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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

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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 it 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than the fact that it was last sold at auction in Illinois, we don't know anything about its maker or where it was originally made."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 Paige Eickelberg 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 Asahel Church.

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), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Keith Dolon (sound), Peter Gibble (viola), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), Mark Linstedt (greeter/vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Ushers are Joe Kearns, Kentaro Minagawa, and Brad Weaver.

Counters are Brad Weaver and Kentaro Minagawa.

We welcome to the pulpit Teaching Elder (Pastor) Matt Dabiero. Matt is Campus Minister of Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Penn State University in State College. ruf.org ruf.org/ministry/pennsylvania-state-university/

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

*When the perishable puts on the imperishable,
and the mortal puts on immortality,
then shall come to pass the saying that is written:*

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin,

and the power of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God,

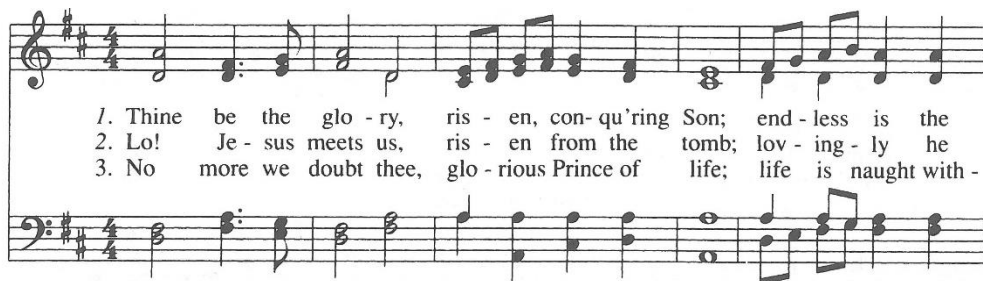
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Light Text = Read by Leader

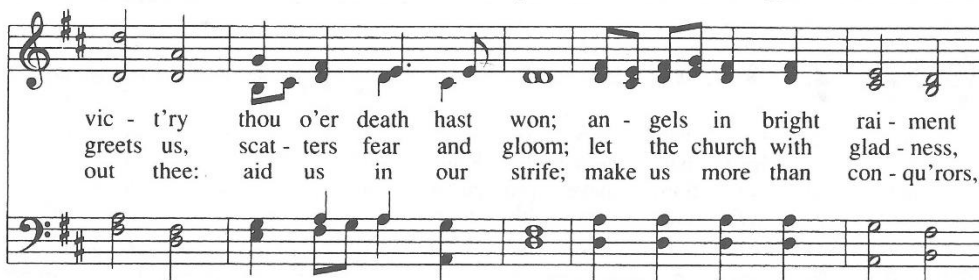
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*Response of Praise:

Thine Be the Glory



1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -



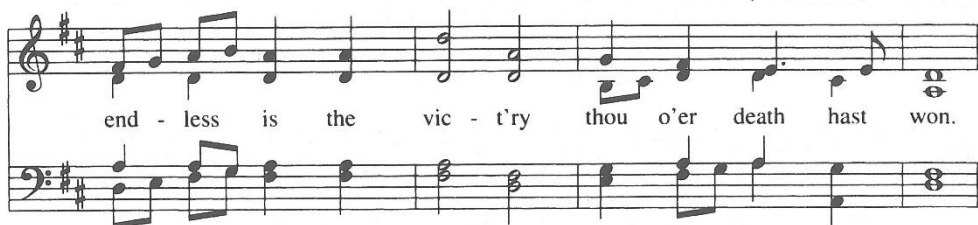
vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan



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 where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

MACCABAEUS, 10.11.11, ref.
 From George Frederick Handel, *Judas Maccabaeus*, 1747

Edmond Budry, 1884
 Tr. by Richard B. Hoyle, 1923
 Text: 1923, World Student Christian Federation. Used by permission.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith: Zechariah 9:9-10 & Revelation 1:5-6**

In today's confession of our faith, we confess Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promised king.

Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Revelation 1:5-6

Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

***To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood
⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. 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.**

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Proverbs 9:10-11

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.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. ¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life. ¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it. ¹³ The woman Folly is loud; she is seductive and knows nothing. ¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house; she takes a seat on the highest places of the town, ¹⁵ calling to those who pass by, who are going straight on their way, ¹⁶ 'Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!' And to him who lacks sense she says, ¹⁷ 'Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.' ¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Colossians 1:13-14

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 30 – September 6, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Director of Community Development Charles Emerick
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries
- **Unreached People Group:** Bemaria, of India
Population: 200; Language: Bagheli; 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:** Peter M.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Sunday School and Junior Church Teachers
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM)

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: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

♩ F C F Gm D Gm F C F

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

B^b F C⁷ F C⁷ F C F C F Gm D

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

Gm F C F ♯ C⁷ Dm Gm C⁷ F

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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**

Psalm 2

¹ Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, ³ 'Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.' ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶ 'As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.' ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you.' ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.' ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

"The Son Reigns"

