Sav - ior. Hal - le - lu - jahs sing ye, ye re -

Bsus B C G Em D G D G B C

in our blind - ness strayed from thee, our bless - ed Sav - ior. Strength-en thou,
 beams ex - pend - ing, light to all the earth as - sur - ing. Moon and star,
 voic - es free - ing, bow down in the dust be - fore him. He is God
 deemed, oh, bring ye hearts that yield him glad be - hav - ior. Blest are ye

D G D - G C G D G Am G Am7 D7 G 7

help us now; let our tongues be sing - ing, thee our prais-es bring - ing.
 praise a - far him who glo - rious made you; the vast heav-ens aid you.
 Sab - a - oth; praise a - lone the Sav - ior, here and there for - ev - er.
 end - less - ly; sin - less there for - ev - er, ye shall laud him ev - er.

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 Joachim Neander, 1680; alt. 1990

Joachim Neander, 1680.
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***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Colossians 1:13-20

*The Father...has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

*He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.*

*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

And he is the head of the body, the church.

*He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.*

*For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.*

***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

Psalm 1

*Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.*

*³ He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.*

*⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.*

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Colossians 1:21-23a

"[Y]ou, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of January 26 – February 1, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **Hershey Community:** The Hershey Company
- **Civil Government:** Vice President JD Vance
- **Unreached People Group:** Kufra Bedouin of Libya

Population: 29,000; Language: Arabic; Religion: Islam

"...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.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Retired Teaching Elder Bob Eickelberg
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)

The Lord's Prayer: We will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

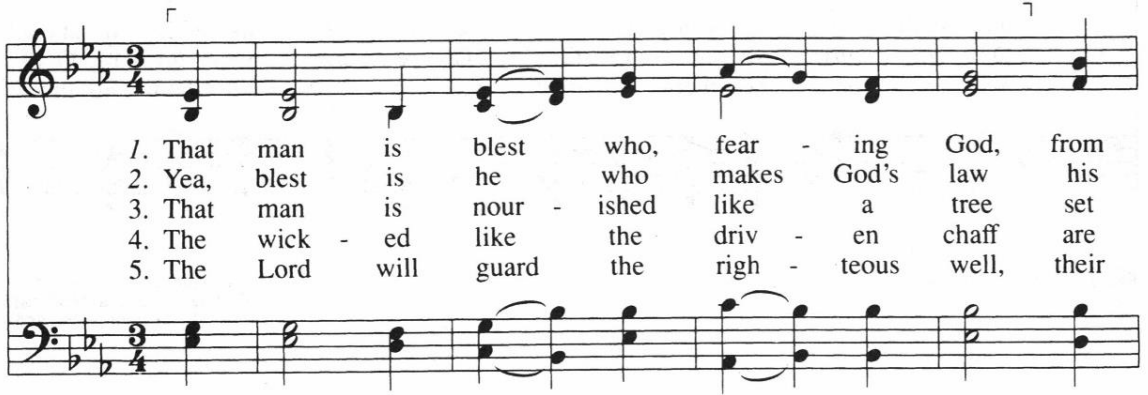
"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

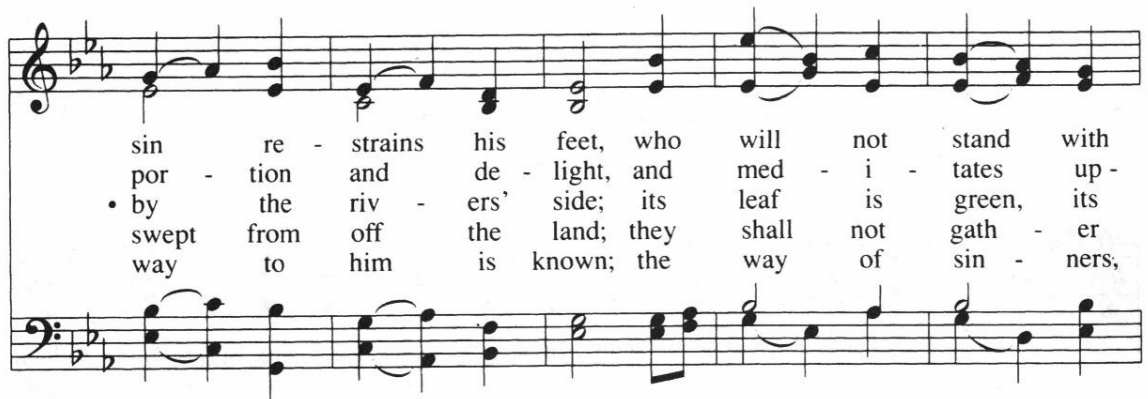
Offertory

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.

