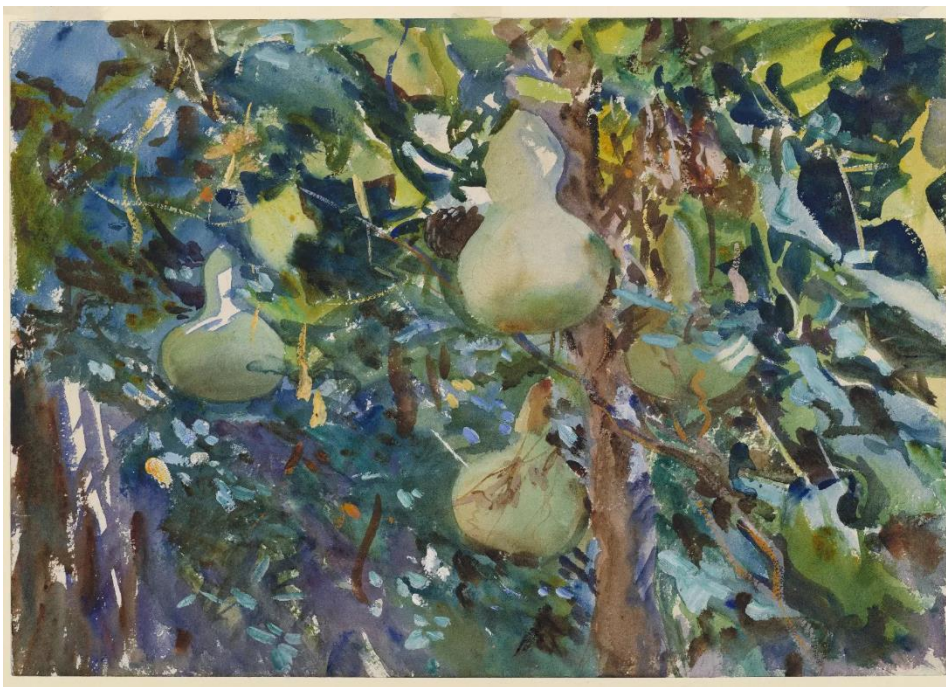




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July 13, 2025

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.”

<https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/objects/20375>



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 Rachel Ballach and Kumi Minagawa.

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 Katy McIlvaine.

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), Jericho Church (sound), Peter Gible (viola), Paul Hepperle (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Jared Salyards (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

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

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 95:1-6

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

* Response of Praise:

How Great Thou Art

CARL BOBERG, 1859-1940

Trans. by STUART K. HINE, 1899-

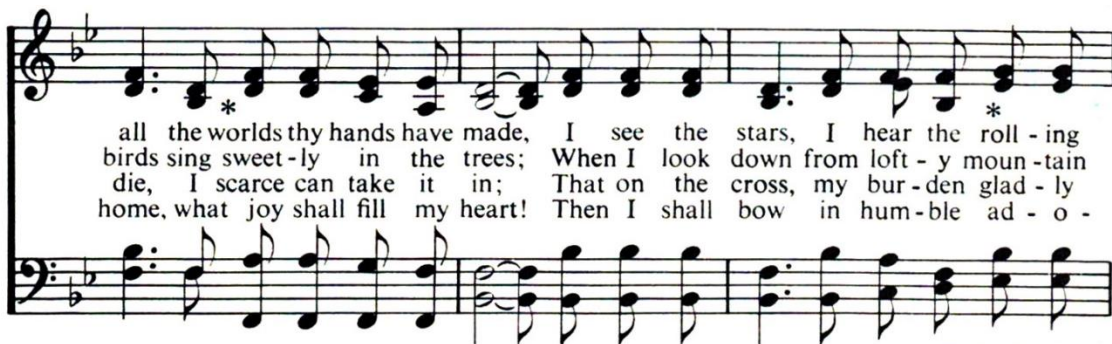
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Swedish Folk Melody

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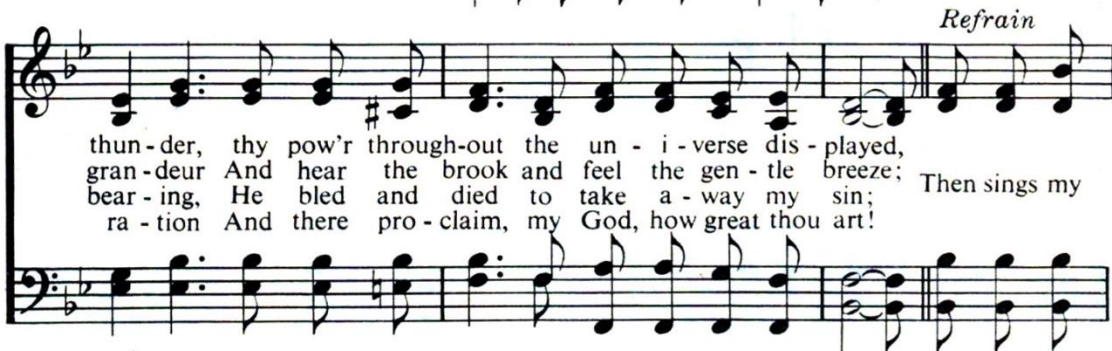
1. O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won-der Con-sid-er
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion And take me

