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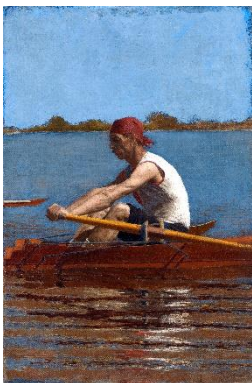
Front Cover Artwork

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."

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/10818>

Related Painting: *John Biglin in a Single Scull*, Thomas Eakins, Oil on canvas, 24 3/8 in. x 16 in., Yale University Art Gallery, Whitney Collections of Sporting Art, On view, 2nd Floor, American Art before 1900, given in memory of Harry Payne Whitney, B.A. 1894, and Payne Whitney, B.A. 1898, by Francis P. Garan, B.A. 1897 (Hon.) 1922, Accession Number: 1932.263, in the public domain.



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 Dorinda Saul and Kumi Minagawa.

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 Laura Church.

Thank you to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Peter Gobble (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Jared Salyards (piano), Sarah Shafer (soloist), Jeb Yingst (sound), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Today's Communion Servers are Nick Yingst and Brad Weaver.

Prelude

Graduation Recognition

Congratulations to Evan Kitchens, 2025 graduate of Cedar Crest High School.

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 62:5-8

*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.*

*He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.*

*On God rests my salvation and my glory,
My mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

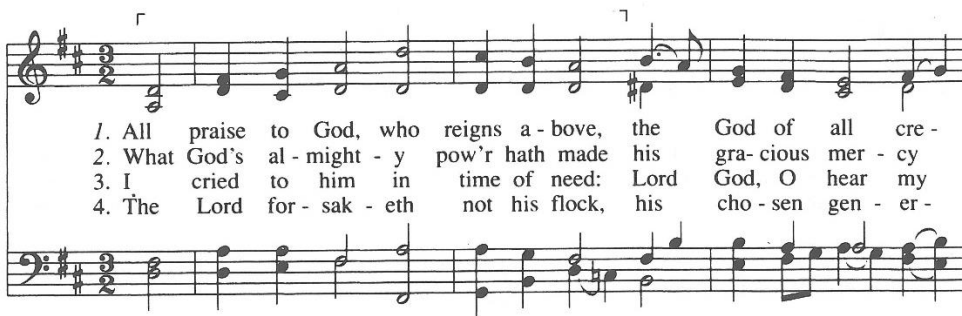
*Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.*

Light Text = Read by Leader

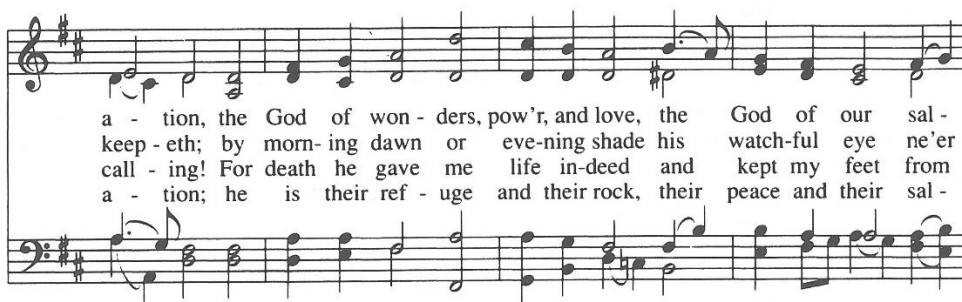
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Response of Praise: All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

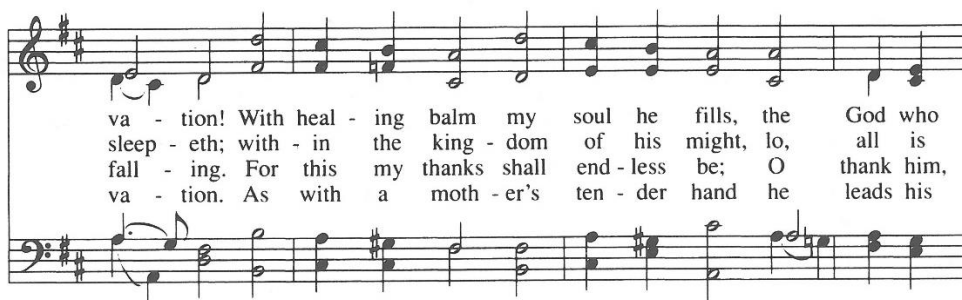
Johann J. Schütz, 1675
Tr. by Frances E. Cox, 1864