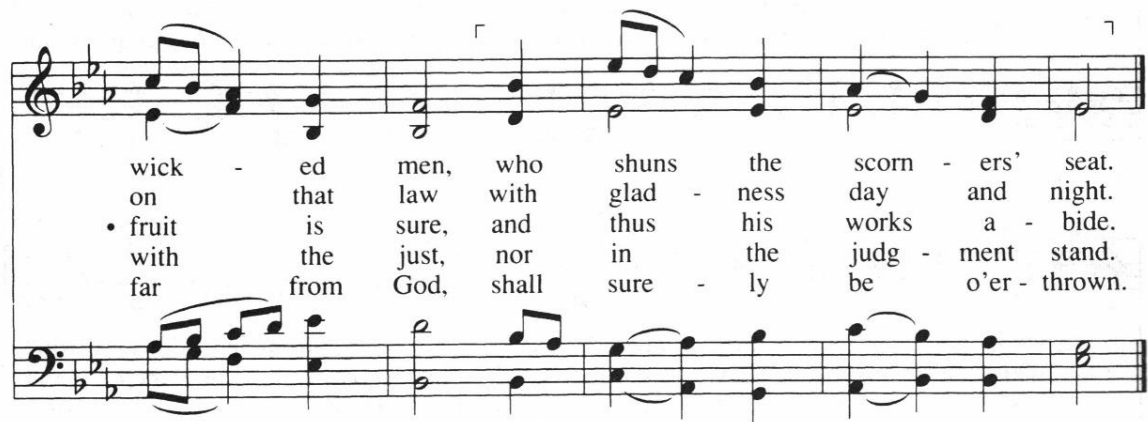
***Song of Preparation: That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God** (Psalm 1)



1. That man is blest who, fear - ing God, from
 2. Yea, blest is he who makes God's law his
 3. That man is nour - ished like a tree set
 4. The wick - ed like the driv - en chaff are
 5. The Lord will guard the righ - teous well, their



sin re - strains his feet, who will not stand with
 por - tion and de - light, and med - i - tates up -
 • by the riv - ers' side; its leaf is green, its
 swept from off the land; they shall not gath - er
 way to him is known; the way of sin - ners,



wick - ed men, who shuns the scorn - ers' seat.
 on that law with glad - ness day and night.
 • fruit is sure, and thus his works a - bide.
 with the just, nor in the judg - ment stand.
 far from God, shall sure - ly be o'er - thrown.

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:**

Jeremiah 6:16-21

"Thus says the LORD: 'Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'

¹⁷ I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Pay attention to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not pay attention.'

¹⁸ Therefore hear, O nations, and know, O congregation, what will happen to them. ¹⁹ Hear, O earth; behold, I am bringing disaster upon this people, the fruit of their devices, because they have not paid attention to my words; and as for my law, they have rejected it.

²⁰ What use to me is frankincense that comes from Sheba, or sweet cane from a distant land? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices pleasing to me.

²¹ Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will lay before this people stumbling blocks against which they shall stumble; fathers and sons together, neighbor and friend shall perish.'"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Finding Rest:
“Ask for the Ancient Paths”
Sermon Text: Jeremiah 6:16
Pastor David Kertland

1. Are you _____ God’s rest?
2. “ _____ paths”
3. _____ ; _____ ; _____

Application Question: “When has following the path of sin taken away your soul’s rest? What is one choice you could make today to follow the Lord’s leading into the path of Spirit-dependent rest?” From Day 25: “Rest in God’s Good Ways” in *Rest: Creating Space for Soul Refreshment* by Heather Nelson (P&R Publishing, 2024, 69-70)

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.'

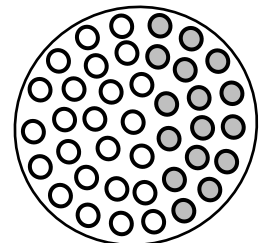
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.

