



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

March 15, 2026

This Month's Front Cover Artwork

The mosaic on the front cover appeared on the cover of the worship booklet of our very first Core Group Meeting when we began as a worship site on Sunday, January 11, 2015. We return to it this month in remembrance of the Lord's faithful provision for our congregation throughout the years.

The description used in our first booklet reminds us of our church's mission:

*"The mosaic is from a 5th Century (400 AD) floor mosaic in *The Church of the Multiplication* in Tabgha, Israel (on the NW shore of the Sea of Galilee). The church was built to commemorate the time when Jesus multiplied a few loaves and fish to feed a large crowd (Mark 6:30-44). May the same Lord Jesus multiply our gifts and talents to give spiritual food (the gospel and the Word of God) to many in the Hershey area and throughout the world from this place."*

*And taking the five loaves and the two fish
he [Jesus] looked up to heaven
and said a blessing
and broke the loaves
and gave them to the disciples
to set before the people.*

*And he divided the two fish among them all.
And they all ate and were satisfied.*

Mark 6:41-42



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 Paul Hepperle.

Thank you to all who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order: Ephraim Church (leading worship and violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (sound), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Peter Gibble (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Kentaro Minagawa (greeter), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet).

Today's Ushers are Asahel Church, Dave Eakin, and Greg Moore.

Counters are Brad Weaver and Nora Dolon.

Throughout today's service: the light face type is read by the leader; the **bold face type** is to be read or sung by the congregation.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

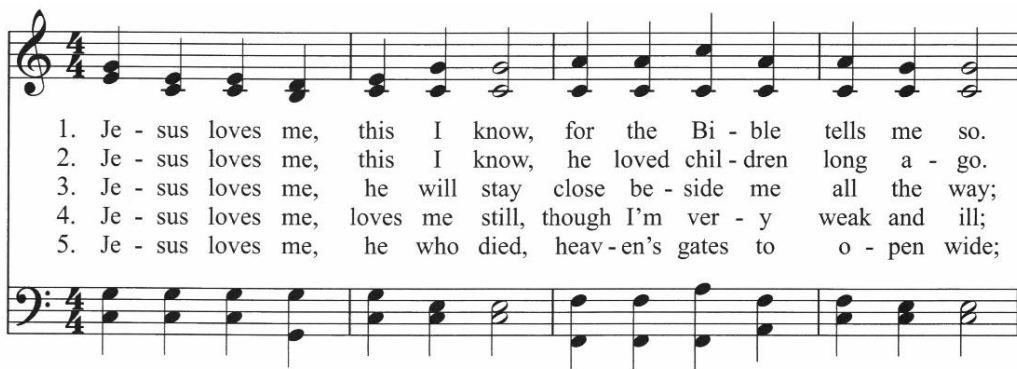
1 John 4:9-10

*In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
**that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.***

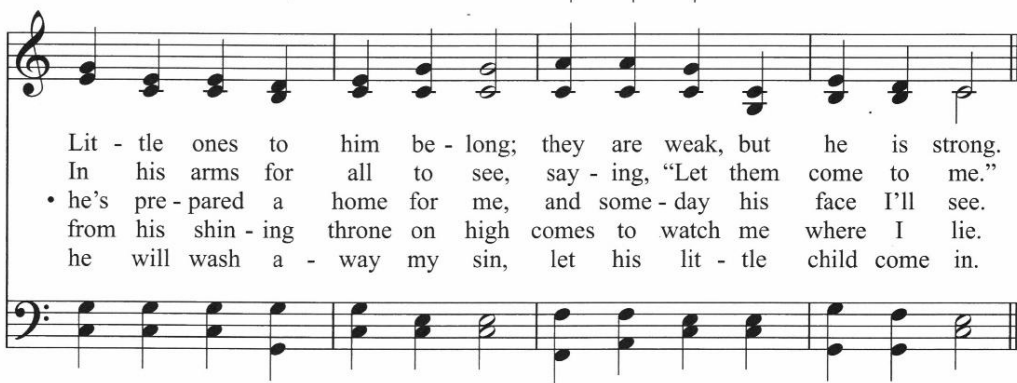
*¹⁰ In this is love,
**not that we have loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.***