1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his gra - cious mer - cy
3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my
4. The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his cho - sen gen - er -



a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal -
keep - eth; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er
call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed and kept my feet from
a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their rock, their peace and their sal -



va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who
sleep - eth; with - in the king - dom of his might, lo, all is
fall - ing. For this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him,
va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his

MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.
Bohemian Brethren's Gesangbuch, 1566



ev - ery sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
just and all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
thank our God with me. To God all praise and glo - ry!
own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!

5. Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!
6. Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

from 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

***According to his great mercy, he has caused us
to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,
and unfading, kept in heaven for us,
who by God's power are being guarded through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

***In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary,
we have been grieved by various trials,
so that the tested genuineness of our faith—
more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested
by fire—
may be found to result in praise and glory and honor
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.***

***Though we have not seen him, we love him.
Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and rejoice
with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,
obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.***

***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

Hebrews 4:9-11

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of May 18-24, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **Hershey Community:** Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Med. Center
Doctors, Nurses, Staff, and Board of Directors
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick
- **Unreached People Group:** Behlim of India
Population: 8,400; Language: Gujarati; 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:** Lois K.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation: Retired TE** Bob Eickelberg
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations: Mission to North America (MNA)**

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

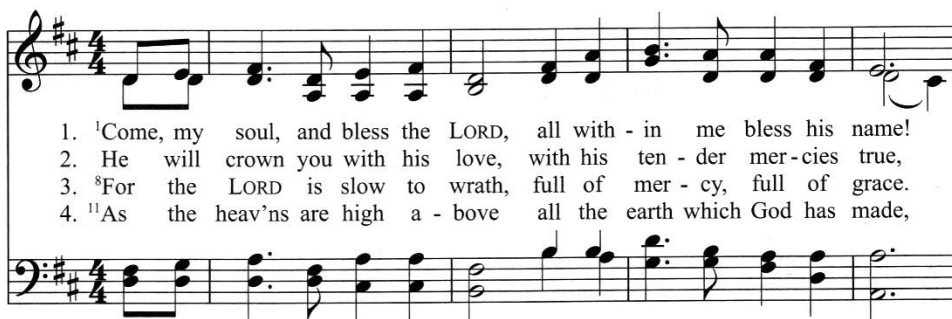
Offertory: Crown Him with Many Crowns
See lyrics on page 15.

arr. Marc Guy

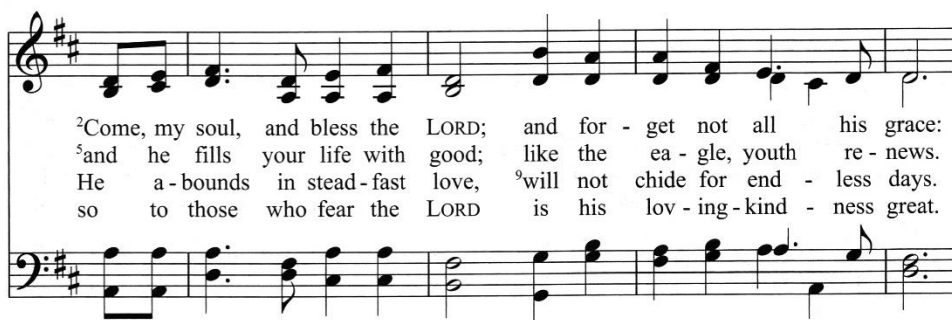
During the Song of Preparation, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in Room 111. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the door to the right when facing the stage.

