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Today's Front Cover Artwork

Odilon Redon (French, 1840-1916), *Breton Village*, c. 1890. Oil on canvas, overall: 22.5 x 32.5 cm (8 7/8 x 12 13/16 in.); framed: 31.9 x 41.9 x 3.5 cm (12 9/16 x 16 1/2 x 1 3/8 in.). Inscriptions: lower left, in red and purple paint: ODILON REDON. Washington, DC: National Gallery of Art, on view, West Building Main Floor, Gallery 91, Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon, Accession Number 1994.59.11. In the public domain.

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Exhibition History: 2013: Intimate Impressionism from the National Gallery of Art, Museo dell'Ara Pacis Augustae, Rome (exhibition title in this venue: Impressionist Gems); California Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco; McNay Art Museum, San Antonio; Mitsubishi Ichigokan Museum, Tokyo, Seattle Art Museum, 2013-2016, pl. 23.

<https://www.nga.gov/artworks/89684-breton-village>

About the artist: Odilon Redon (born Bertrand Redon; French: April 20, 1840 July 6, 1916) was a French Symbolist draftsman, printmaker, and painter. Early in his career, both before and after fighting in the Franco-Prussian War, Redon worked almost exclusively in charcoal and lithography, works known as his *noirs*. ... During the 1890s, Redon began working in pastel and oil, which quickly became his favorite medium, abandoning his previous style of *noirs* completely after 1900. ... Redon is perhaps best known today for the dreamlike paintings created in the first decade of the 20th century, which were inspired by Japanese art and leaned toward abstraction. His work is considered a precursor to Surrealism.

From www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/odilon-redon-2243



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 aged infant through 3 years old is provided on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. Today's Nursery Workers are Bonnie Kertland and Emily Church.

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 AmyLea Yingst.

Thank you to all who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order: Emily Church (vocals), Ephraim Church (leading worship & violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (vocals), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), David Eakin (vocals), Peter Gobble (viola), Ken Kanode (greeter), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet), Jeb Yingst (sound).

Today's Ushers are Joe Kearns, Greg Moore, and Nick Yingst.

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:

Psalm 9:7-10

[T]he LORD sits enthroned forever;

he has established his throne for justice,

⁸ and he judges the world with righteousness;

he judges the peoples with uprightness.

⁹ The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

¹⁰ And those who know your name put their trust in you,

for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

***Response of Praise:**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7 al.
 Robert Williams, 1817

St. 1, anon.
 St. 2-3, John Arnold, *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1740
 St. 4, Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

***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

Exodus 20:1-2, 7

This month, we are reading the 3rd commandment and related Scripture passages.

And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

...

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 54. What is required in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

Q. 55. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment forbids all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God makes himself known.

Q. 52. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, that however the breakers of the commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Hebrews 7:24-25

Jesus "holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of April 12 - 19

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Hershey Area Retirement Communities
- **Civil Government:** PA Governor Josh Shapiro
- **Unreached People Group:** Bharbhunja of South Asia
Population: 1,308,400; Language: Hindi; Religion: Hinduism & 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:** Catherine S.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Pastor Emeritus Mark Tedford
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Rick & Clare
(Frontier Ventures, CA)

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:**

O Lord, I Will Exalt You (Psalm 30)

1. ¹O LORD, I will ex - tol you, for you have lift - ed me;
 2. ⁴His ho - ly name re - mem - ber; you saints, the LORD now praise;
 3. ⁶In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed, "Un - moved I shall re - main,"
 4. ⁹What prof - it if I per - ish, if I de - scend to death?
 5. ¹¹You turned my grief to danc - ing, from sack - cloth set me free.

my foes you kept from boast - ing and gloat - ing o - ver me.
³his an - ger lasts a mo - ment, his fa - vor all our days;
 • for LORD, by your good fa - vor my moun - tain you main - tained.
 Shall dust pro - claim your prais - es or speak your faith - ful - ness?
 You clothed me 'round with glad - ness; ¹²I shall not si - lent be.

²O LORD, my God, I plead - ed that you might heal and save;
 for though the tears of weep - ing may tar - ry for a night,
 • But when your face was hid - den, my heart was ter - ri - fied.
¹⁰O LORD, on me have mer - cy, and my pe - ti - tion hear;
 My soul will sing your prais - es, your name will I a - dore;

³you brought my soul from She - ol, re - stored me from the grave.
 there comes a shout of glad - ness when dawn - s the morn - ing light.
 • ⁸To you, O LORD, I plead - ed; for mer - cy, Lord, I cried.
 that you may be my help - er, in mer - cy, LORD, ap - pear.
 O LORD, my God, I thank you, both now and ev - er - more!

NOEL 7.6.7.6.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871; alt.

