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This Month's Front Cover

Crazy Quilt, Artist Unknown. Ca. 1800-1900, probably made in the United States. Wool with wool and silk embroidery. 71 in. x 71 in. Gift of the Zelanka Family, in honor of Bernard and Rhoda Zelanka, 2016. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Object Number 2016.108. In the Public Domain.

Provenance: The quilt was sold at auction in about 2005 by Bunte Auction Services, Inc. of Elgin Illinois. The quilt was purchased by dealer Jackie Radwin of San Antonio, Texas, who sold in in 2005 to Ivy Zelanka.

"This pictorial wool crazy quilt is unique among the other quilts of its type in the Museum's collection. Crazy quilts are most commonly pieced together with scraps of brightly colored silk and silk ribbons, such as 62.143, 1983.349, 1989.66, 1992.281, and 1993.101. However, The Met's collection also includes several interesting examples of crazy quilts that don't fit the norm, including a printed cotton example (2007.342), a Quaker silk and wool crazy (1974.34), and one made entirely of wool with an Amish provenance (2003.188). The pictorial nature of this quilt makes it particularly special. The images—mostly of animals, people, and things—applied onto each patch seem to reflect the maker's life. Dogs, horses, cows, rabbits, frogs, goats, elephants, and birds appear among a variety of flowers and leaves. Human figures go about their everyday lives: a girl jumps rope, a woman sweeps, and one man carries a ladder while another sits atop a horse. Small patches are applied with small objects such as jugs, shoes, and spoons. At the top right, there is a larger patch with the figure of St. Nick, all dressed in red robes. Unfortunately, the quilt came to the museum from the donor without no firm provenance, so other than the fact that it was last sold at auction in Illinois, we don't know anything about its' maker or where it was originally made.."

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/701310>



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 Dorinda Saul and Emily Church.

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 Laura Church.

Thank you to all who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (sound), Peter Gobble (viola), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (Preaching), Michael Kitchens (greeter), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Anita Wood (Piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Ushers are Michael Kitchens, Brad Weaver, and Nick Yingst.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 92:1-2

*"It is good to give thanks to the LORD.
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;*

*to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night."*

Light Text = Read by Leader
Bold Text = Read by All

***Response of Praise:**

**O Sing a New Song to the LORD
Psalm 96:1-6**

1. ¹O sing a new song to the LORD, Let
2. Pro - claim this good news con - stant - ly, ³His
3. ⁴Be - hold the great - ness of the LORD! So
4. Not so the LORD! He heav - en made, ⁶And

all the earth sing to the LORD. ²Sing to the LORD and
glo - ry and His maj - es - ty; His mir - a - cles to
great - ly should He be a - dored, And feared a - bove all
there be - fore Him is dis - played All splen - dor, maj - es -

bless His name, And His sal - va - tion loud pro - claim!
all de - clare Through - out the na - tions ev - ery - where.
else by far, ⁵For Gen - tile gods mere i - dols are.
ty and grace; All strength dwells in His ho - ly place.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Nicene Creed

We confess our common faith today with the Nicene Creed, a summary of the Bible's teaching about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of the Spirit. From the Trinity Hymnal: "The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ."

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,*
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

* The term "very God of very God" means that our Lord Jesus Christ is "true God from true God."

** "'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*.

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

Galatians 5:19-25

In God's Standard this month we are considering the 7th Commandment: "you shall not commit adultery," and related texts reminding us of our God's desire for us to be a holy people.

