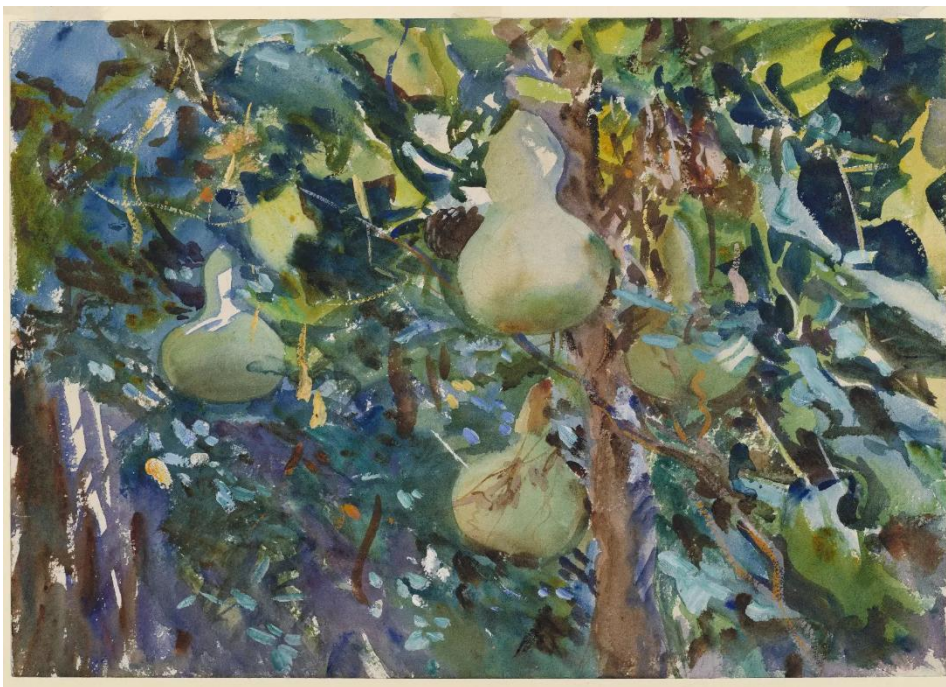




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July 27, 2025

This Month's Front Cover

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“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 Eve Dolon and Paul Hepperle.

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 AmyLea Yingst.

Thank you to all 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), Laura Church (vocals), Keith Dolon (sound), Peter Gobble (viola), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Jared Salyards (piano), Sarah Shafer (soloist), Don Wood (vocals), Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Today's Communion Servers are Asahel Church, David Eakin, and Kentaro Minagawa.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

John 14:1-3

Leader: Our Lord speaks to us and assures us of our future hope in him.
Today, we read together and remember his words to us:

"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."***

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Christian H. Bateman, 1843

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 Traditional Spanish melody
 Arr. by David Evans, 1927

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

***Confession of Faith:**

Revelation 21:1-5

Leader: Today we confess what the Lord showed to John when he gave him a glimpse of what was to come. John wrote:

***I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.***

***² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.***

***³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.
He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,
and God himself will be with them as their God.***

***⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more,
neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain anymore,
for the former things have passed away.”***

***⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said,
“Behold, I am making all things new.”***

Also he said,

“Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

***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

1 John 3:10-18

By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

¹¹ For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Acts 10:38-43

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of July 27 - August 2, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Supervisor, Natalie Nutt
- **Civil Government:** President Donald Trump
- **Unreached People Group:** Belbali, of Africa
Population: 3,600; Language: Korandje; 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:** Catherine S.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Small Group Leaders and Hosts
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Craig & Ree Coulbourne (MTW, Japan)

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.**

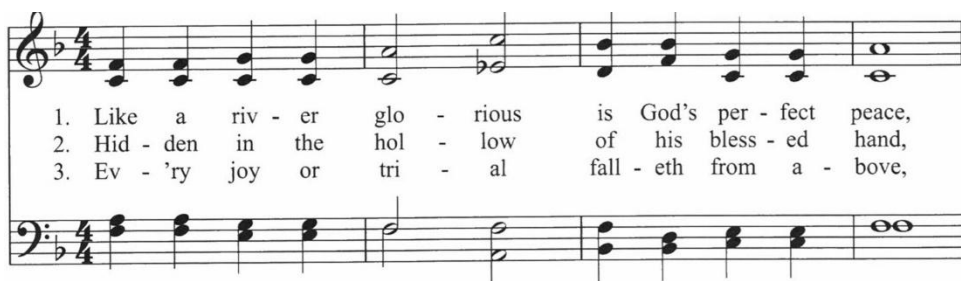
Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: *Lord of the Small arr. Dan Forrest* Lyrics on page 15.