Today's Text: Psalm 2

Matt Dabiero

RUF at Penn State

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

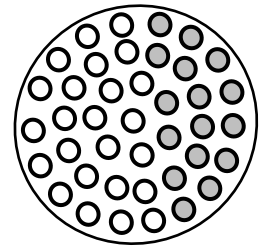
Words of Institution:

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):

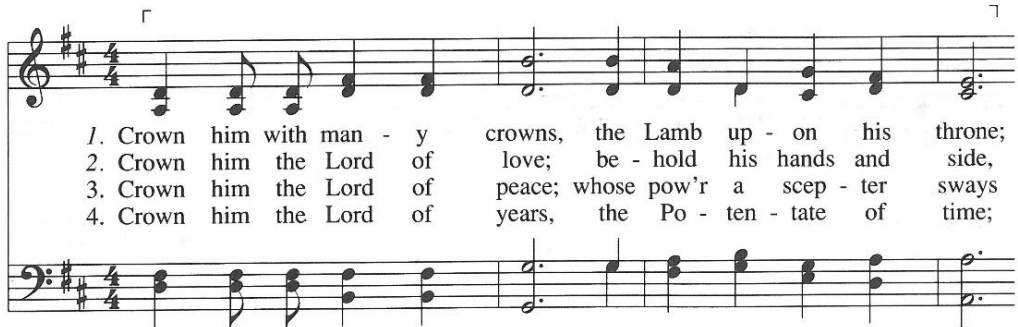
Prayer of Belief: "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you 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.

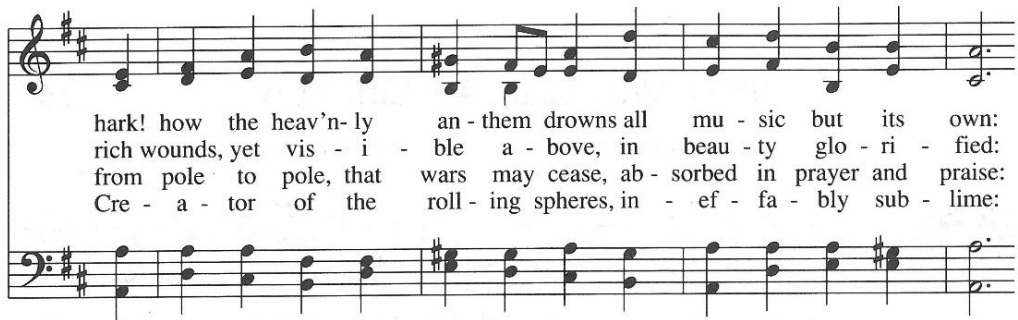
Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of God's Grace:**

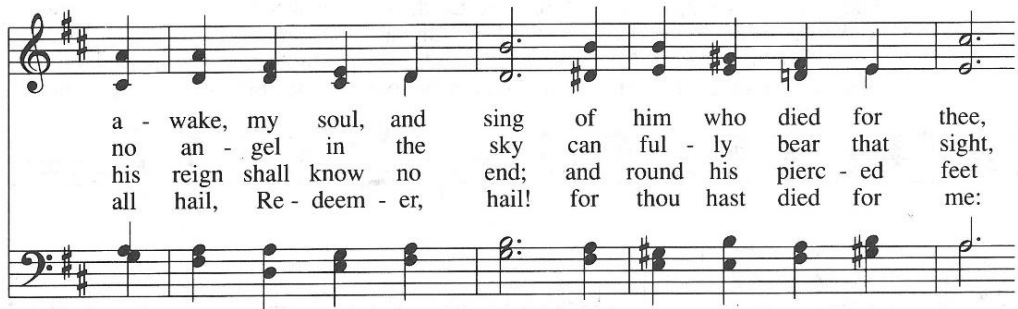
Crown Him with Many Crowns



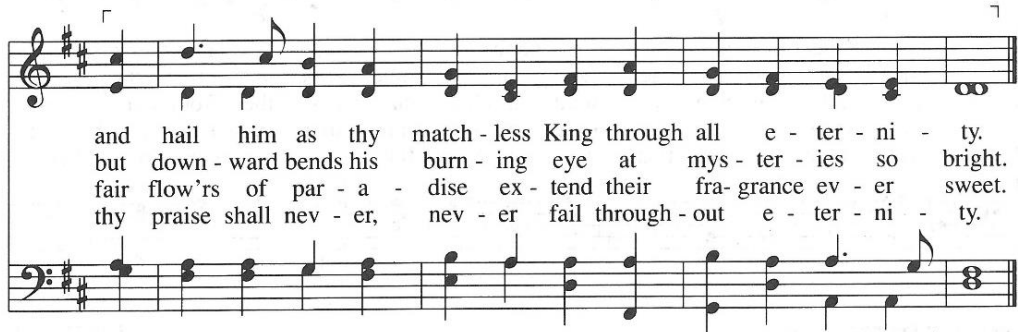
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1886

Matthew Bridges, 1851

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:** “Thine Be the Glory” (274), “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (252), and “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (295) 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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