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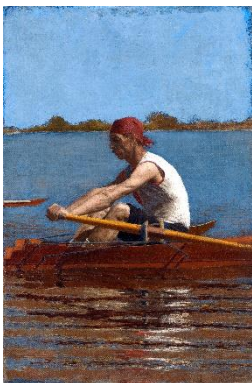
Front Cover Artwork

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 Bonnie Kertland 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 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), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (vocals), Laura Church (vocals), Peter Gible (viola), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Brad Weaver (sound), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (piano).

Today's Communion Servers are Asahel Church and Michael Kitchens.

Prelude

Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and grandmothers! While our worship service remains focused on the worship of our Sovereign God, we are grateful to Him for providing mothers who love and care for the covenant children of our worship site. Thank you for all that you do!

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Revelation 4:8b, 11

*“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come”*

***“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”***

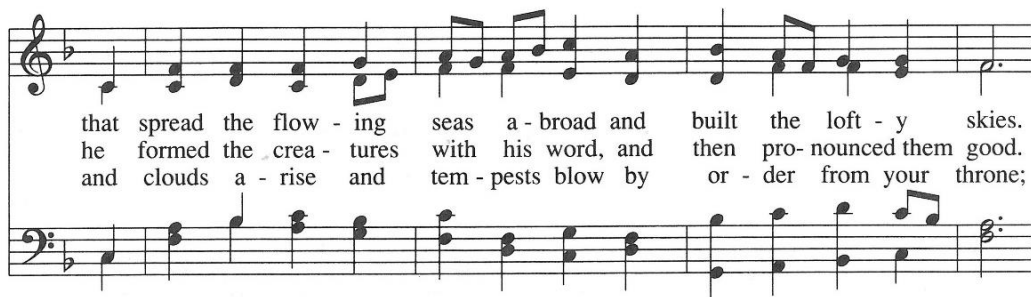
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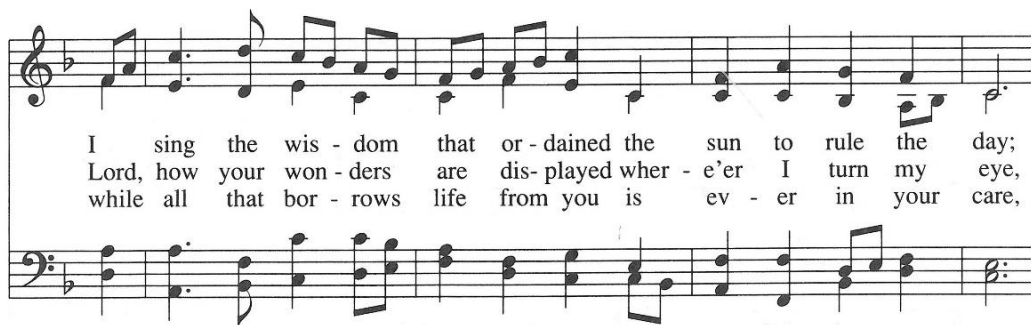
***Response of Praise: I Sing the Almighty Power of God**



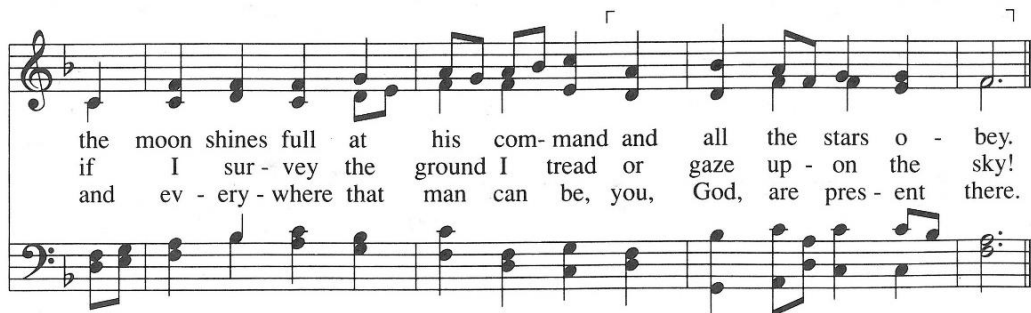
1. I sing th'al - might - y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes your glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
 he formed the crea - tures with his word, and then pro - nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow by or - der from your throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how your won - ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from you is ev - er in your care,



the moon shines full at his com - mand and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that man can be, you, God, are pres - ent there.

