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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 Vicki Gehron and Lauren Sanabria.

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 Katy McIlvaine.

Thank you to all who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order: Ruth Adams (greeter), Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin and leading worship), Isaiah Church (violin), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Ushers are Ephraim Church, Joe Kearns, and Greg Moore.

Counters are Jessica Buckwalter and Nora Dolon.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 68:19

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;

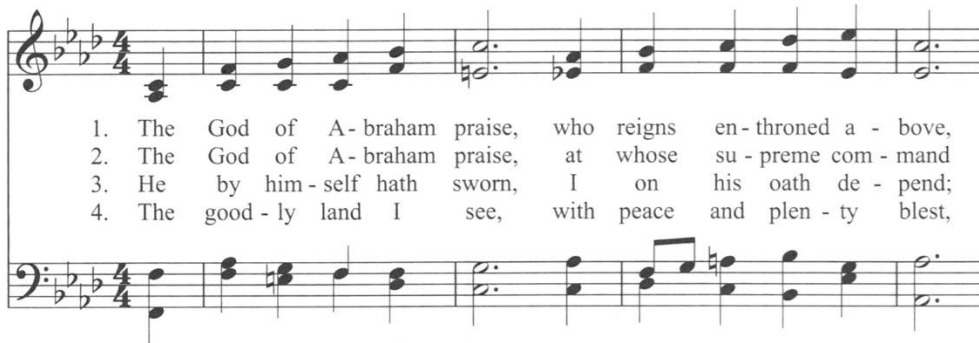
God is our salvation.

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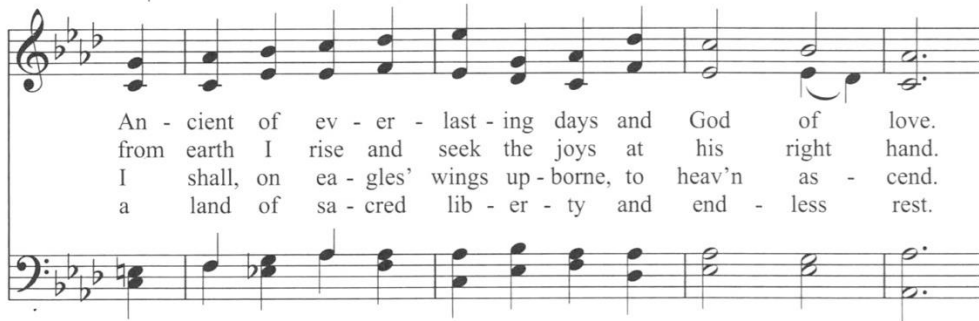
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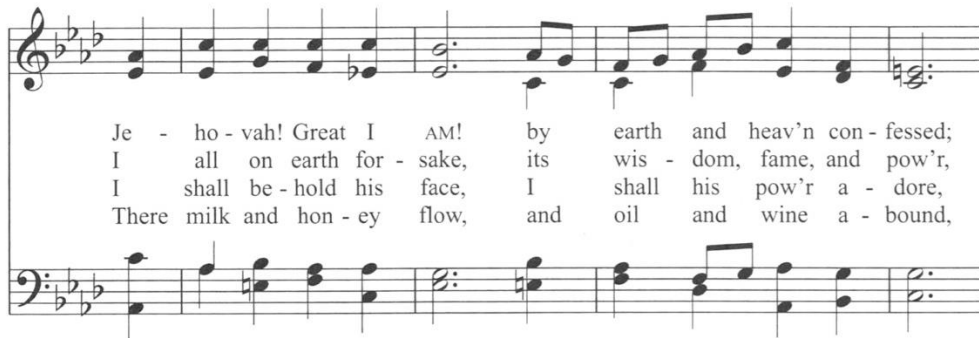
The God of Abraham Praise