*Song of Preparation:

Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord



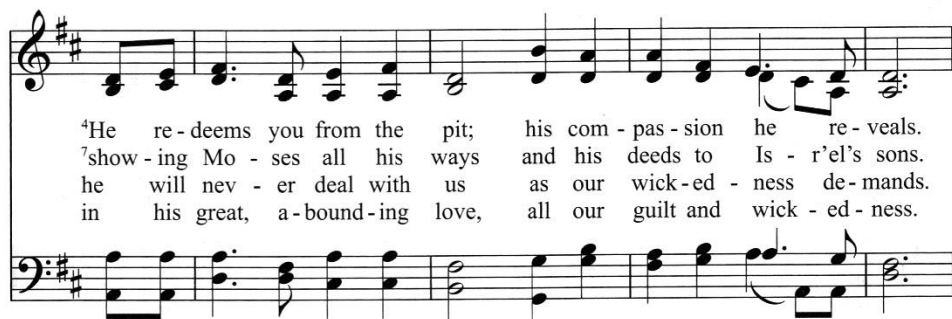
1. ¹Come, my soul, and bless the LORD, all with - in me bless his name!
 2. He will crown you with his love, with his ten - der mer - cies true,
 3. ⁸For the LORD is slow to wrath, full of mer - cy, full of grace.
 4. ¹¹As the heav'ns are high a - bove all the earth which God has made,



²Come, my soul, and bless the LORD; and for - get not all his grace:
⁵and he fills your life with good; like the ea - gle, youth re - news.
 He a - bounds in stead - fast love, ⁹will not chide for end - less days.
 so to those who fear the LORD is his lov - ing - kind - ness great.



³all your sins the LORD for - gives, all your sick - ness - es he heals.
⁶God, the righ - teous judge, de - fends all op - pressed and bro - ken ones,
 God will not re - tain his wrath, ¹⁰he will not re - pay our sins;
¹²Far as east is from the west, he re - moves so far from us,



⁴He re - deems you from the pit; his com - pas - sion he re - veals.
⁷show - ing Mo - ses all his ways and his deeds to Is - r'el's sons.
 he will nev - er deal with us as our wick - ed - ness de - mands.
 in his great, a - bound - ing love, all our guilt and wick - ed - ness.

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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 14:15-31

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

United to Christ (3): *The Gospel of John* chapters 14-17

Sermon:

“Another Helper”

Today's Text: John 14:15-31

Pastor David Kertland

1. _____ Love

2. _____ Grace

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

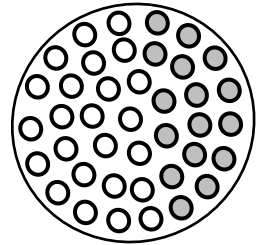
Words of Institution:

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
arr. Mark Hayes

Musical Meditation: Bread of the World in Mercy Broken
See lyrics on page 15.

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.

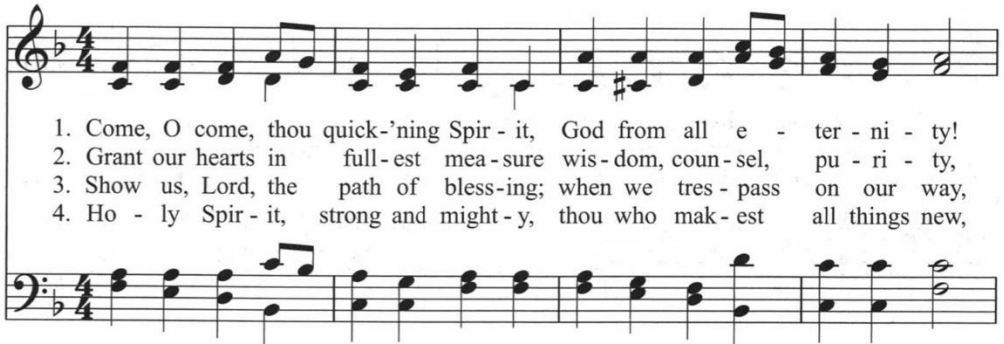
If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but ask that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, 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."

