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Front Cover Artwork

Linda Billet, *Rooted in Compassion*, fused glass mosaic, 2022, on display at the Doctors Kienle Center for Humanistic Medicine at the Penn State Health College of Medicine, Hershey, PA.

Linda Billet is an artist in Hummelstown, PA who is a full-time glass artisan working in kilnformed and mosaic applications. More information and her portfolio can be found on her website, <https://lindabillet.com>.

The Doctors Kienle Center for Humanistic Medicine at the Penn State Health College of Medicine supports projects and initiatives that promote empathy and compassion in health care settings. Originally established as the Center for Humanistic Medicine in 1979 and renamed The Doctors Kienle Center for Humanistic Medicine in 1991, this center supports education and research aimed at promoting a humane, compassionate and patient-centered approach to medicine. The Center is named in honor of the late Drs. Lawrence F. Kienle and Jane Witmer Kienle, whose generous support created the center.
<https://sites.psu.edu/kienlecenter>



Detail of front cover



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 Jessica Buckwalter and Yaasha Hepperle.

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 Leah Gible.

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), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Peter Gible (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (leading worship), Jason Kueh (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

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

Prelude

Missions Moment: Today we welcome **Jason and Ai Kueh, and their children Kanae, Clare, and John Yuji**. The Kuehs serve with Serge in Urayasu, Japan, a city southeast of Tokyo. Jason pastors Shin Urayasu Grace Church. Jason will present his ministry in the Adult Sunday School Class and will also fill the pulpit today.

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 66:1-3a

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

²sing the glory of his name;

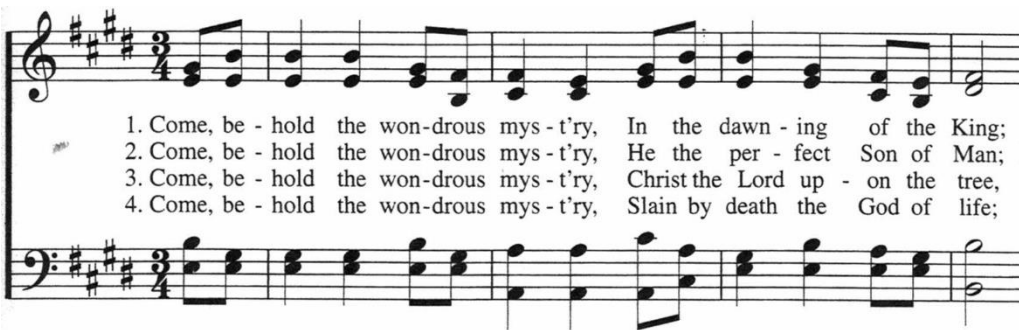
give to him glorious praise!

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

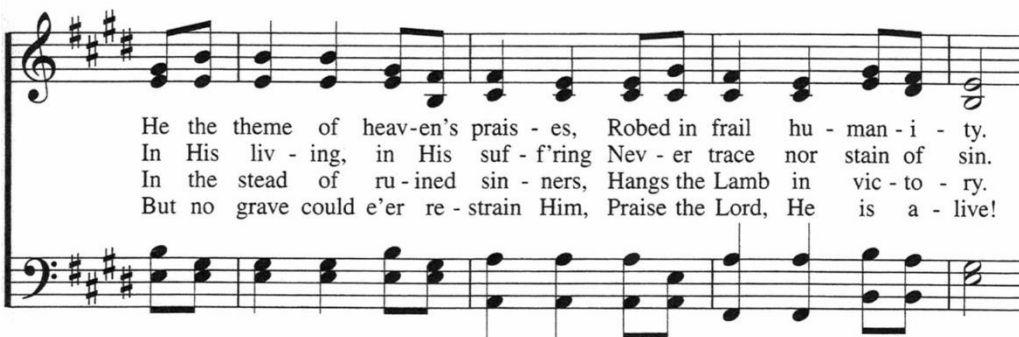
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*Response of Praise: Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery



