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Reformation Sunday

This Month's Front Cover

Sir George Clausen. *Ploughing*, 1889. 122.5 cm. x 183 cm. (48.23 in. x 72 in.). Oil on canvas. purchased with income from the Macdonald Bequest, 1913. Aberdeen Archives, Gallery & Museums. Accession Number: ABDAG002347. In the public domain.

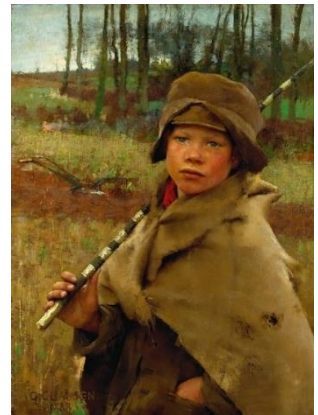
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About the artist: George Clausen (1852–1944). British painter (mainly of landscapes and scenes of rural life), the son of a decorative painter of Danish descent. His training included a few months at the Académie Julian, Paris, in 1883 and his work was influenced by French plein-air painting. He was particularly interested in effects of light, often showing figures set against the sun, but he always retained a sense of solidity of form. With other like-minded painters he was a founder of the New English Art Club in 1886. From 1904 to 1906 he was professor of painting at the Royal Academy. His lectures were published as *Six Lectures on Painting* (1904) and *Aims and Ideals in Art* (1906); a collected edition appeared as *Royal Academy Lectures on Painting* in 1913. In them he urged the traditional study of the Old Masters.

<https://artuk.org/discover/artists/clausen-george-18521944>

Page 2 Painting: Sir George Clausen (British, 1852-1944). *The Farmer's Boy*. 1888. 39.2 cm x 54.7 cm. (15.43 in. x 21.54 in.). Oil on canvas. The painting was given to D. C. Thomson by the artist in April 1891. An inscription on the canvas surface reads: "And we have payne and traveyle, Rayne and wynde inth fields." Purchased by Dumfriesshire Educational Trust, 1949. Gracefield Arts Center. Accession Number: ABDAG002347. DGDET 43D. Image credit: Dumfries and Galloway Council. In the public domain.

<https://artuk.org/discover/artworks/the-farmers-boy-215241/search/actor:clausen-george-18521944/page/6>



Why a ploughboy today? On this Reformation Sunday, we remember the work of William Tyndale. The year 2026 will mark "the 500th anniversary of Tyndale's New Testament translation (1526). This anniversary marks, not only a turning point in the history of the English Bible, but also an enduring reminder of why William Tyndale matters today: he placed the word of God into the hands of ordinary people, doing so with attention to the original languages and giving his life for this mission." A quote attributed to Tyndale is: "...I defy the Pope and all his laws: and ... if God spare my life, ere many years I will cause the boy that drives the plough to know more of God's law than either you [priest] or the Pope. —*Quarterly Review*, 1870"

<https://tyndalehouse.com/resources/tyndale-500/>; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plowboy_trope



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 Emily Church and Bev Cox.

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), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Nora Dolon (vocals), Peter Gobble (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (greeter & vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Greg Moore (leading worship), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet), Nick Yingst (piano).

Today's Ushers are Dave Eakin, Joe Kearns, and Michael Kitchens.

Counters are Brad Weaver and Kentaro Minagawa.

Prelude: "Four Psalms Arranged by Louis Bougeois"

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Response of Praise:

Come People of the Risen King



1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring him praise;
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night;
3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the faith;



come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace.
come, those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight.
come, those with full or emp - ty hands—find the rich - es of his grace.



From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
For his per - fect love will nev - er change, and his mer - cies nev - er cease,
O - ver all the world his peo - ple sing—shore to shore we hear them call,



where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to gath - er chil - dren in.
 but fol - low us through all our days in the cer - tain hope of peace.
 the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in all!"

Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice!

One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, re - joice!

Words & Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend
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CHURCH OF CHRIST REJOICE
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*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

***Confession of Faith:**

Philippians 2:5-11

Leader:

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

Congregation:

**who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.**

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

***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

Romans 1:16-17

Our reading today is often called the foundational text of the Reformation. James Montgomery Boice called these verses: "the most important in the letter and perhaps in all literature. They are the theme of this epistle and the essence of Christianity" (*Romans* [Baker], 1:103)

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'"

Confession of Sin

Our gracious and almighty Father,

We acknowledge our sin and our need of Your mercy.

We confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours.

We have lived as though You were not present,

and we have failed to honor You in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Forgive us, O Lord, for our wayward hearts.

Cleanse us from all our sin through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Renew us by Your Holy Spirit,

that we might walk in obedience to Your Word

and live for the glory of Your name.

Grant us grace to be faithful witnesses of Your mercy and truth,

that those around us might see Christ in us

and give praise to You, our God and Redeemer.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Congregational Appeal for Mercy

Trisagion

Ho - - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

Ho - ly Im-mor-tal One, have mer - cy; have mer - cy on us.

Repeat

Words: Ancient text; alt. Fernando Ortega
Music: Fernando Ortega
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Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Romans 3:23-25

"[A]ll have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 25 – November 1

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Life Lion Emergency Medical Services and Critical Care
- **Civil Government:** US Representative Scott Perry
- **Unreached People Group:** Berber of Europe
Population: 1,679,400; Language: Various dialects; 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:** Elmer and Pat C.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Small Group Leaders and Hosts
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Ridge Haven (PCA Camp, Conference & Retreat Center)

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

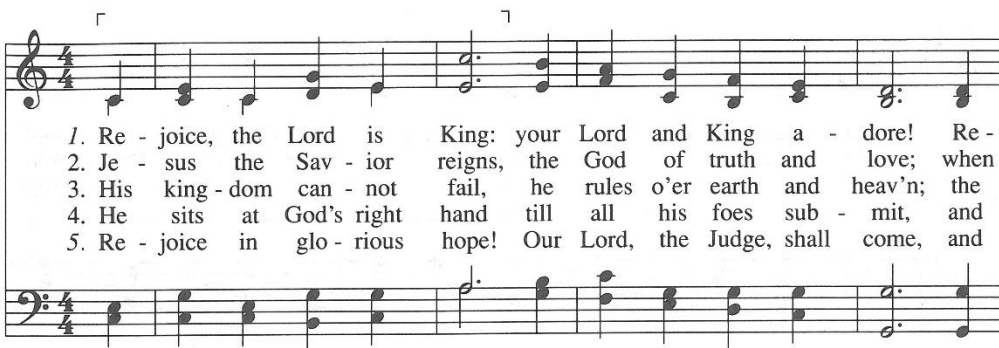
Offertory

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.

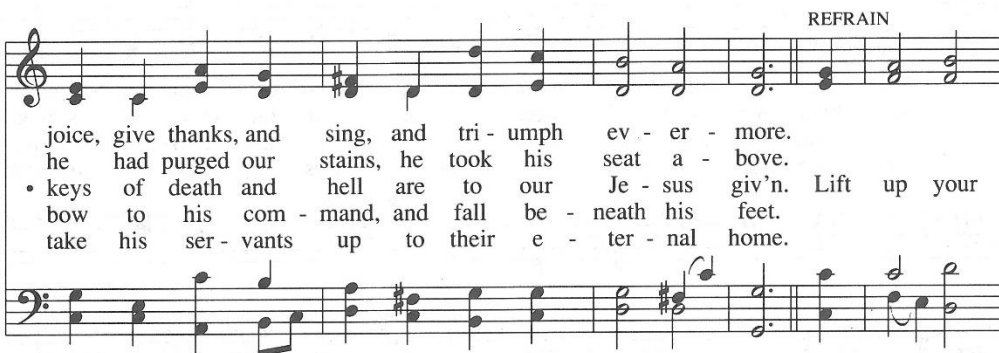
*Song of Preparation:

Rejoice, the Lord is King

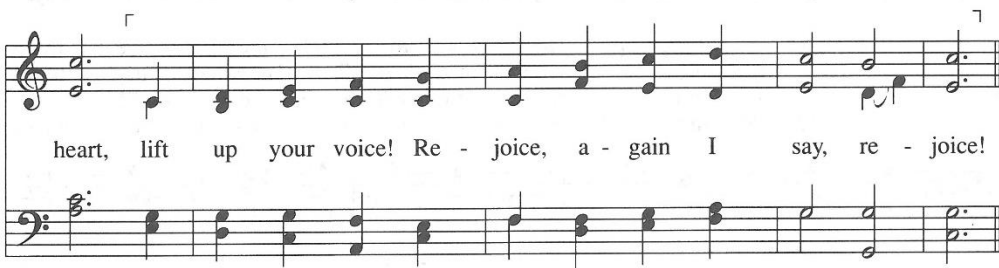
After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and