***Response of Praise:**

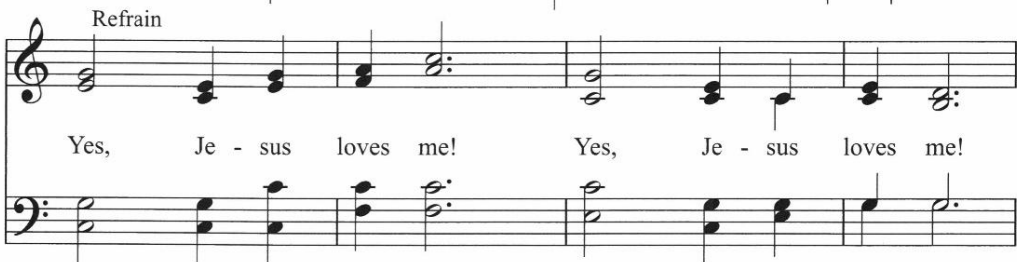
Jesus Loves Me, This I Know



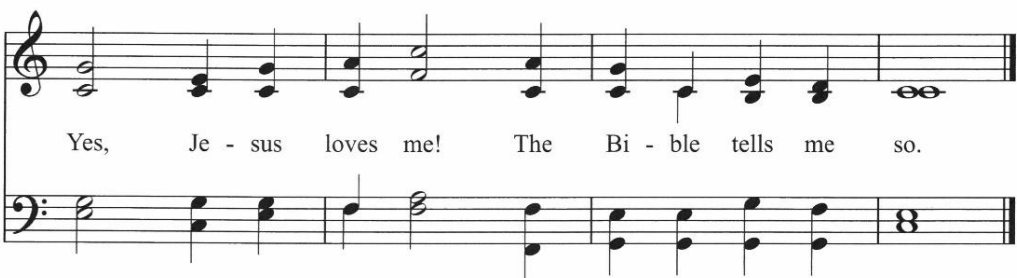
1. Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2. Je - sus loves me, this I know, he loved chil - dren long a - go.
 3. Je - sus loves me, he will stay close be - side me all the way;
 4. Je - sus loves me, loves me still, though I'm ver - y weak and ill;
 5. Je - sus loves me, he who died, heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;



Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
 In his arms for all to see, say - ing, "Let them come to me."
 • he's pre - pared a home for me, and some - day his face I'll see.
 from his shin - ing throne on high comes to watch me where I lie.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.



Refrain
 Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.ref.
 William B. Bradbury, 1861

Anna B. Warner, 1859; alt.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith: A Psalter Reading of Psalm 22:1-22**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

² *O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.*

³ ***Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.***

⁴ *In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.*

⁵ ***To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.***

⁶ *But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.*

⁷ ***All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;***

⁸ *“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;*

let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

⁹ *Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.*

¹⁰ ***On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.***

¹¹ *Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.*

¹² ***Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;***

¹³ *they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.*

¹⁴ ***I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;***

my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵ ***my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.***

(over)

¹⁶ *For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;*

they have pierced my hands and feet—

¹⁷ *I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;*

¹⁸ they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹ *But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!*

²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!

²¹ *Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!*

²² I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

***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

Hebrews 12:22-25a, 28-29

This month, we are reading the 2nd commandment and related Scripture passages.

[Y]ou have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.

...

²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Hebrews 10:11-14

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of March 15-21

Intercession for the World:

- **In the Local Community:** Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Med. Center Doctors, Nurses, Staff, and Board of Directors
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhansala of Asia
Population: 274,600; Language: Marathi; 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:** Ken K.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Church Musicians
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** David & Aliece
(OXI, sensitive area)

The Lord's Prayer:

We close our prayer in unison with this version of the Lord's Prayer.

**"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.**

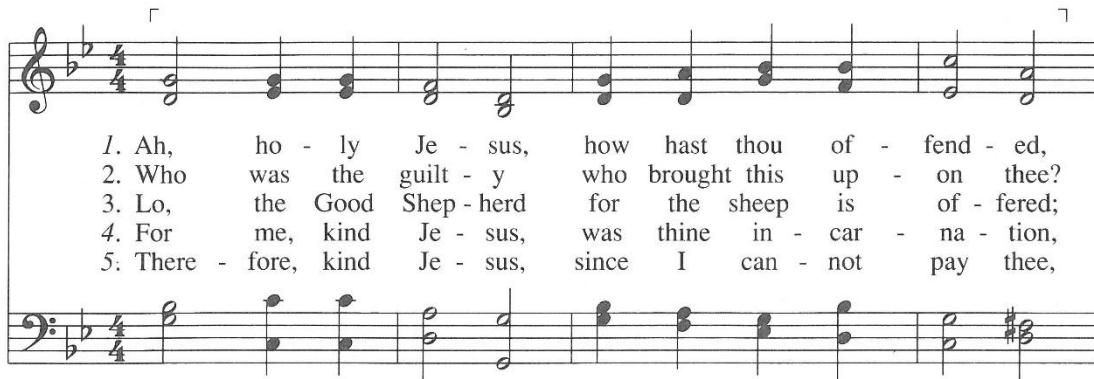
Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