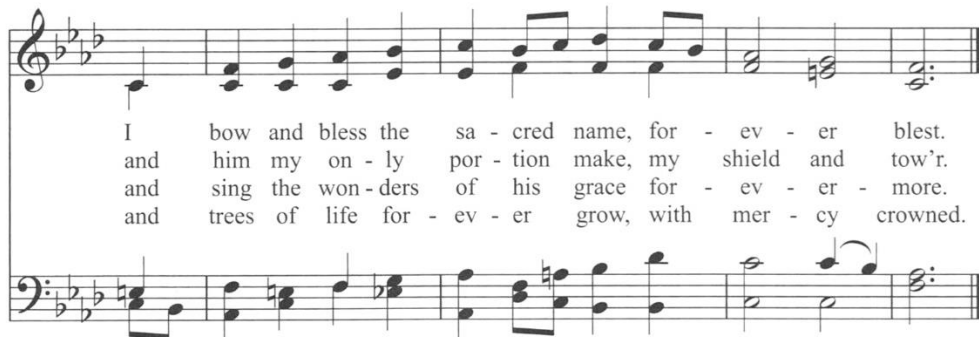
1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,
2. The God of A - braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand
3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de - pend;
4. The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest,



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.
from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.
I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.
a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest.



Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,
There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name, for - ev - er blest.
and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.
and trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.

5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.
6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Based on a Jewish text of Daniel ben Judah, 1404
Thomas Olivers, 1770

LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
Jewish melody
Arr. Meyer Lyon, 1770

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Colossians 1:13-20

Today's confession of our faith is from the book of Colossians.

- ¹³ 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.***
- ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.***
- ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.***
- ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.***
- ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.***
- ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.***

***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 6:16-19

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

"There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: ¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, ¹⁹ a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers."

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Hebrews 10:7

"[B]y a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,' ¹⁷ then he adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'"

*Song of Thanksgiving:

In You, Lord, I Take Refuge From Psalm 31

1. ¹In You, LORD, I take ref-uge; Let shame not come to me.
2. ³You are my rock and for-tress; For Your name lead and guide.
3. ⁶I hate those serv-ing i-dols; But in the LORD I rest.

In righ-teous-ness give an-swer; Set me at lib-er-ty.
⁴Be-cause You are my strong-hold, Free me from nets they hide.
⁷Your love gives me great glad-ness; You saw me when op-pressed.

²O has-ten to my res-cue, And to my plea give heed;
⁵In-to Your hand my spir-it I now en-trust to You;
You knew my soul's af-flic-tion, ⁸And kept me from my foe.

O be my rock and ref-uge, A for-tress in my need.
Be-cause You have re-deemed me, LORD God whose word is true.
My feet You have es-tab-lished, Where they can safe-ly go.

LANCASHIRE 76.76 D

Henry Smart, 1836

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Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 12 - 18

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Doctors, Nurses, Staff, and Board of Directors
Civil Government: US Senator John Fetterman
- **Unreached People Group:** Berawan, of Malaysia
Population: 2,700; Language: Berawan; Religion: Ethnic Religions
"...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:** Elder Nick Yingst
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** PCA Administrative Committee

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: O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire**

The rising sun will come to us from heaven. Luke 1:78

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music is in G major, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score includes four lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a measure of the melody. The lyrics are: 1. O Christ, our hope, our heart's de - sire, re - demp - tion's on - ly spring! 2. How vast the mer - cy and the love which laid our sins on thee, 3. But now the bands of death are burst, the ran - som has been paid; 4. O Christ, be thou our last - ing joy, our ev - er - great re - ward! The music continues with a second system of two staves, treble and bass clef, in 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music is in G major, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score includes two lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a measure of the melody. The lyrics are: Cre - a - tor of the world art thou, its Sav - ior and its King. and led thee to a cru - el death, to set thy peo - ple free. and thou art on thy Fa - ther's throne, in glo - rious robes ar - rayed. Our on - ly glo - ry may it be to glo - ry in the Lord.

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Latin hymn, 7th or 8th cent.
John Chandler, 1837

BRADFORD C.M.
George Frederick Handel, 1741; arr.

