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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 Paige Eickelberg and Dorinda Saul.

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: Ruth Adams (greeter), Emily Church (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (vocals), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), David Eakin (vocals), Peter Gobble (viola), Paul Hepperle (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Jared Salyards (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet).

Today's Ushers are David Eakin, Michael Kitchens and Nick Yingst.

Counters are Jessica Buckwalter 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 63:1-4

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³**Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.**

⁴**So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.**

***Response of Praise:**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

***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

Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of April 26-May 3

Intercession for the World:

- **In the Local Community:** Hershey Entertainment & Resorts
- **Civil Government:** PA Supreme Court Justices
- **Unreached People Group:** Bharia Bhumia of India
Population: 337,000; 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:** Pauline G.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Ruling Elder Joe Kearns
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Anees & Fareda Zaka
(Church Without Walls)

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:**

Lord, from the Depths to You I Cry!

1. ¹LORD, from the depths to you I cry!
 2. ³If you, O LORD, should mark our sins,
 3. ⁵I wait, my soul a - waits the LORD;
 4. ⁷O Is - r'el, hope in God the LORD,

²O Lord, to me give ear and give at - ten - tion
 then who, O Lord, could stand? ⁴But par - don can be
 my hope is in his word. ⁶Yes, more than watch - men
 for mer - cy is with him; ⁸with great re - demp - tion

to my voice; my cry for mer - cy hear.
 found with you that you may fear com - mand.
 wait for dawn, my soul a - waits the Lord.
 he will save his Is - r'el from all sin.

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 1:17-2:10

And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, ² saying,

*"I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.*

*³ For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me; all your breakers and your waves passed
over me.*

*⁴ Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight;
yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'*

*⁵ The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped about my head.*

*⁶ To the roots of the mountains I went down,
to the land whose bars closed upon me forever.*

Yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God.

*⁷ When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord.
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.*

⁸ Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.

*⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.*

Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

¹⁰ And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Jonah: God's Word and Man (3) : Jonah 1-4
Sermon: *"Out of the Deep"*

Today's Text: Jonah 1:17 – 2:10; Assistant Pastor Paul Hepperle

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

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

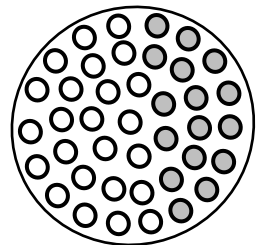
Words of Institution:

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:**

O Father, You Are Sovereign

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;
2. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;
3. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,
4. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,

your might - y word was spo - ken and light and life o - beyed.
no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.
trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.
but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow.

Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,
All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,
All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,
With this glad hope be - fore us our faith springs up a - new:

sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.
you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.
your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.
our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

Being Sent to Serve God

***Benediction:**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. 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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