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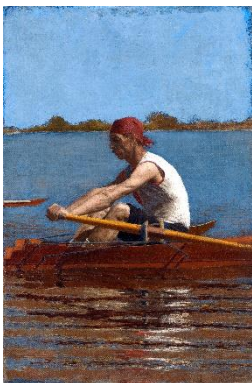
Front Cover Artwork

Thomas Eakins, *John Biglin in a Single Scull*, c. 1873, American, Watercolor on off-white wove paper, 19 5/16 in. x 24 7/8 in. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, (not on display), Fletcher Fund, 1924, Object Number: 24.108, In the public domain.

In 1873, when Eakins began painting watercolors for exhibition, he took up sporting scenes. This sheet is a replica of a watercolor (Yale University Art Gallery, see below) that he sent to his Parisian teacher, Jean-Léon Gérôme, for criticism. His master wrote, "Your watercolor is entirely good and I am very pleased to have in New York a pupil such as you who does me honor."

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On the Painting: In the 1870s, Thomas Eakins drew upon his firsthand knowledge of the popular sport of rowing and his scientific understanding of anatomy, motion, and reflections on water to create a series of rowing pictures. This one features John Biglin, the champion of single sculls, as he practices for a race. Like a figure carved in relief, Biglin displays powerful muscularity in the sculptural roundness of his arms and shoulders. Other details, including the light wear on the wooden thole pin that provides a fulcrum for the oar, are rendered with Eakins's characteristic precision.

<https://artgallery.yale.edu/collections/objects/5464>



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 Paige Eickelberg and Paul 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 AmyLea Yingst.

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), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Peter Gibble (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Jared Salyards (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Dave Eakin and Joe Kearns.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 68:34-35

*³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel,
and whose power is in the skies.*

*³⁵ **Awesome is God from his sanctuary;
the God of Israel—***

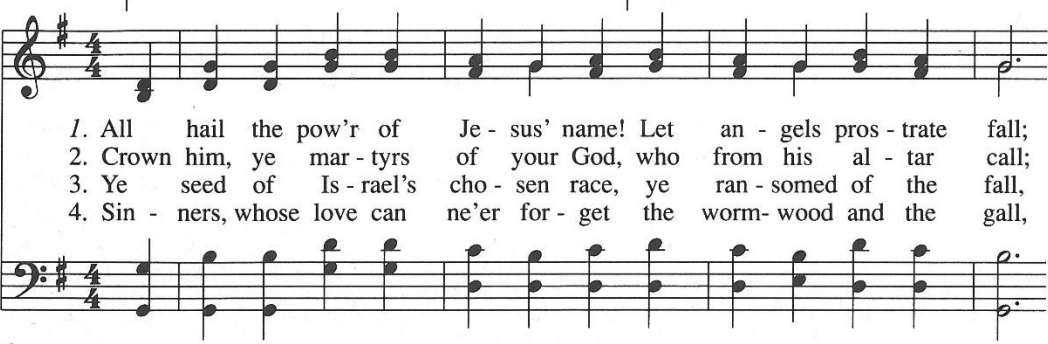
*he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!*

Light Text = Read by Leader

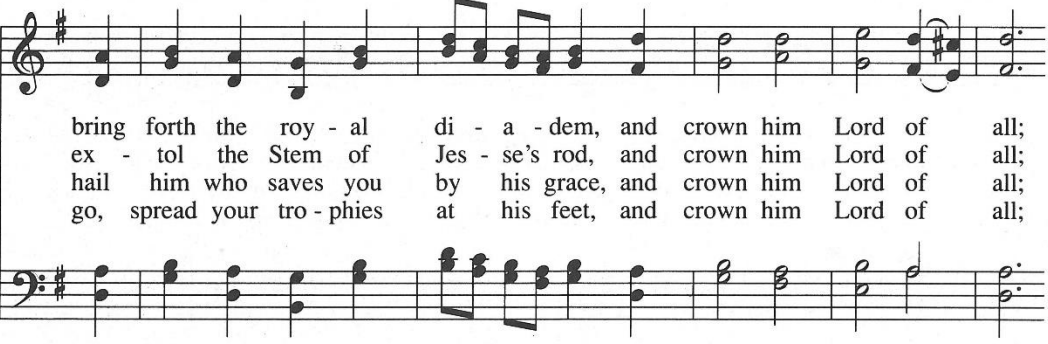
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***Response of Praise: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** (verses 1, 3, 5-6)

