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This Month's Front Cover

George Inness (American, 1825–1894). *Autumn Oaks*, ca 1878. Oil on canvas, 20 3/8 x 30 1/8 in. (54.3 x 76.5 cm). The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, Gift of George I. Seney, 1887 (87.8.8), on view at The Met Fifth Avenue, Gallery 761. In the public domain.

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/11227>

About the artwork: “The American painter George Inness finished this picture about 1878, after a four-year sojourn in Europe with his family. In Rome, he was drawn to the work of Claude Lorrain, but it was an autumn day in New England, to where he had moved in 1874, that inspired this painting. The work is notable in part because of its lack of many small details, which Inness set aside in favor of a more poetic, contemplative rendition of a central group of trees framed by a darkening sky.”

<https://www.metmuseum.org/perspectives/autumn-works-itinerary>

About the artist: “George Inness...was an American landscape painter; born in Newburgh, New York; died at Bridge of Allan in Scotland. His work was influenced, in turn, by that of the old masters, the Hudson River school, the Barbizon school, and, finally, by the theology of Emanuel Swedenborg.... He is best known for [his] mature works that helped define the Tonalist movement.” <https://georgeinness.org>

About the museum: “The Metropolitan Museum of Art presents over 5,000 years of art from around the world for everyone to experience and enjoy. The Museum lives in two iconic sites in New York City: The Met Fifth Avenue and The Met Cloisters.”

<https://www.metmuseum.org/about-the-met>



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 Bonnie Kertland and Grace Salyards.

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 Leah Gibble.

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 (vocals), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Keith Dolon (sound), David Kertland (preaching), Michael Kitchens (greeter), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Jared Salyards (piano, organ), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Today's Ushers are Asahel Church, Dave Eakin, and Michael Kitchens.

Counters are Nora Dolon and Crystal Basom.

Introducing Hershey PCA's Organ

*"Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth."
Psalm 47:1-2*

This morning, we are excited to introduce our Rodgers Salzburg 825 digital organ to the worship service during our prelude and first hymn!

This two-manual, drawknob stop organ—originally manufactured in the 1980s and previously owned by St. Paul's Lutheran—will be used occasionally to accompany hymns and provide musical offerings as we lift our hearts in joyful praise and thanksgiving to God. We are grateful for His abundant provision of both our new worship facility and this beautiful instrument.

Over the past several months, we have conducted a number of organ volume tests with helpful feedback from congregation members, professional musicians, and church officers. Our goal has been to ensure that the organ's sound supports and encourages congregational singing—both in volume and registration. We sincerely appreciate your patience and kindness as we continue to monitor these parameters during the worship service today and in the months to come.

As always, we encourage you to sing joyfully, heartily, with understanding, and with exuberance, as we make music together in worship of our great God and King!

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 33:1-9

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

³ Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,

and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;

he puts the deeps in storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be;

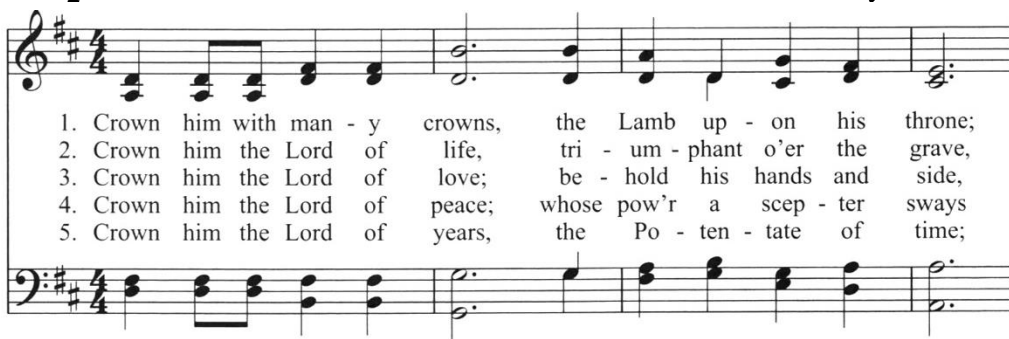
he commanded, and it stood firm.

