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Today's Front Cover

John Singer Sargent (American, born Italy, 1856–1925). *Gourds*, 1908. Opaque and translucent watercolor with graphite underdrawing, 13 13/16 x 19 11/16 in. (35.1 x 50 cm) frame: 24 1/4 x 30 1/4 x 1 13/16 in. (61.6 x 76.8 x 4.6 cm). Brooklyn Museum, Purchased by Special Subscription, 09.822. (Photo: Brooklyn Museum). In the public domain.

“Sargent’s extraordinary virtuosity is on display in *Gourds*, painted in Majorca in the summer or autumn of 1908, just months before the New York debut of his watercolors. In all of his garden watercolors, Sargent relied on the pictorial framework of sculptural forms to anchor his exuberant record of vivid light falling across leaves and flowers. Here the fruits, made luminous with thin washes and exposed areas of paper, punctuate a maze of layered colors and whorls of dashed, opaque highlights.”

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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 on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. Today's Nursery Workers are Vicki Gehron and Dorinda Saul.

A **Junior Church** for children aged 4-Grade 2 is offered on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. beginning during the hymn before the sermon. Today's Junior Church Teacher is Eve Dolon.

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), Peter Gible (viola), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Bobby Noble (sound). Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Asahel Church, Keith Dolon, Greg Moore.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 103:1-2, 8-12

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,*

...

*The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.*

*He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

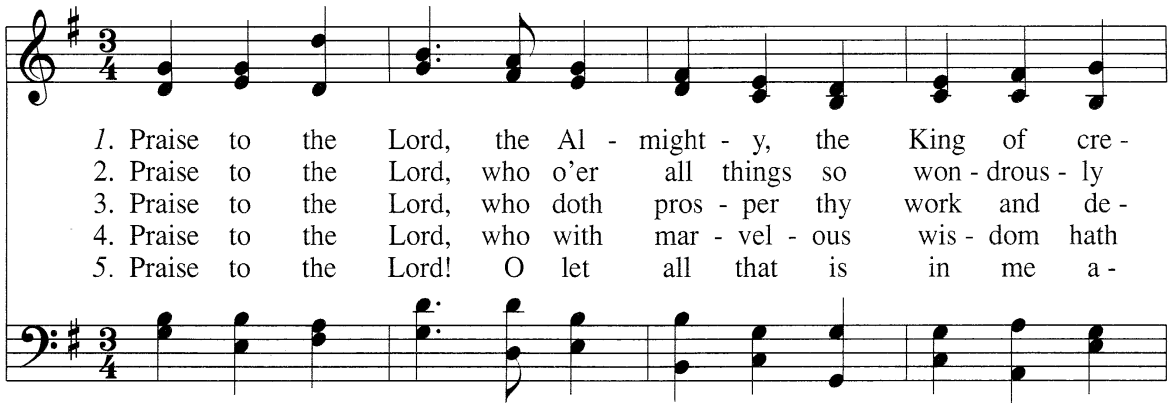
*as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*** Response of Praise:**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

***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; it is not 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, 17

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

¹⁷ *"You shall not murder."*

Q. 67. What is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, *Thou shalt not kill.*

Q. 68. What is required in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

Q. 69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tends thereunto.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 Timothy 1:15a

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of July 6 - July 12, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Hershey Area Small Businesses
- **Civil Government:** US Senator John Fetterman
- **Unreached People Group:** Belagar of Africa
 - Population:19,000; Language: Blagar; Religion: Ethnic Religions
 - "...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:** Deacon Keith Dolon
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Susquehanna Valley
Presbytery

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 the lower level of the education building. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the front in the narthex.

Song of Preparation:

Listen to My Words, O Lord

1. ¹ Lis - ten to my words, O LORD; Know the whis - pered things I say.
 2. ⁴ For I know that You, O God, Find in e - vil no de - light;
 3. ⁷ Yet in Your a - bound - ing love, To Your house will I draw near,

² Heed my cry - ing out for help— God, my King, to You I pray.
 E - vil can - not dwell with You, ⁵ Nor the proud stand in Your sight.
 Bow - ing to Your ho - ly place, Wor - ship - ing in rev' - rent fear.

³ Hear me in the morn - ing, LORD, When I lift my voice on high,
 You hate all who prac - tice sin. ⁶ You de - stroy the one who lies;
⁸ Since, O LORD, my en - e - mies All a - round me lie in wait,

Set - ting forth my plea to You, Look - ing out with watch - ful eye.
 For the LORD a - bom - i - nates Those who schemes of blood de - vise.
 Lead me in Your righ - teous - ness; Make Your way be - fore me straight.

4. ⁹ In their mouth there is no truth;
 All their heart destruction seeks,
 Like an open grave their throat,
 While their tongue with honey speaks.
¹⁰ Make them bear their guilt, O God;
 Snare them in the things they planned!
 Cast them out for all their sins:
 Rebels who against You stand.