REFRAIN
 joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

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 John Darwall, 1770

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**

Ephesians 1:13-23

¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

We Believe: *The Faith We Confess* (Week 5)

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: Eternal King*

Today's Text: Ephesians 1:13-23; Pastor David Kertland

1. Because he _____ and _____

2. We can have _____ and _____

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

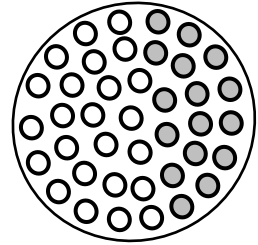
Words of Institution:

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.



Music Meditation

*"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"
"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"*

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:**

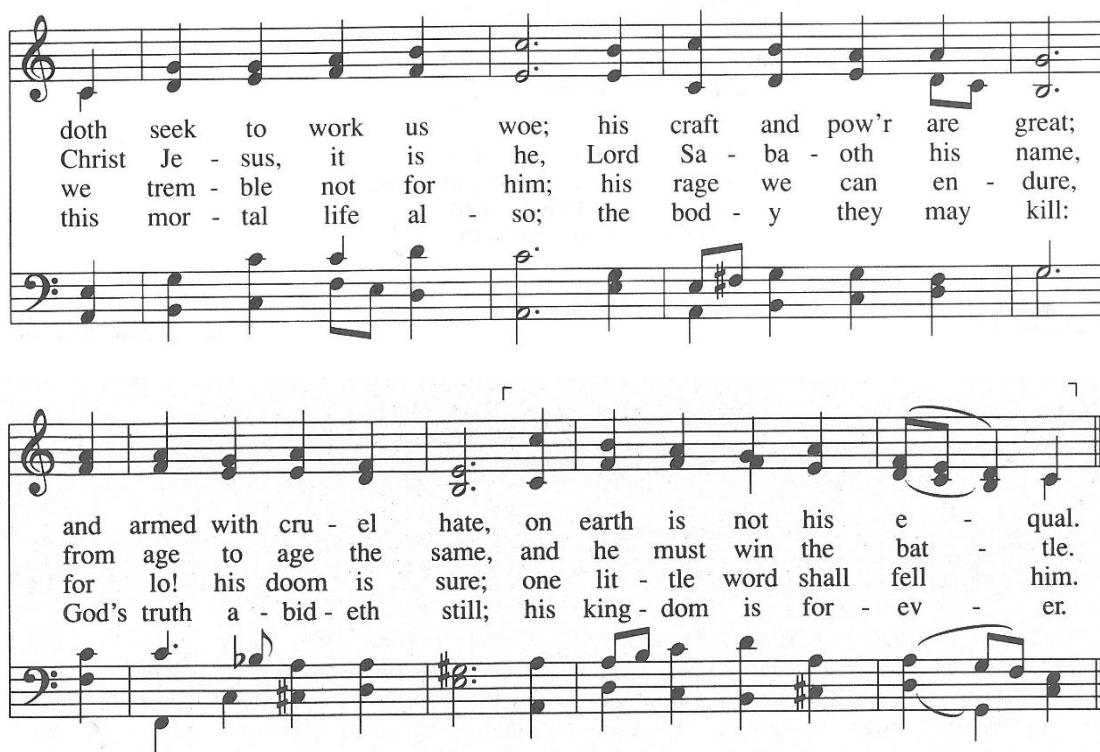
A Mighty Fortress

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Based on Psalm 46
 Martin Luther, 1529
 Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

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 Martin Luther, 1529

Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

Our benediction this morning was first given to Aaron and his sons (the Old Testament priesthood) when the Lord told them, "Thus you shall bless the people of Israel." In this way, he said, "so shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

*"The LORD bless you and keep you;
 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."*

Amen.

* Congregation standing, as personal ability allows.

***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!



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