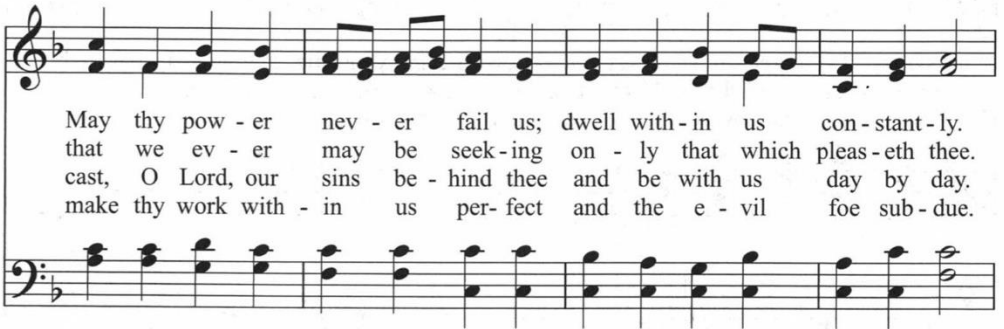
Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk with our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Receiving God's Blessing

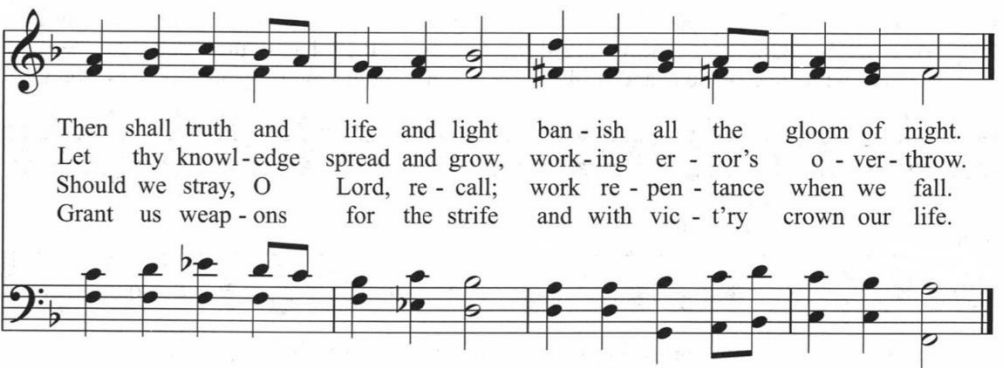
*Song of Dedication & Service: Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit



1. Come, O come, thou quick-'ning Spir - it, God from all e - ter - ni - ty!
2. Grant our hearts in full - est mea - sure wis - dom, coun - sel, pu - ri - ty,
3. Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; when we tres - pass on our way,
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, strong and might - y, thou who mak - est all things new,



May thy pow - er nev - er fail us; dwell with - in us con - stant - ly.
that we ev - er may be seek - ing on - ly that which pleas - eth thee.
cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind thee and be with us day by day.
make thy work with - in us per - fect and the e - vil foe sub - due.



Then shall truth and life and light ban - ish all the gloom of night.
Let thy knowl - edge spread and grow, work - ing er - ror's o - ver - throw.
Should we stray, O Lord, re - call; work re - pen - tance when we fall.
Grant us weap - ons for the strife and with vic - t'ry crown our life.

Heinrich Held, ca. 1664
Tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1866; alt.
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Charles F. Gounod, 1872

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ 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

- 1) **Artwork: Page 1:** 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. **Page 2:** *John Biglin in a Single Scull*, Thomas Eakins, Oil on canvas, 24 3/8 in. x 16 in., Yale University Art Gallery, Whitney Collections of Sporting Art, On view, 2nd Floor, American Art before 1900, given in memory of Harry Payne Whitney, B.A. 1894, and Payne Whitney, B.A. 1898, by Francis P. Garan, B.A. 1897 (Hon.) 1922, Accession Number: 1932.263, in the public domain.
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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.

* Congregation standing, as personal ability allows.

Time to Register for 2025 Vacation Bible School!

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



Offertory Music: Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. Marc Guy

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity!

Crown him the Lord of life:
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those he came to save;
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

To Thee be endless praise,
For thou for us hast died;
Be thou, O Lord, through endless days
Adored and magnified!
Amen!

Communion Music: Bread of the World in Mercy Broken arr. Mark Hayes

Bread of the World in mercy broken,
Wine of the Soul in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken,
And in Whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken;
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Your feast to us the token,
That by Your grace our souls are fed!

Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, One in Three;
Christ above me, Christ beneath me,
Christ within me, Three in One. Amen.



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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.



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



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