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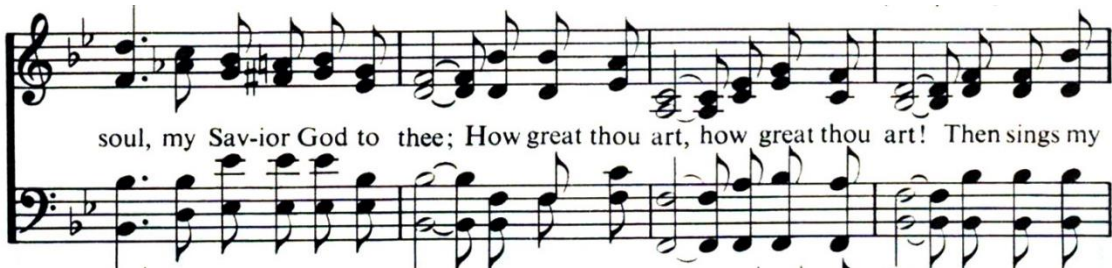


* all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

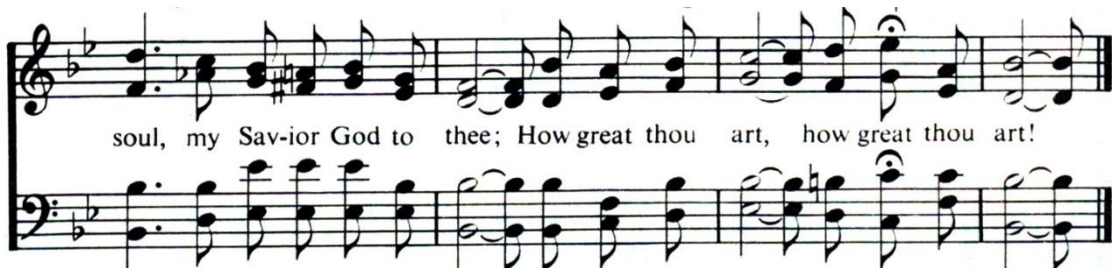
Refrain



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the un - i - verse dis - played,
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze; Then sings my
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!



soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my



soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Philippians 2:5-11

Leader:

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

Congregation:

*⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped*

*⁷ but emptied himself,
by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.*

*⁸ And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.*

*⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,*

*¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

*¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

***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.

Welcome to our Newest Members!

We welcome the newest members of Hershey PCA who were recently received by our Session! The children of these families are now also received as non-communicating members by right of the covenant. Because they have a believing parent(s), they belong here and are welcome here as part of the church family.

Non-communicant members do not yet take communion, waiting until the time they are ready to profess their own personal faith in Jesus Christ to our elders. We look forward to that day! Until then, we make a promise to the family that we will assist the parents in raising their children in the Lord.

New members (Received by)

Dan Flint (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Nancy Flint (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Nathan Gimbar (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Rachel Gimbar (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Abby Marengo (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Harry Stefanow (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Abby Stefanow (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Chris Wagner (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Jamie Wagner (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Connor Waybright (Letter of Transfer)

Remi Waybright (Letter of Transfer)

New non-communicant members

Henry Gimbar

Lillian Gimbar

Elliot Stefanow

Simon Waybright

To join Hershey PCA, communing members have taken the following vows (from *The Book of Church Order of the PCA*, 57-5) after attending the *Introduction to Hershey PCA* class and giving a credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ to our Session:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners, in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

If you are interested in pursuing membership at Hershey PCA,
please talk to Pastor Kertland or one of our Ruling Elders (see back cover).

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Matthew 5:20-26

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ²¹ You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment." ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of July 13 - July 19, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Michael Corado
- **Civil Government:** US Senator Dave McCormick
- **Unreached People Group:** Belait, Kiput of Asia
Population: 1,600; Language: Belait; 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:** Donna K.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Deacon Brad Weaver
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** David & Aliece

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

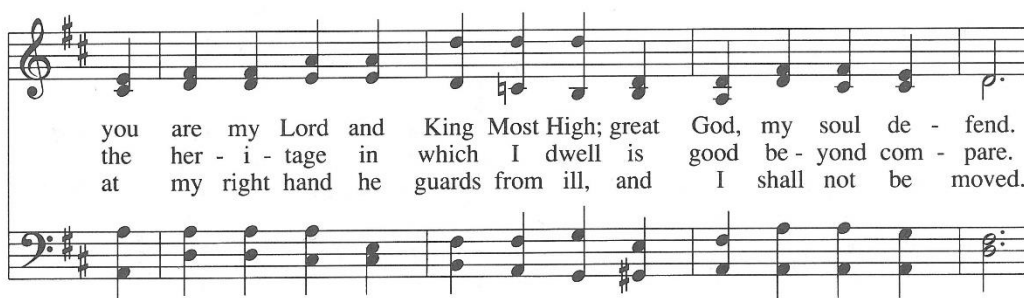
During the Song of Preparation, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in the lower level of the education building. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the front in the narthex.