The Psalter, 1912; alt.; mod.

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 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

The Christ, the Son of God (7): *The Gospel of John* Chapters 18-21

Sermon: ***“Why are You Weeping”***

Today's Text: John 20:11-18; Pastor David Kertland

1) He is *alive*! Jesus is _____!

2) He is *ascending*! Jesus is our _____!

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

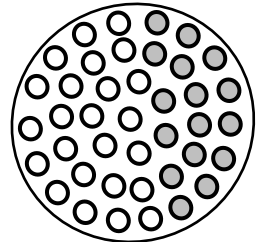
Words of Institution:

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.



Piano Meditation:

His Mercy is More; In Loving Kindness, see page 18.

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):

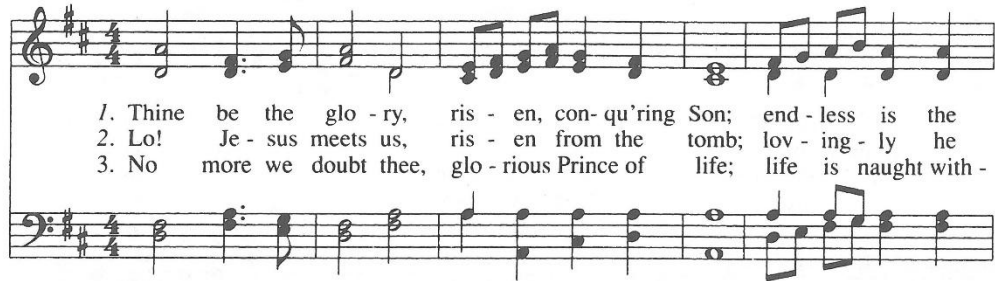
Prayer of Belief: "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you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

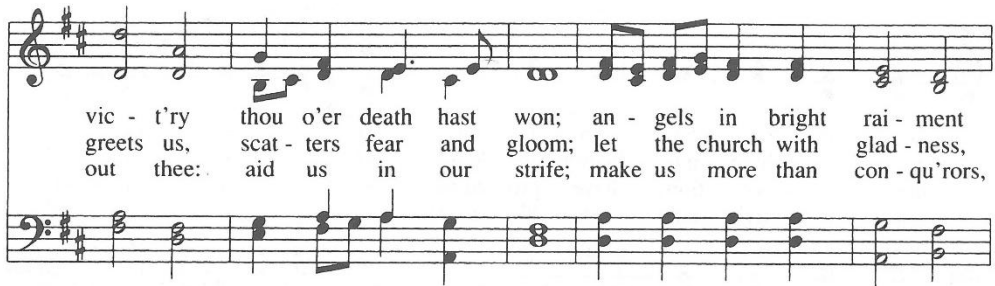
Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Commitment:**

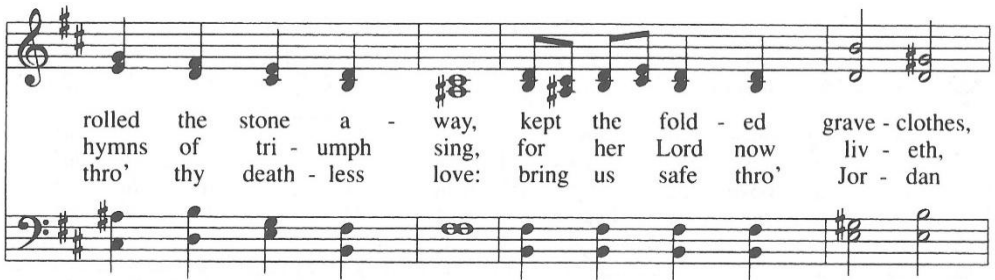
Thine Be the Glory



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

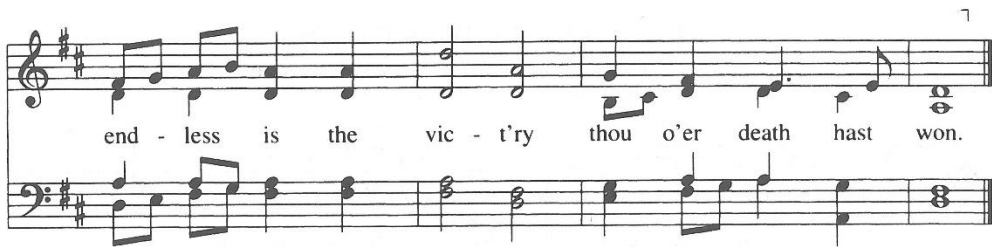
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where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

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 From George Frederick Handel, *Judas Maccabaeus*, 1747

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Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

*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.*

*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!

* Congregation standing, as personal ability allows.



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