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**

Hebrews 1:1-14

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'? ¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

We Believe: *The Faith We Confess* (Week 3)

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

Sermon: *We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ: The only-begotten Son of God*

Today's Text: Hebrews 1:1-14

Pastor David Kertland

1. The exalted _____ of God.

2. _____ and _____ 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

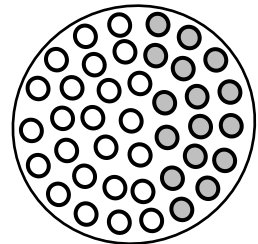
Words of Institution:

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."

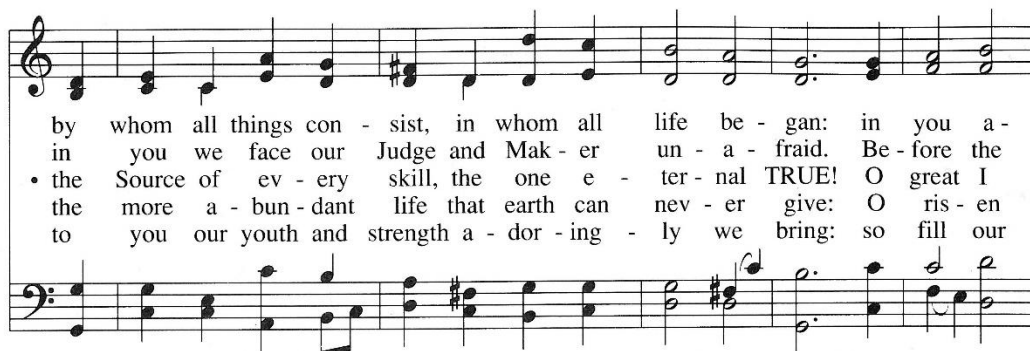
Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk to our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Receiving God's Blessing

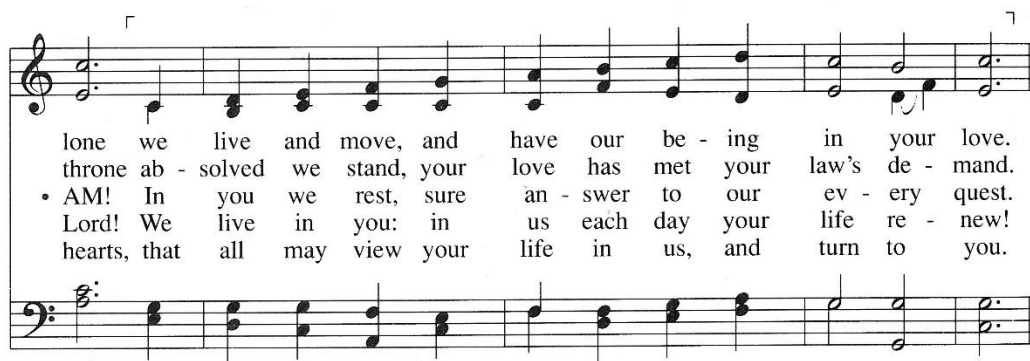
*Song of Dedication & Service: We Come, O Christ, to You



1. We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
 2. You are the Way to God, your blood our ran - som paid;
 3. You are the liv - ing Truth! All wis - dom dwells in you,
 4. You on - ly are true Life, to know you is to live
 5. We wor - ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav - ior and our King,



by whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be - gan: in you a -
 in you we face our Judge and Mak - er un - a - fraid. Be - fore the
 • the Source of ev - ery skill, the one e - ter - nal TRUE! O great I
 the more a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er give: O ris - en
 to you our youth and strength a - dor - ing - ly we bring: so fill our



• lone we live and move, and have our be - ing in your love.
 throne ab - solved we stand, your love has met your law's de - mand.
 • AM! In you we rest, sure an - swer to our ev - ery quest.
 Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life re - new!
 hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction:

1 Corinthians 16:22

*The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.
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:** "The God of Abraham Praise" (234) is reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture (OPC & URCNA), Willow Grove, PA, 2018). "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire" (161) and "We Come, O Christ, To You" are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "In You, Lord, I Take Refuge" (31B) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). 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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