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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than the fact that it was last sold at auction in Illinois, we don't know anything about its maker or where it was originally made."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 Vicki Gehron and Yaasha 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 Paul Hepperle.

Thank you to all who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order: Ruth Adams (greeter), Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Peter Gibble (viola), Joe Kearns (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Jared Salyards (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Ushers are Asahel Church, Keith Dolon, and Michael Kitchens.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 96:1-4a

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!*

*² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.*

*³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

*⁴ For great is the LORD,
and greatly to be praised.*

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

O Jesus, We Adore Thee

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and 'r' (ritardando). The lyrics are as follows:

1. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, up - on the cross, our King!
2. Yet doth the world dis - dain thee, still pass - ing by the cross;
3. O glo - rious King, we bless thee, no lon - ger pass thee by;

We bow our hearts be - fore thee, thy gra - cious name we sing.
Lord, may our hearts re - tain thee; all else we count but loss.
O Je - sus, we con - fess thee, the Son en - throned on high.

That name hath brought sal - va - tion, that name in life our stay,
Ah, Lord, our sins ar - rained thee, and nailed thee to the tree:
Lord, grant to us re - mis - sion; life through thy death re - store;

our peace, our con - so - la - tion, when life shall fade a - way.
our pride, our Lord, dis - dained thee; yet deign our hope to be.
yea, grant us the fru - i - tion of life for - ev - er - more.

Arthur T. Russell, 1851

MEIRIONYDD 7.6.7.6.D.
Welsh hymn melody
William Lloyd, 1840; alt. 1990

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

***Confession of Faith:**

Hebrews 1:1-12

In today's confession of our faith from the book of Hebrews, we confess Jesus's superiority over all things.

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

***⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say,
'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'?***

***Or again,
'I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son'?***

***⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
'Let all God's angels worship him.'***

***⁷ Of the angels he says,
'He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.'***

***⁸ But of the Son he says,
'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.'***

***¹⁰ And,
'You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.'***

***¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said,
'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'?***

***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 Proverbs 31:30-31 & 1 Timothy 5:1-2

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.

Proverbs 31:30-31

*"Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears
the LORD is to be praised.*

*³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise
her in the gates."*

1 Timothy 5:1-2

*"Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would
a father, younger men as brothers, ² older women as mothers,
younger women as sisters, in all purity."*

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Hebrews 10:19-23

*"[S]ince we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,
²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that
is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of
God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our
hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with
pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful.*

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 24 - August 30, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Manager Zachary Jackson
Civil Government: Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick
- **Unreached People Group:** Bellara, of India
Population: 3,100; Language: Kannada; Religion: Hinduism
"...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:** Sound Team
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Anees & Fareda Zaka (Church Without Walls)

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:

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Unison



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
 3. This is he whom heav'n-taught sing - ers sang of old with one ac - cord,
 4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
 5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the Source, the End - ing he,
 by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of our race;
 • whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
 all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King;
 hymn, and chant, and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be,

of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture
 and the babe, the world's Re - deem - - er, first re - vealed his
 • now he shines, the long - ex - spect - - ed; let cre - a - tion
 let no tongue on earth be si - - lent, ev - 'ry voice in
 hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - - ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 • praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8.7.8.7.7.
 Plansong, 12th cent.
 Arr. by Charles Winfred Douglas, 1916

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854;
 Henry W. Baker, 1859

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 17:1-5

"When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

United to Christ (10): *The Gospel of John* chapters 14-17

Sermon: ***Our Lord at Prayer (1): Seeking Glory***

Today's Texts: John 17:1-5

Pastor David Kertland

1. _____ Your Son

2. That the Son May Glorify _____

Preparing to Celebrate the Lord's Supper

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

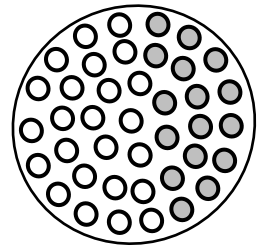
Words of Institution:

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

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 to our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Song of God's Grace:

What Wondrous Love Is This

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1

Chords: Dm Am C Em Dm C Dm Dm7 C F

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

Chords: C Bm Am G Am G C Dm C F C F C

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

Chords: Dm C Am Bm7 C Dm Am Em Dm C

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

Chords: Dm Dm7 C F C Bm Am G Am G C Dm

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.9.
 The Southern Harmony, 1835

American folk hymn

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:** 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 Jesus, We Adore Thee” (255), “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (162), and “What Wondrous Love Is This” (261) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). 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.
- 4) **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.



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