FOREST GREEN C.M.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Isaac Watts, 1715
 Mod.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Athanasian Creed, part 2

"This creed is named after Athanasius (A.D. 293-373), the champion of orthodoxy against Arian attacks on the doctrine of the Trinity. Although Athanasius did not write this creed...the name persists because until the seventeenth century it was commonly ascribed to him." In this second part of the creed, we confess what the Scriptures reveal to us about Jesus.

**We believe and confess
that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,
is both God and human, equally.**

**He is God from the essence of the Father,
begotten before time;
and he is human from the essence of his mother,
born in time;
completely God, completely human,
with a rational soul and human flesh;
equal to the Father as regards divinity,
less than the Father as regards humanity.**

**Although he is God and human,
yet Christ is not two, but one.
He is one, however,
not by his divinity being turned into flesh,
but by God's taking humanity to himself.
He is one,
certainly not by the blending of his essence,
but by the unity of his person.
For just as one human is both rational soul and flesh,
so too the one Christ is both God and human.**

**He suffered for our salvation;
he descended to hell;
he arose from the dead;
he ascended to heaven;
he is seated at the Father's right hand;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
At his coming all people will arise bodily
and give an accounting of their own deeds.
Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.**

***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

Genesis 2:2-3

[O]n the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Romans 5:1-2

[S]ince we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of May 11-17, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **Hershey Community:** Hershey Public Library Director Alison Jacobine
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner Justin Douglas
- **Unreached People Group:** Behara of Bangladesh and India

Population: 87,900; 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:** Trudy K.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Sunday School and Junior Church Teachers
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Lebanon Valley Presbyterian Church Plant

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: I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew**

1. I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew he moved my
 2. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en - fold; I walked and
 3. I find, I walk, I love, but O the whole of love is

soul to seek him, seek - ing me; it was not I that
 sank not on the storm-vexed sea—'twas not so much that
 but my an - swer, Lord, to thee; for thou wert long be -

found, O Sav - ior true; no, I was found of thee.
 I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.
 fore - hand with my soul, al - ways thou lov - edst me.

Anon., 1878

PEACE 10.10.10.6.
 George W. Chadwick, 1893

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 (2): *The Gospel of John* chapters 14-17

Sermon: “Believe in God; believe also in me” (Part 2)

Today's Text: John 14:1-14

Pastor David Kertland

1. **Part 1 (last week):** Christ, our Comfort: Out of sometimes confusing events and fearful moments that you face, many of which you cannot now understand, the Lord is forging a bond with you that will never be broken having achieved for you a peace that will never end.

2. **Part 2 (today):** 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

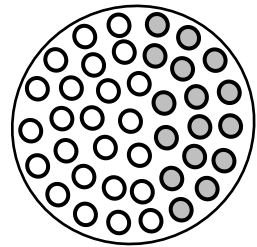
Words of Institution:

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:**

In Christ Alone



• 1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
 • 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh; Full-ness of God in help - less
 • 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay; Light of the world by dark - ness
 • 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in

song; This Corn - er - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the
 slain. This gift of love and right - eous - ness Scorned by the
 me. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, Up from the
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com -

fier - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones He came to save; 'Til on that cross as Je - sus
 grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no scheme of

peace When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease; My Com - fort -
 died The wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev - ery
 ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
 man Can ev - er pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re -

Song Ending

er, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
 His and He is mine, Bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ!
 turns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. Bruce Greer

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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.

* Congregation standing, as personal ability allows.

Time to Register for 2025 Vacation Bible School Is Coming!

Registration forms and invitation flyers are available on the table at the back of our worship space. Consider inviting friends and family! VBS is a great way to reach out to our community!



“UPWARD BOUND”

“FURTHER UP & FURTHER IN!”

Dates: Monday, June 30 - Thursday, July 3

Place: 850 Hill Church Road

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 PM

For: age 3 through completed Grade 5

Activities: Bible stories, crafts, games, & snacks



Today's Service Information

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- 3) **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).
- 4) **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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