*Song of Preparation:

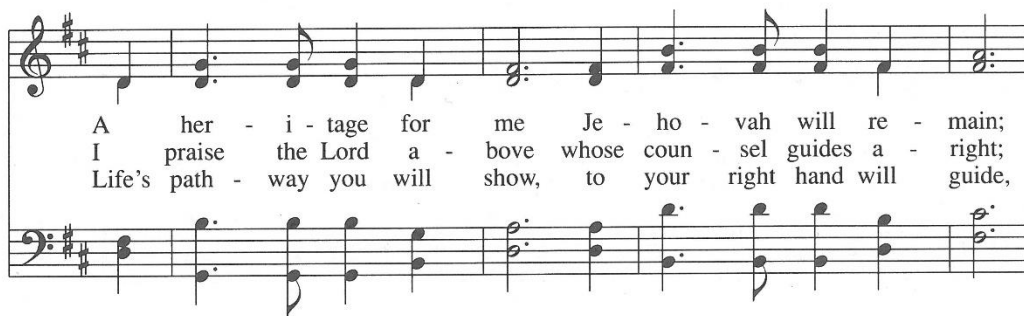
To You, O Lord, I Fly



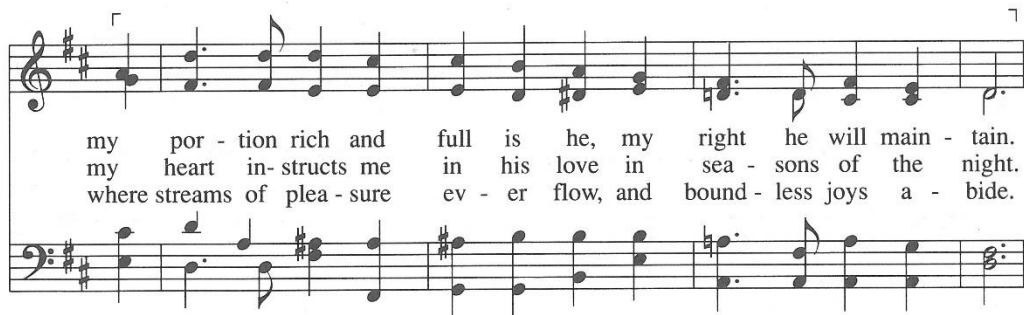
1. To you, O Lord, I fly and on your help de - pend;
 2. The lot to me that fell is beau - ti - ful and fair;
 3. I keep be - fore me still the Lord whom I have proved;



you are my Lord and King Most High; great God, my soul de - fend.
 the her - i - tage in which I dwell is good be - yond com - pare.
 at my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.



A her - i - tage for me Je - ho - vah will re - main;
 I praise the Lord a - bove whose coun - sel guides a - right;
 Life's path - way you will show, to your right hand will guide,



my por - tion rich and full is he, my right he will main - tain.
 my heart in - structs me in his love in sea - sons of the night.
 where streams of plea - sure ev - er flow, and bound - less joys a - bide.

LEONISTER S.M.D.
 George William Martin, 1862
 Arr. by Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

From Psalm 16:1, 2, 5-8, 11
 The Psalter, 1912
 Alt. 1990, mod.

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**

1Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

“The Gospel”

Today's Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Licentiate Paul Hepperle

Notes:

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:

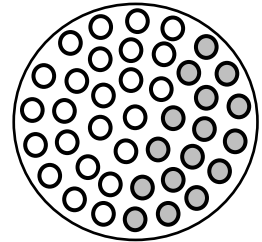
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"[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: Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our
2. Sin and de - spair like the sea waves cold, threa - ten the soul with
3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, what can a - vail to

sin and our guilt, yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
in - fi - nite loss; grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,
wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide;

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there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,
points to the Ref - uge, the might - y cross. Mar - vel - ous grace,
whit - er than snow you may be to - day.

God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; grace,
in - fi - nite grace, mar - vel - ous

grace, God's grace, grace that is great - er than all our sin.
grace, in - fi - nite grace,

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Daniel B. Townner, 1910

Julia H. Johnston, 1910

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.
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- 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).

* Congregation standing, as personal ability allows.



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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.



Reformed Universities Ministries (www.ruf.org): the PCA college campus ministry



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