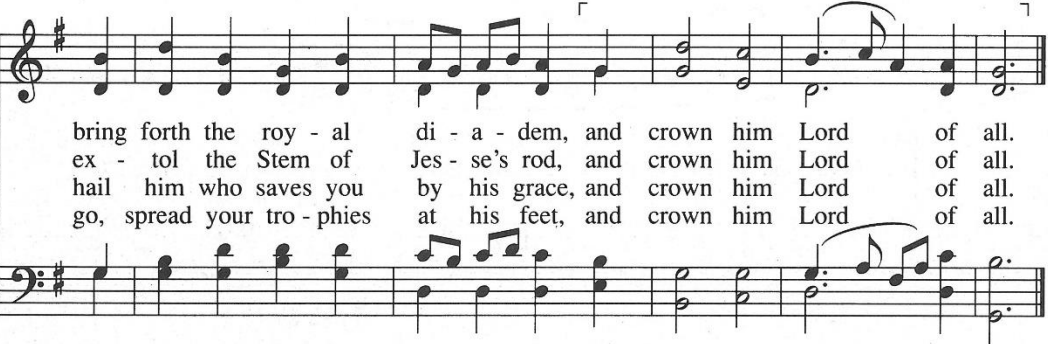
CORONATION C.M. rep.
Oliver Holden, 1793



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Crown him, ye mar - tyr's of your God, who from his al - tar call;
3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;



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5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

St. 1-5, Edward Perronet, 1779; alt.
St. 6, John Rippon, 1787

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

***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.**

* "'Catholic' here means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples."
It is confessed in recognition of the believing church throughout the world; not as a reference to what is today called the *Roman Catholic Church*.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Deuteronomy 5:6,11

⁶ *“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.”*

...

¹¹ *“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”*

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.

Q. 59. Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

Q. 61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment forbids the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

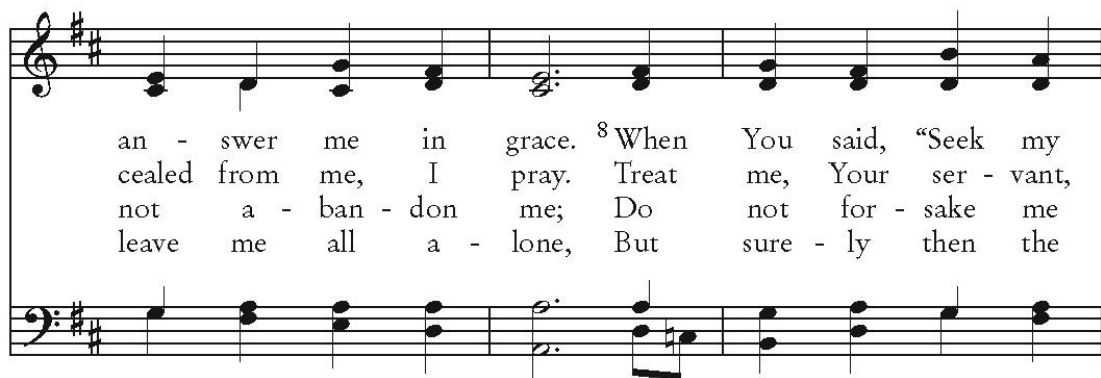
Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

***Song of Thanksgiving and Prayer: O Hear My Voice, Lord**
Psalm 27:7-10



8. ⁷ O hear my voice, LORD, when I cry, And
 9. ⁹ O do not cause Your face to be Con -
 10. For You have sure - ly been my help, Do
 11. ¹⁰ My fa - ther and my moth - er both May



an - swer me in grace. ⁸ When You said, "Seek my
 cealed from me, I pray. Treat me, Your ser - vant,
 not a - ban - don me; Do not for - sake me
 leave me all a - lone, But sure - ly then the



face," my heart Said, "LORD, I'll seek Your face."
 with - out wrath; Do not turn me a - way.
 now, I pray, O God who res - cues me.
 LORD Him - self Will take me as His own.

Alexander R. Reinagle, c. 1836

ST. PETER CM

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Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of May 4-10, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **Hershey Community:** Derry Township Director of Parks and Recreation
Amy Walker
- **Civil Government:** US Supreme Court Justices
- **Unreached People Group:** Beg of India and Bangladesh

Population: 5,000; Language: Bengali; 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:** Sound Team
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Covenant Theological Seminary

The Lord's Prayer: We will close our prayer 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

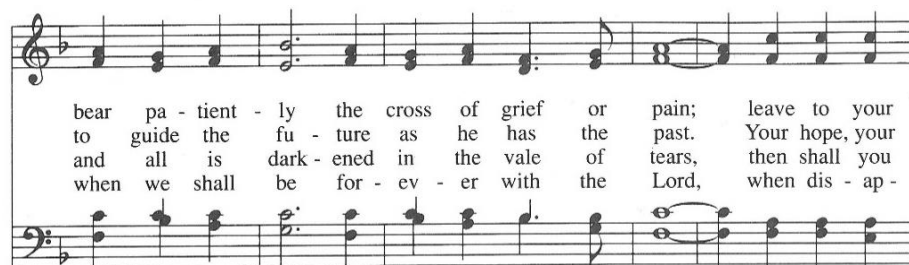
During the Song of Preparation, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in Room 111. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the door to the right when facing the stage.