[T]he works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Galatians 3:13-14

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—
¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.*

The Sacrament of Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today are:

Yonah Mercy Hepperle, covenant child of Paul and Yaasha Hepperle

Elliot Robert Stefanow, covenant child of Harry and Abby Stefanow

Simon Conner Waybright, covenant child of Conner and Remy Waybright

Baptism was instituted by Christ. As this sign and seal is applied, we remember that “the promise is made to believers and their children; and that children of believers have an interest in the covenant, and right to the seal of it, and to the outward privileges of the Church, under the Gospel....”*

Exhortation to the parents:*

Reading the covenant promises:*

Genesis 17:7: “And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

Acts 2:39: “For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Acts 16:31: “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Questions for the parents:*

1. Do you acknowledge your children’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question for the congregation:*

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

Prayer for Blessing

Baptism in the Triune Name

Concluding Prayer

*Song of the Covenant:

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics. The second system contains two verses of lyrics. The third system is the Refrain, which is repeated twice. The fourth system contains two verses of lyrics. The score uses a treble and bass clef for each part, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1. Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2. Je - sus loves me, this I know, he loved chil - dren long a - go.
3. Je - sus loves me, he will stay close be - side me all the way;
4. Je - sus loves me, loves me still, though I'm ver - y weak and ill;
5. Je - sus loves me, he who died, heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
In his arms for all to see, say - ing, "Let them come to me."
• he's pre - pared a home for me, and some - day his face I'll see.
from his shin - ing throne on high comes to watch me where I lie.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 17 - August 23, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Local Public and Private Schools and Homeschooling Families – Students, Faculty, Administration, and Staff
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner Justin Douglas
- **Unreached People Group:** Belitung, of Indonesia
Population: 110,000; Language: Malay; 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:** Church Musicians
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Richard & Lynne Smith (RUF-I, Penn State)

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: Lead Me Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness**

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness. Ps. 5:8

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The score consists of three systems of music. The first system contains two verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody and includes the lyrics 'plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, come to know thee, and in thy pres - ence serve thee with'. The third system concludes the piece with the lyrics 'on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in thy safe - ty. glad - ness, and sing songs of praise to thy glo - ry.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands, with some measures marked with a '7' or '8' indicating a specific fingering or measure number.

1. Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ-teous-ness, make thy way
2. Teach me, Lord, teach me tru - ly how to live, that I may

plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord,
come to know thee, and in thy pres - ence serve thee with

on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in thy safe - ty.
glad - ness, and sing songs of praise to thy glo - ry.

St. 1, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876
St. 2, George F. Strickling
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LEAD ME, LORD 10.8.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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 Genesis 17:1-13; Acts 2:36-39; 16:29-33**

Genesis 17:1-13: *"When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,'² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly."³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him,⁴ "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations."⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.⁸ And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."⁹ And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations."¹⁰ This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.¹¹ You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.¹² He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring,¹³ both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant."*

Acts 2:36-39: *“...Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.’³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”*

Acts 16:29-33: *“{T}he jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas.³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”³¹ And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.”*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *God's "Amazing Grace" Covenant*

Today's Texts: Genesis 17:1-13; Acts 2:36-39; Acts 16:29-33

Pastor David Kertland

1. One _____ of God's amazing grace!

"I will establish my covenant..."

"...everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself..."

2. A _____ embrace

"...to be God to you and to your offspring..."

"...for you and for your children..."

3. A _____ sign and seal

"...every male among you shall be circumcised..."

"...be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ..."

4. A _____ outlook

"...I have made you the father of a multitude of nations..."

"...and for all who are far off..."

Galatians 3:26-29: *"...in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.*

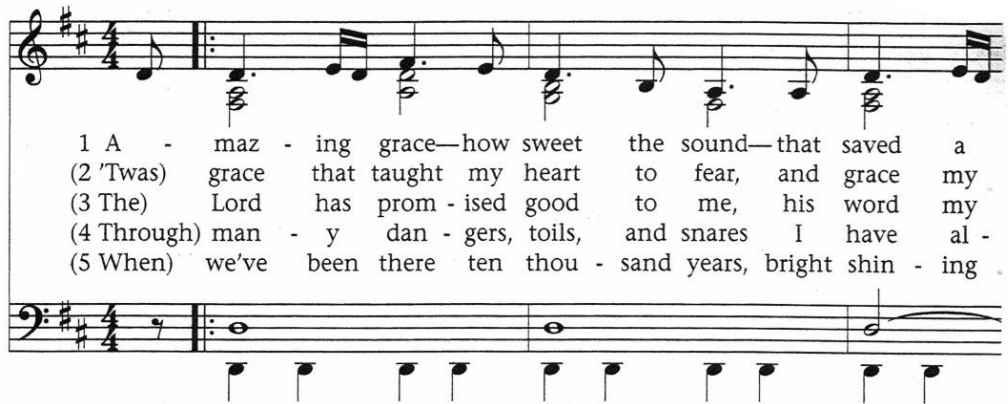
²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."