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:

Like a River Glorious



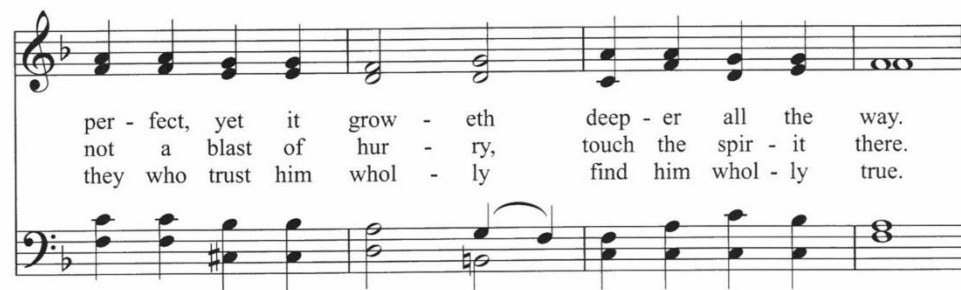
1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace,
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand,
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove,



o - ver all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease;
 nev - er foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand;
 traced up - on our di - al by the Sun of Love.



per - fect, yet it flow - eth full - er ev - 'ry day,
 not a surge of wor - ry, not a shade of care,
 We may trust him ful - ly all for us to do;



per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er all the way.
 not a blast of hur - ry, touch the spir - it there.
 they who trust him whol - ly find him whol - ly true.

Refrain

Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,

find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

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James Mountain, 1876

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 16:16-24

"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me."

¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?"

¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about."

¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

“But I Will See You Again”

Today's Text: John 16:16-24

Pastor David Kertland

Today's Theme:

*“...you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice,
and no one will take your joy from you.” (verse 22)*

Now:

Then:

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

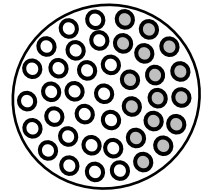
"[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

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

Musical Meditation:

Come to the Waters arr. Paul S. Jones 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: Rejoice, All Ye Believers

1. Re - joice, all ye be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2. See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen - ish them with oil;
 3. Ye saints, who here in pa - tience your cross and suf - f'rings bore,
 4. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near:
 and wait for your sal - va - tion, the end of earth - ly toil.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er, when sor - row is no more:
 a - rise, thou sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

the Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he draw - eth nigh;
 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
 a - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb ye shall be - hold,
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, pray, and watch, and wres - tle: at mid - night comes the cry.
 go meet him as he com - eth, with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him your di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that brings us un - to thee.

Being Sent to Serve God

*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.”
Amen.*

*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:** “Come, Christians Join to Sing” (302), “Rejoice, All Ye Believers” (320) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). “Like a River Glorious” (485), 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.

Lyrics for Offertory — *Lord of the Small arr. Dan Forrest*

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid;
He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
To never be sick, and never to die.

Praise Him, O praise Him all ye who yet live,
Who've been given so much and can so little give,
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise:
He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

Lyrics for Communion Meditation — *Come to the Waters arr. Paul S. Jones*

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty;
Drink from the Fountain that never runs dry.
Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy,
Life more abundant in boundless supply.

Come to the River that flows through the city,
Forth from the throne of the Father and Son.
Jesus the Savior says, "Come and drink deeply."
Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One.

Come to the Fountain without any money;
Buy what is given without any cost.
Jesus, the gracious One, welcomes the weary;
Jesus, the selfless One, died for the lost.

Come to the Well of unmerited favor;
Stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim.
Jesus is such a compassionate Savior.
Draw from the grace that flows freely from Him.

Come to the Savior, the God of salvation.
God has provided an end to sin's strife.
Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation?
Take the free gift of the water of life.



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PCA Administrative Committee (www.pcaac.org): promotes the unity, purity, and mission of the PCA.



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