5. ¹¹ Yet let all who trust in You
 Sing for joy through all their days.
 Guard all those who love Your name;
 Let them give You joyful praise.
¹² Blessing to the righteous one,
 You, O LORD, will surely bring;
 With Your favor, like a shield,
 You will give him covering.

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 16:4-15

But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: **“I will send...the Helper”**

Today's Text: John 16:4-15

Pastor David Kertland

1) With You: _____ & _____ (verses 4-7)

2) _____ the World (verses 8-11)

3) _____ You (verses 12-15)

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:

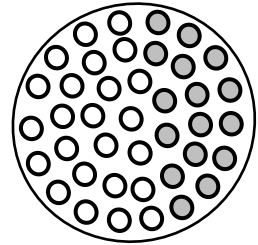
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"[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.



Prayer

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

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: For Your Gift of God the Spirit**

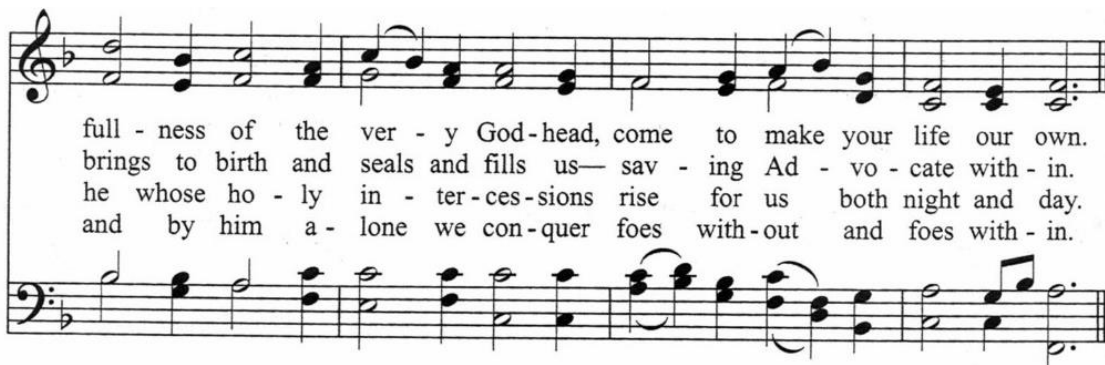
The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with a final line of lyrics. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4.

1. For your gift of God the Spir - it, pow'r to make our lives a - new,
2. He who in cre - a - tion's dawn-ing brood - ed on the life - less deep,
3. He, him-self the liv - ing Au - thor, wakes to life the sa - cred Word,
4. He, the might-y God, in-dwells us; his to strength-en, help, em-pow'r,

pledge of life and hope of glo - ry, Sav - ior, we would wor - ship you.
still a - cross our na - ture's dark-ness moves to wake our souls from sleep,
reads with us its ho - ly pag - es and re - veals our ris - en Lord.
his to o - ver - come the tempt - er, ours to call in dan - ger's hour.

Crown-ing gift of res - ur - rec - tion sent from your as - cend - ed throne,
moves to stir, to draw, to quick-en, thrusts us thro' with sense of sin;
He it is who works with - in us, teach-ing reb - el hearts to pray,
In his strength we dare to bat - tle all the rag - ing hosts of sin,

Please turn the page →



full - ness of the ver - y God-head, come to make your life our own.
 brings to birth and seals and fills us— sav - ing Ad - vo - cate with - in.
 he whose ho - ly in - ter - ces - sions rise for us both night and day.
 and by him a - lone we con - quer foes with - out and foes with - in.

5. Father, grant your Holy Spirit
 in our hearts may rule today,
 grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered,
 work in us his sov'reign way.
 Fill us with your holy fullness,
 God the Father, Spirit, Son;
 in us, through us, then, forever,
 shall your perfect will be done.

Margaret Clarkson, 1960

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 Williams P. Rowlands, 1905

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:** John Singer Sargent (American, born Italy, 1856–1925). *Gourds*, 1908. Opaque and translucent watercolor with graphite underdrawing, 13 13/16 x 19 11/16 in. (35.1 x 50 cm) frame: 24 1/4 x 30 1/4 x 1 13/16 in. (61.6 x 76.8 x 4.6 cm). Brooklyn Museum, Purchased by Special Subscription, 09.822. (Photo: Brooklyn Museum). In the public domain. Accessed 06/30/2025.
- 2) **Music:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (53), is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Listen to My Words, O Lord" (5B), is reprinted from *Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). "For Your Gift of God the Spirit" (399), is reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture (OPC & URCNA), Willow Grove, PA, 2018). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: <https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/objects/20375>. 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.



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