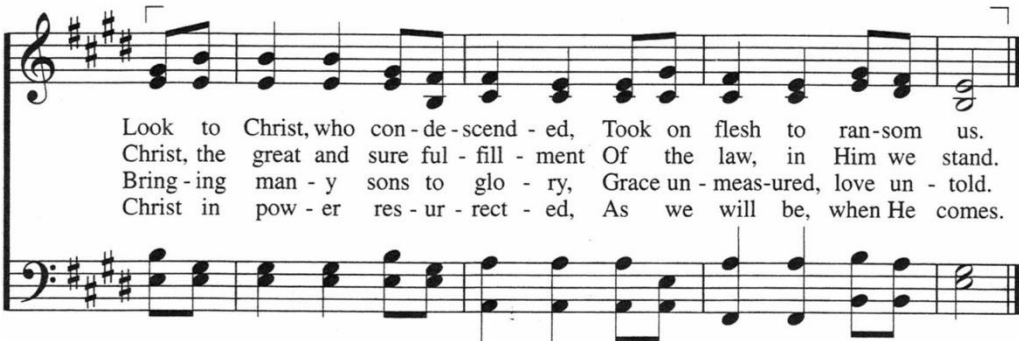
1. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, In the dawn - ing of the King;
 2. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man;
 3. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree,
 4. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Slain by death the God of life;



He the theme of heav-en's prais - es, Robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
 In His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring Nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
 In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners, Hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.
 But no grave could e'er re - strain Him, Praise the Lord, He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, Now the light of life has come;
 See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, Come to save the hell-bound man;
 See the price of our re - demp - tion, See the Fa - ther's plan un - fold;
 What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, How un - wa - ver - ing our hope;



Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, Took on flesh to ran - som us.
 Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment Of the law, in Him we stand.
 Bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, Grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.
 Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, As we will be, when He comes.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith**

Colossians 1:11-23

Leader: *"May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light."*

Congregation:

"He 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."

Leader: *"And you, 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, and of which I, Paul, became a minister."*

***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

Deuteronomy 4:14-20

¹⁴ And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and rules, that you might do them in the land that you are going over to possess.

¹⁵ "Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, ¹⁶ beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷ the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, ¹⁸ the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth. ¹⁹ And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. ²⁰ But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of March 9-15, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **Hershey Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Carter Wyckoff
- **Civil Government:** PA Governor Josh Shapiro
- **Unreached People Group:** Ruarha Bedouin of Algeria

Population: 87,000; Language: Arabic; Religion: Islam

"...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

Intercession *for the Church (God's People)*:

- **Health issues:** Darlene K.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Deacon Keith Dolon
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Bethany Presbyterian Church, Oxford, 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.

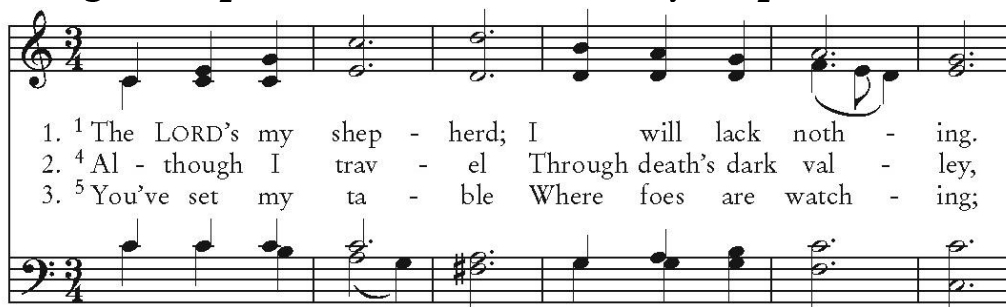
"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,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