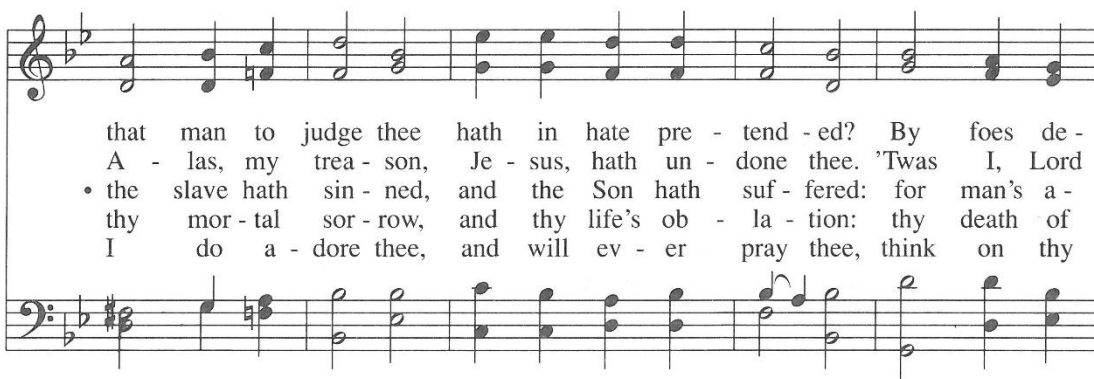
During this hymn, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in the lower level of the education building. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children in the narthex.

*Song of Preparation: Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

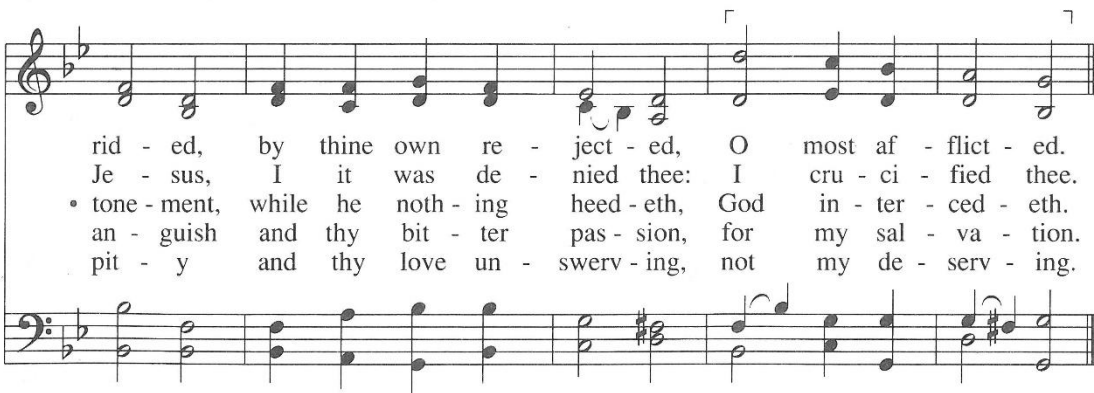
Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2. Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee?
 3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 • the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 • tone - ment, while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

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 19:16b-30

So they took Jesus,¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek.²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom,²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

*"They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots."*

So the soldiers did these things,²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: “Was Crucified and Died”

Today's Text: John 19:16b-30; Pastor David Kertland

1) “It is _____” :

The Scriptures _____ ; salvation _____

2) “When Jesus _____” :

Your Shepherd's _____

Preparing for 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

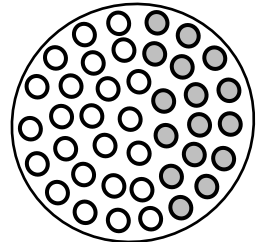
Words of Institution:

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.



Prayer

white circles = grape juice in clear cups
gray circles = wine in purple cups

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 Commitment: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal. 6:14

Chord progression: 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

Chord progression: Bb 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,

Chord progression: Gm F C F 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.

HAMBURG L.M.
 Gregorian chant
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824

Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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 pastors and other Hershey PCA members and friends.

After the service, greet someone you don't know. The time following the worship service is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ! We encourage you to look for others you don't know, introduce yourself, and welcome them in the name of Jesus Christ!

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Use of front cover mosaic image licensed from www.shutterstock.com (pic-13767766).
- 2) **Music:** "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" (248), "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (252) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" (478) is reprinted from *Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture (OPC & URCNA), Willow Grove, PA, 2018). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: Mosaic information: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_the_Multiplication. 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) **On the Sermon:** 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 John Calvin, D. A. Carson, William Hendriksen, Matthew Henry, Leon Morris, Herman Ridderbos, R. C. Sproul, St Helen's Church, Bishopsgate (Dick Lucas, William Taylor), 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.
- 5) **The "Invitation to the Lord's Supper"** and the communion page information was, in part, modified from the

* Congregation standing, as personal ability allows.



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