*Song of Preparation:

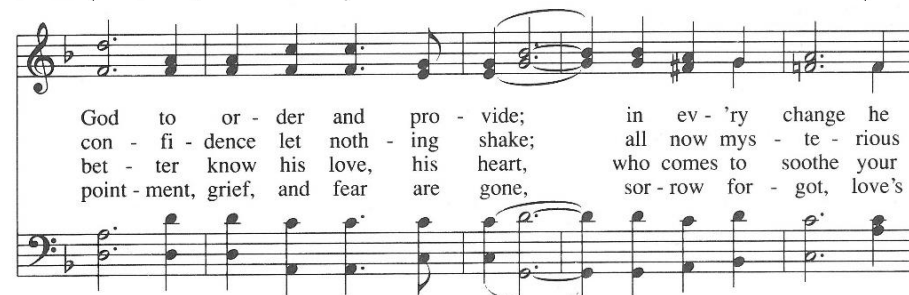
Be Still My Soul (verses 1, 2, & 4)



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un-der-take
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear-est friends de-part,
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has-t'ning on



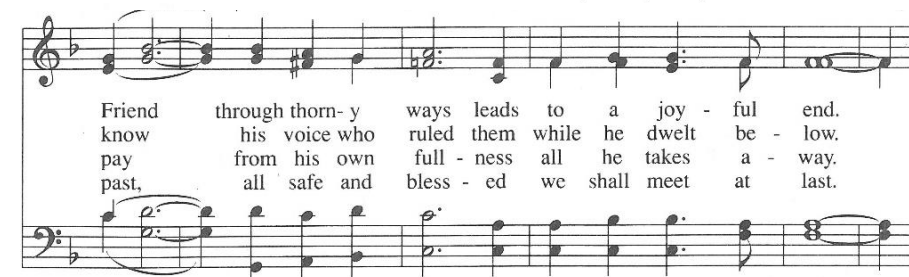
bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
 to guide the fu-ture as he has the past. Your hope, your
 and all is dark-ened in the vale of tears, then shall you
 when we shall be for-ev-er with the Lord, when dis-ap-



God to or-der and pro-vide; in ev-'ry change he
 con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious
 bet-ter know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your
 point-ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor-row for-got, love's



faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n-ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 sor-row and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Je-sus can re-
 pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are



Friend through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be-low.
 pay from his own full-ness all he takes a-way.
 past, all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

FINLANDIA 10:10.10:10:10.
 Jean Sibelius, 1899, arr.

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752.
 Tr. by Jane Borthwick, 1855; alt. 1990, mod.
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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 14:1-14

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

United to Christ (1): *The Gospel of John, Chapters 14-17*

Sermon: ***“Believe in God; believe also in me”***

Today's Text: John 14:1-14

Pastor David Kertland

1. Christ, our _____

2. Christ, our _____

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)

Prayer

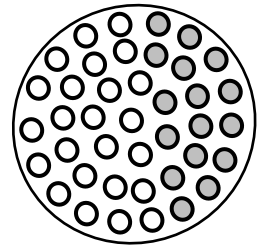
Words of Institution:

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."

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:**

A Parting Hymn We Sing

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Matt. 26:30

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal ensemble (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The piano accompaniment is simple, using block chords and moving lines in both hands. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1. A part - ing hymn we sing a - round your ta - ble, Lord;
2. Here have we seen your face, and felt your pres - ence here;
3. We're pur - chased by your blood, by sin no lon - ger led;
4. In self - for - get - ting love be our com - mu - nion shown,

a - gain our grate - ful trib - ute bring, our sol - emn vows re - cord.
so may the sa - vor of your grace in word and life ap - pear.
the path our dear Re - deem - er trod may we re - joic - ing tread.
un - til we join the church a - bove, and know as we are known.

Aaron R. Wolfe, 1858
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Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

*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

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- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/10818> and <https://artgallery.yale.edu/collections/objects/5464>. 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).
- 5) **Note from the Pastor:** Along with the Greek and English texts, a variety of commentaries and other study aids may 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.



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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.



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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.



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