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

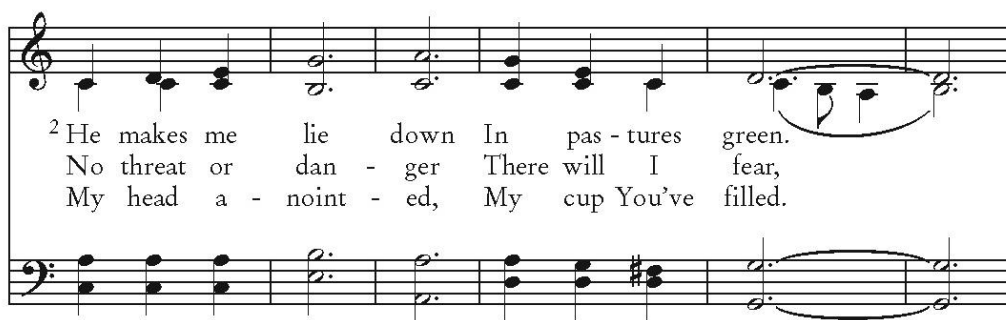
Offertory

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.

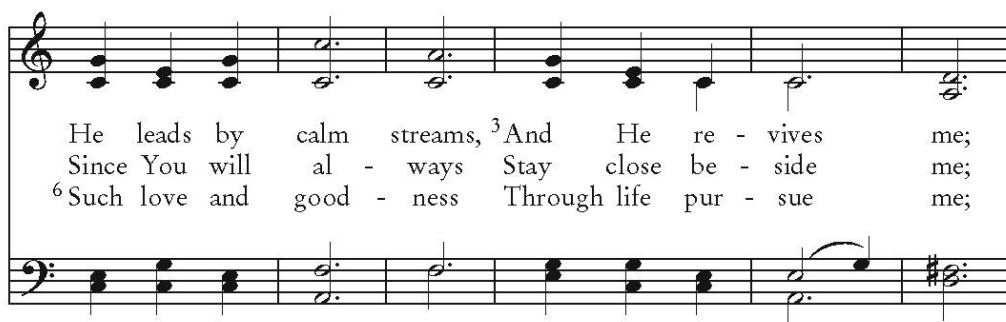
*Song of Preparation: The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)



1. ¹ The LORD's my shep - herd; I will lack noth - ing.
2. ⁴ Al - though I trav - el Through death's dark val - ley,
3. ⁵ You've set my ta - ble Where foes are watch - ing;



² He makes me lie down In pas - tures green.
No threat or dan - ger There will I fear,
My head a - noint - ed, My cup You've filled.



He leads by calm streams, ³ And He re - vives me;
Since You will al - ways Stay close be - side me;
⁶ Such love and good - ness Through life pur - sue me;



He guides in right ways For His name's sake.
Your rod and staff give Com - fort to me.
I'll live for - ev - er In the LORD's house.

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**

Philemon 1:1-6

*Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker² and Apphia our sister and Archippus
our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:*

³ *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

⁴ *I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear
of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all
the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for
the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

The Power of Gospel Fellowship

Today's Text: Philemon 1:1-6

Jason Kueh

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 (see below)

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.'

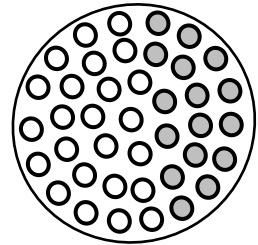
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

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

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):