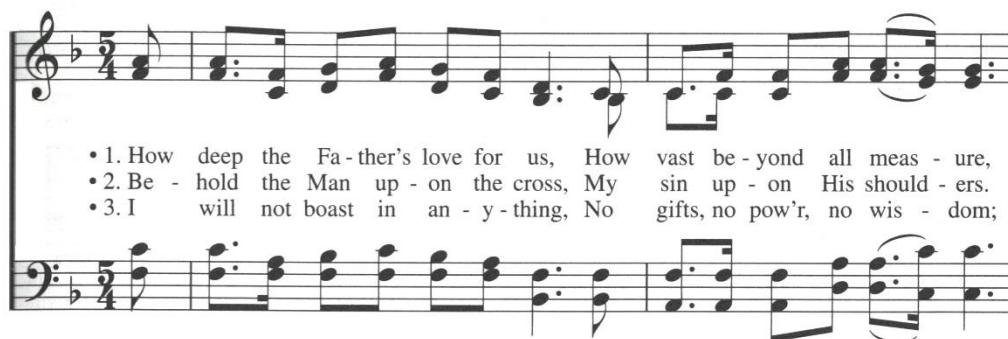


white circles = grape juice in clear cups
gray circles = wine in purple cups

Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

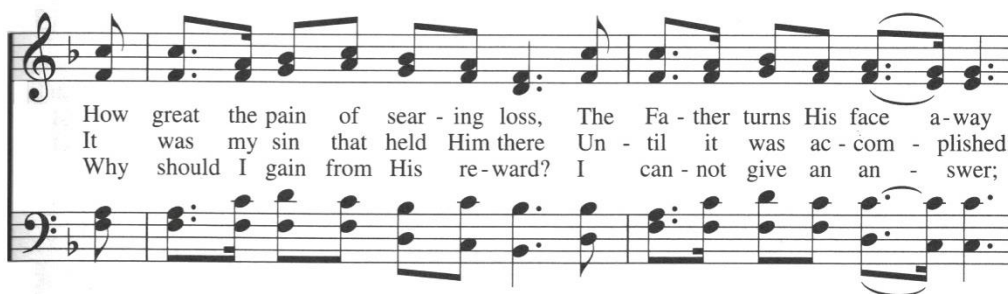
*Song of Dedication & Service: How Deep the Father's Love for Us



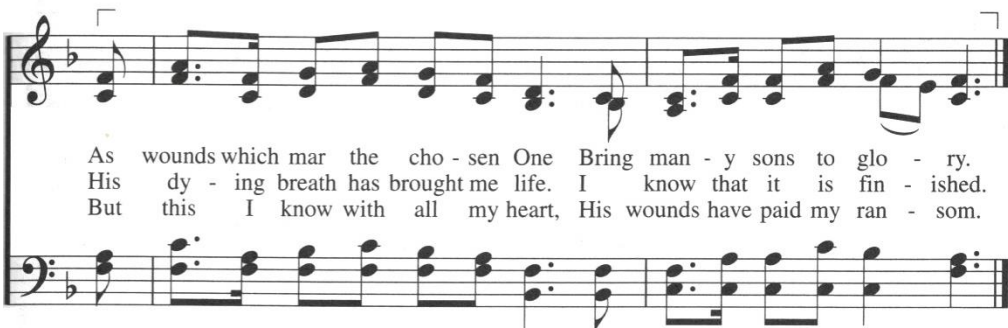
• 1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, How vast be - yond all meas - ure,
• 2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, My sin up - on His should - ers.
• 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;



That He should give His on - ly Son To make a wretch His treas - ure.
A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice Call out a - mong the scof - fers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss, The Fa - ther turns His face a - way.
It was my sin that held Him there Un - til it was ac - com - plished.
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer;



As wounds which mar the cho - sen One Bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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:** Claude Monet (1840-1926), *Lavacourt under Snow*, about 1878-1881, oil on canvas, 59.7 cm. x 80.6 cm., Sir Hugh Lane Bequest, 1917, The National Gallery, London. In partnership with Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin. On loan: Long Loan to The Hugh Lane (2019- 2026) (Group B), Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane, Dublin, Ireland, 1927, Inventory Number NG3262. In the public domain.
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- 4) **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

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Covenant Theological Seminary

(www.covenantseminary.edu): our denominational seminary in St. Louis, MO.



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