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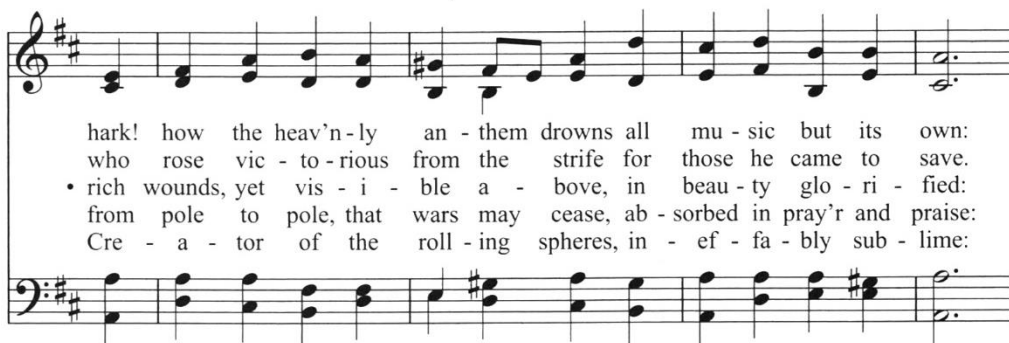
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*Response of Praise:

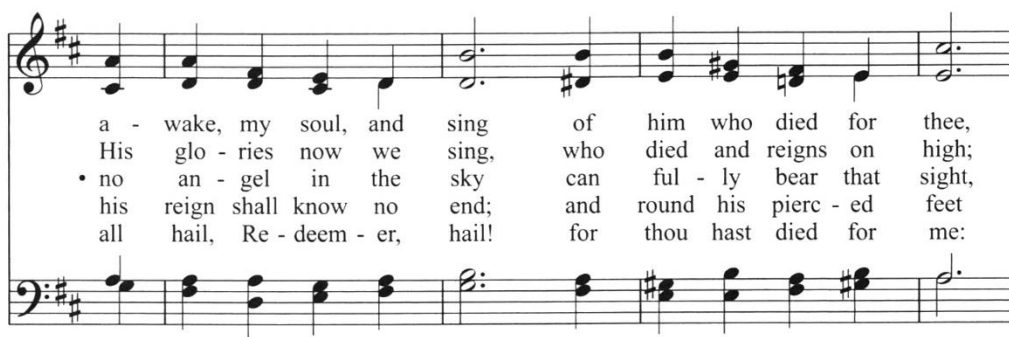
Crown Him with Many Crowns



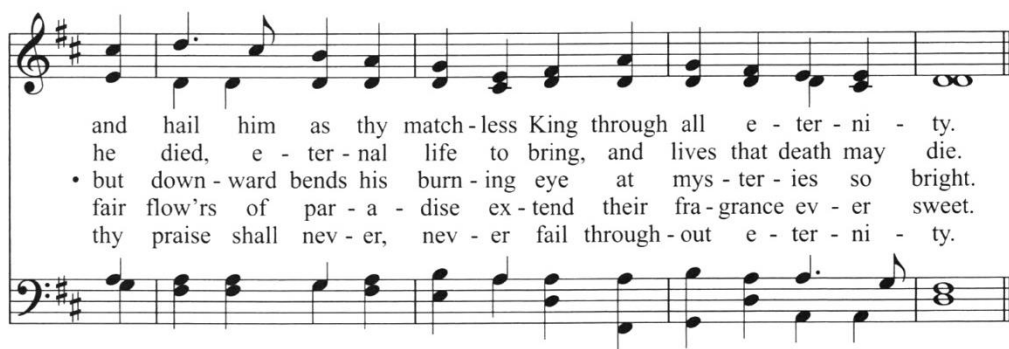
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, tri - um - phant o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 4. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten -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



hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 who rose vic - to - rious from the strife for those he came to save.
 • 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 pray'r 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,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and reigns on high;
 • 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.
 he died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 • 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, 1868

Matthew Bridges, 1851

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**
The third day he rose again from the dead.
**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**
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.