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 God's Blessing

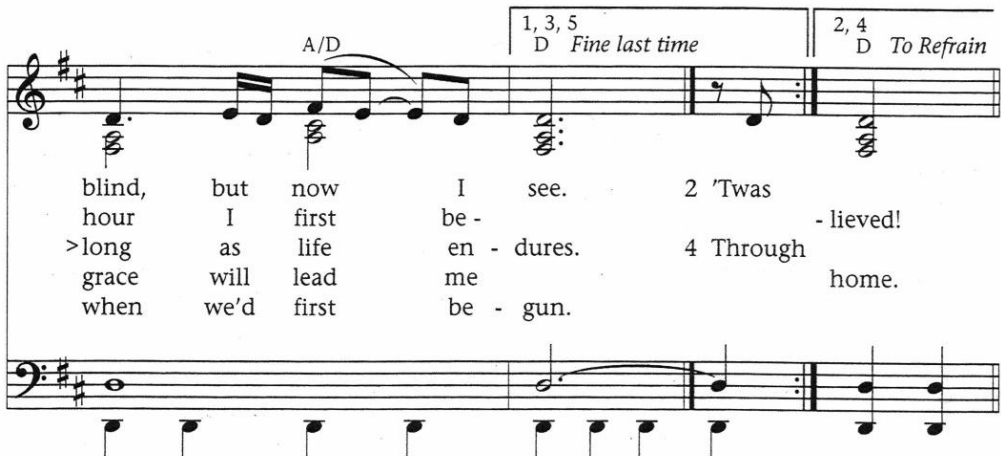
*Song of God's Grace: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)



1 A - maz - ing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a
 (2 'Twas) grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my
 (3 The) Lord has prom - ised good to me, his word my
 (4 Through) man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I have al -
 (5 When) we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing



wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was
 fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the
 > hope se - cures; he will my shield and por - tion be as
 read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and
 as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than



blind, but now I see. 2 'Twas
 hour I first be - - lieved!
 > long as life en - dures. 4 Through
 grace will lead me home.
 when we'd first be - gun.

A/D 1, 3, 5 D Fine last time 2, 4 D To Refrain

Refrain D/F# G D/F#

My chains are gone, I've been set free; my God, my

G/B D/A D/F# G

Sav - ior has ran-somed me. And like a flood, his mer-cy

D/F# Em7 A7 D

rains un-end-ing love, a-maz-ing grace.

G D G To stanzas

3 The
5 When

Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

²⁴ *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.*

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:** Crazy Quilt, Artist Unknown. Ca. 1800-1900, probably made in the United States. Wool with wool and silk embroidery. 71 in. x 71 in. Gift of the Zelanka Family, in honor of Bernard and Rhoda Zelanka, 2016. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Object Number 2016.108. In the Public Domain. Accessed on 07/31/2025.
- 2) **Music:** "O Sing a New Song to the Lord" (96C) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). "Jesus Loves Me This I Know" (478) is reprinted from *Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture (OPC & URCNA), Willow Grove, PA, 2018). "Lead Me Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness" (727) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" (693) is reprinted from *Lift Up Your Hearts: Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* (Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, 2013). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/701310>. Some of the quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). Page 18: Information on the Heidelberg Catechism from *Ecumenical Creeds and Reformed Confessions*, CRC Publications, Grand Rapids, MI, 1988, 12; catechism quote from page 44. Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.



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