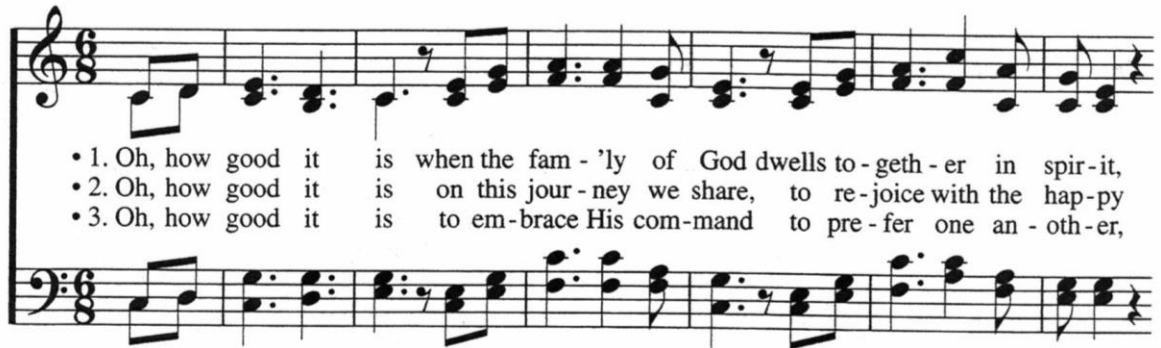
Prayer of Belief: "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you 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.

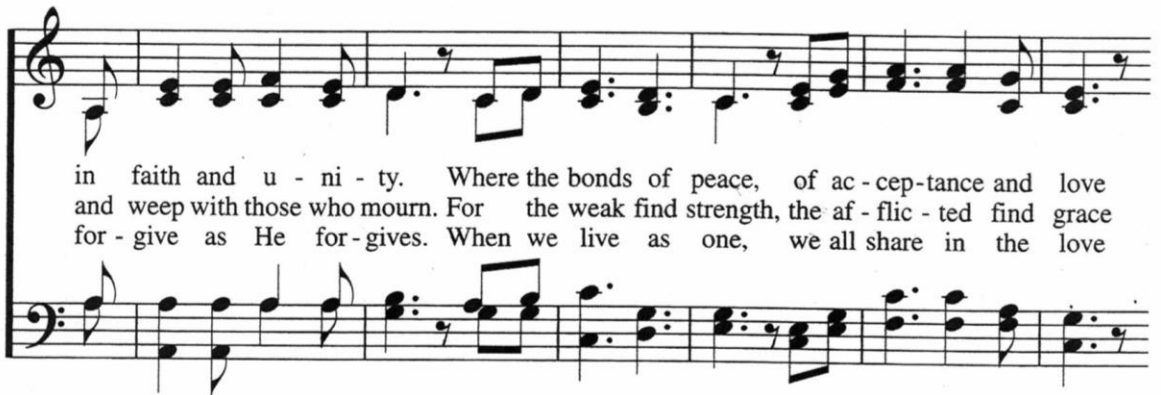
Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service:**

Oh, How Good It Is



1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to - geth - er in spir - it,
2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share, to re - joice with the hap - py
3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace His com - mand to pre - fer one an - oth - er,



in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cep - tance and love
and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the af - flic - ted find grace
for - give as He for - gives. When we live as one, we all share in the love



are the fruits of His pres - ence here a - mong us.
when we of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
of the Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

Please turn the page for the Chorus →

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one heart we'll

live out His Word. Till the whole earth sees the Re-deem-er has

come, For He dwells in the pres-ence of His peo - ple.

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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:** Linda Billet, *Rooted in Compassion*, fused glass mosaic, 2022, on display at the Doctors Keinle Center for Humanistic Medicine at the Penn State Health College of Medicine, Hershey, PA. Used with the permission of the artist and the Keinle Center at Penn State University Medical Center (displayed in hallway of the Medical College outside of Au Bon Pain). Use on our booklet cover is solely for the purpose of displaying the work of a local artist. It is not intended to imply any relationship, alignment, agreement or disagreement with the Keinle Center and its pursuits and policies.
- 2) **Music:** "Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery" (184) and "Oh, How Good It Is" (332) are reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (The Master's Seminary Press, Los Angeles, CA, 2015). "The Lord's My Shepherd" (23C) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: about the artist: <https://lindabillet.com>; about The Doctors Keinle Center for Humanistic Medicine: <https://sites.psu.edu/kiencenter>. 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) **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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The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), was formed in 1973 to be a denomination that is ***“Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.”*** Various organizations of the PCA include:



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 (Mt. 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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