* “‘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*.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Deuteronomy 5:6, 20

This month, we read the 9th commandment and related Scripture passages that remind us of God's desire that as we live in community that we "maintain" and "promote" truth and the good name of others.

⁶ "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

²⁰ "And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

Q. 77. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness bearing.

Q. 78. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbids whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbor's, good name.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 John 1:8-9

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 5-11

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Hershey Public Library Director Alison Jacobine
Civil Government: PA Supreme Court Justices
- **Unreached People Group:** Berau, of Indonesia
Population: 13,000; 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:** Donna K.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Elder Greg Moore
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Mission to The World (MTW)

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:**

**The Lord Reigns Over All
Psalm 93**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are as follows:

1. ¹The LORD reigns o - ver all; he's robed in maj - es - ty.
2. The world es - tab - lished stands un - moved, it shall en - dure.
3. ³The floods have lift - ed up, LORD, lift - ed up their voice;
4. ⁴The LORD, en - throned on high, more pow - er - ful is he
5. ⁵Your stat - utes, LORD, stand firm; un - chang - ing is your word.

The second system of the score continues the melody and includes the following lyrics:

The LORD is robed and wears his belt of strength and dig - ni - ty.
²From ev - er - last - ing you are God, your throne is ev - er sure.
• the floods have lift - ed up their waves and made a might - y noise.
than thun - der of the o - cean's waves or break - ers of the sea.
And ho - li - ness a - dorns your house for - ev - er - more, O LORD.

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 1:1 and Hebrews 11:3

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

Hebrews 11:3

"By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

We Believe: *The Faith We Confess* (Week 2)

A six-week series recognizing the foundational biblical truths we confess
in the Nicene Creed, on its 1,700th anniversary.

Sermon: “*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty*”

Today's Texts: Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3

Pastor David Kertland

1. One God who is _____ of all things

2. One God who is _____ of all things

Preparing for the Lord's Supper

Believe

Confess

Remember

Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:9-10; Ecclesiastes 12:1a

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

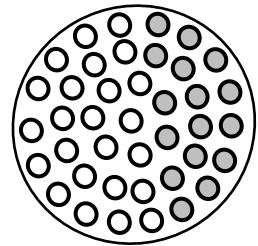
Words of Institution:

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 Dedication & Service:**

God of Grace

1. God of grace, a - maz - ing won - der, ir - re - sist - i - ble and free;
 2. God of grace, who loved and knew me long be - fore the world be - gan;
 3. God of grace, I stand a - stound - ed, cleansed, for - giv - en, and se - cure.

oh, the mir - a - cle of mer - cy, Je - sus reach - es down to me.
 sent my Sav - ior down from heav - en— per - fect God and per - fect man.
 All my fears are now con - found - ed, and my hope is ev - er sure.

God of grace, I stand in won - der, as my God re - stores my soul.
 God of grace, I trust in Je - sus; I'm ac - cept - ed as His own.
 God of grace, now crowned in glo - ry, where one day I'll see Your face;

His own blood has paid my ran - som; awe - some cost to make me whole.
 Eve - ry day His grace sus - tains me, as I lean on Him a - lone.
 and for - ev - er I'll a - dore You in Your ev - er - last - ing grace.

TEXT and MUSIC: Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea

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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. We encourage you to look for others you don't know and welcome them in the name of Christ! The time after worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ!

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** El Anatsui, *A Desire To Get Away*, 2024, Wall hanging; Aluminum and copper wire, 345 x 460 cm. Photo: *A Desire To Get Away*, 2024, Photo courtesy, Alex Vervoordt Gallery, Antwerp, Hong Kong. Downloaded from : <https://elanatsui.art/> (9/5/2025).
- 2) **Music:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (380) and "The Lord Reigns Over All" (Psalm 93) are reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture (OPC & URCNA), Willow Grove, PA, 2018). "God of Grace" (242) is reprinted from *Sing the Wonders: Hymns and Psalms for the Church*, 2nd ed. (Jupiter, FL: Grace Immanuel Bible Church, 2018). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: <https://www.artbasel.com/news/art-basel-hong-kong-el-anatsui>. 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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