



Hershey Presbyterian
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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 Vicki Gehron and Abby Stefanow.

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: Emily Church (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (sound), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), David Eakin (vocals), Peter Gobble (viola), Paul Hepperle (preaching), Joe Kearns (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Kentaro Minagawa (greeter), Jared Salyards (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet). *Special music by Sarah Shafer.*

Today's Ushers are Keith Dolon, Chris Wagner, and Brad Weaver.

Counters are Nora Dolon and Conner Waybright.

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 29:1-4

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

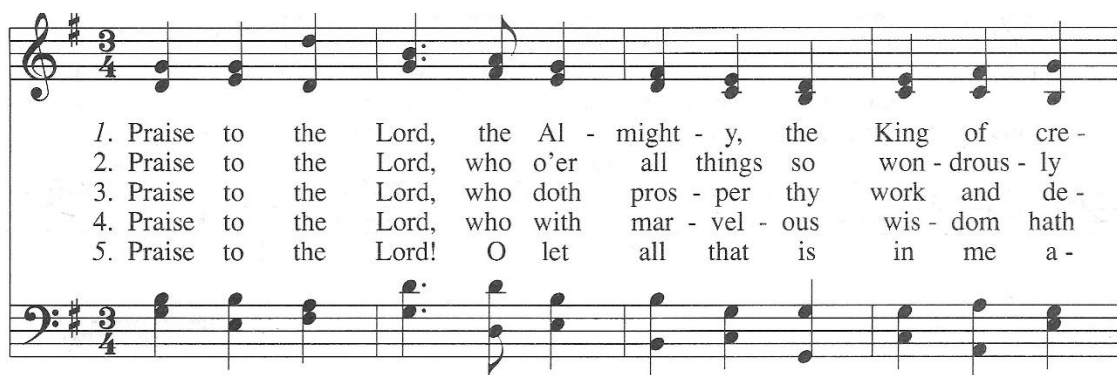
² *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

³ *The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.*

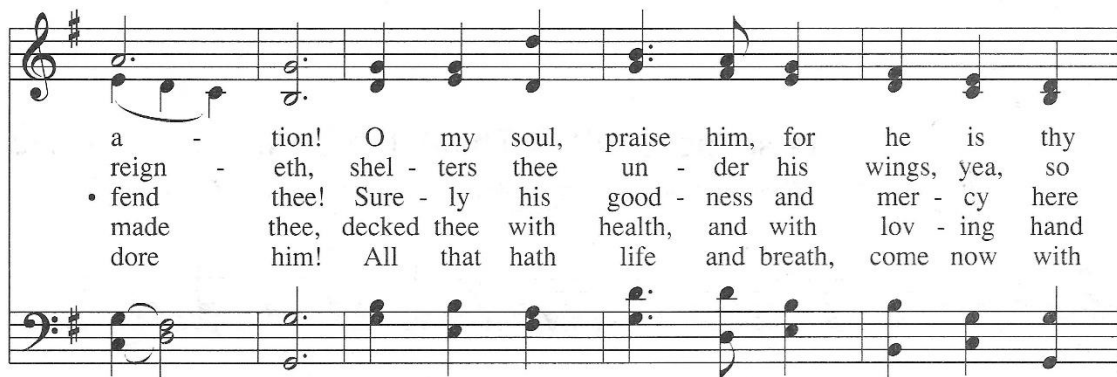
⁴ *The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.*

*Response of Praise:

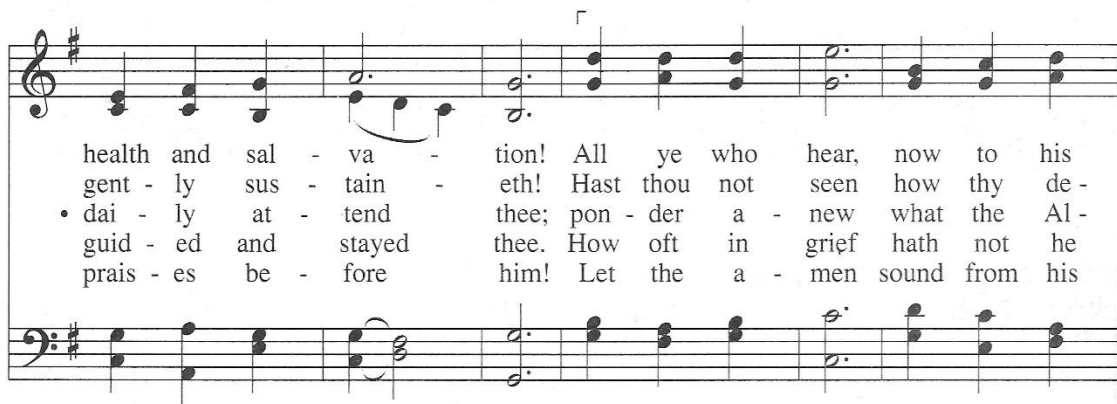
Praise to the Lord, The Almighty



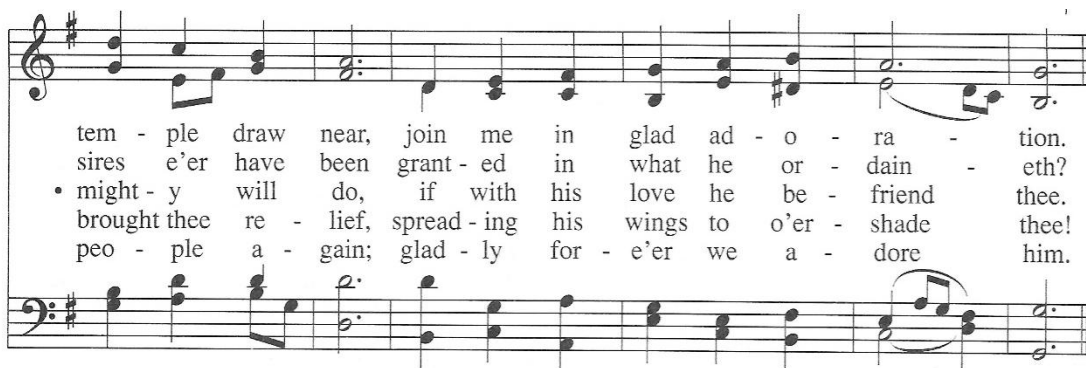
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - mighty, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



Based on Psalm 103
Joachim Neander, 1680
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.
Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665
Arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,*
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;**

**and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the
dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

* The term “very God of very God” means that our Lord Jesus Christ is “true God from true God.”

** “‘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*.

***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

Jeremiah 7:8-11

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

"Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail.⁹ Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known,¹⁰ and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are delivered!'—only to go on doing all these abominations?¹¹ Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD.

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

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of April 19 - 26

Intercession for the World:

- **In the Local Community:** The Hershey Company
- **Civil Government:** PA Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis
- **Unreached People Group:** Bharewa of India
Population: 9,700; Language: Hindi; 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:** Elmer and Pat C.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Ruling Elder Ephraim Church
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Richard & Lynne Smith
(RUF-I, Penn State)

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: *"Think on These Things"* by Craig Courtney - Words on p.14

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: The Earth and It's Riches (Psalm 24B)



1. ¹The earth and its rich - es a - bun - dant - ly stored,
 2. ³O who shall the mount of the LORD God as - cend?
 3. ⁵Yes, he from the LORD shall a bless - ing re - ceive;
 4. ⁷O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!
 5. ⁹O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!

the world and its dwell - ers be - long to the LORD.
 And who in the place of his ho - li - ness stand?
 • the God of sal - va - tion shall righ - teous - ness give.
 The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!
 The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!

²For he on the seas its foun - da - tions has laid,
 • ⁴The man of pure heart and of hands with - out stain,
 • ⁶Thus look - ing to him is a whole bless - ed race;
⁸O who is the King that in glo - ry draws near?
¹⁰This great King of glo - ry, O who can he be?

and firm on the wa - ters its pil - lars has stayed.
 who swears not to i - dols, nor serves what is vain.
 • all those who, like Ja - cob, are seek - ing your face.
 The LORD, might - y LORD of the bat - tle, is here!
 The LORD God of hosts, King of glo - ry is he!

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**

Jonah 1:4-16

But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. ⁶ So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."

⁷ And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" ⁹ And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰ Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

¹¹ Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. ¹² He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." ¹³ Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴ Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Jonah: God's Word and Man (2) : Jonah 1-4

Sermon: "Sovereign of the Storm"

Today's Text: Jonah 1:4-16; Assistant Pastor Paul Hepperle

1) A question of _____

2) A question of _____

3) A question of _____

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

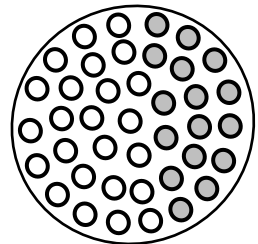
Words of Institution:

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

Communion Song: "Arise, My Soul, Arise" arr. Dan Forrest - Words on p.18

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:**

Now Unto Jehovah

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes a four-part vocal entry. The second system continues the melody and harmony. The third system features a more complex arrangement with multiple voices. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final chord.

1. Now un - to Je - ho - vah, ye sons of the might - y.
2. The voice of Je - ho - vah, the God of all glo - ry,
3. His voice makes the moun - tains and des - erts to trem - ble,
4. The Lord ruled in might at the flood of great wa - ters,

all glo - ry and strength and do - min - ion ac - cord;
rolls o - ver the wa - ters, the thun - ders a - wake;
wild beasts are af - fright - ed, the for - ests laid bare,
a King whose do - min - ion is nev - er to cease;

a - scribe to him glo - ry, and ren - der him hon - or.
the voice of Je - ho - vah, ma - jes - tic and might - y,
and through all cre - a - tion, his won - der - ful tem - ple,
the Lord will give bless - ing and strength to his peo - ple,

In beau - ty of ho - li - ness wor - ship the Lord.
is heard, and the ce - dars of Leb - a - non break.
all things he has fash - ioned his glo - ry de - clare.
the Lord all his peo - ple will com - fort with peace.

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.

Offertory: *"Think on These Things" by Craig Courtney (Phil. 4:8-9)*

Whatsoever things are true,
Whatsoever things are honest,
Whatsoever things are just and pure, lovely, of good repute.

If there be any virtue,
If there be any praise,
If there be any virtue, think on these things.

And the God of peace shall be with you.
Think on these things. Amen.



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