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## This Month's Front Cover Artwork

Claude Monet (1840-1926), *Blue Water Lilies (Nymphéas bleus)*, between 1916 and 1919. Oil on canvas, H: 204.0 cm. W: 200.0 cm. (80 in. x 79 in.). Paris, France: Musée d'Orsay. Purchase, 1981. © RMN-Grand Palais (Musée d'Orsay) / Hervé Lewandowski, on view, Next Level, Room 34. Accession Number: RF 1981 40. In the public domain.

"Nymphaea" is the botanical name for a water lily. Monet grew white water lilies in the water garden he had installed in his property at Giverny in 1893. From the 1910s until he died in 1926, the garden and its pond in particular, became the artist's sole source of inspiration. He said: "I have come back to things that are impossible to do: water with weeds waving in the depths. Apart from painting and gardening, I am good for nothing. My greatest masterpiece is my garden."

Eliminating the horizon and the sky, Monet focused on a small area of the pond, seen as a piece of nature, almost a close-up. No details stand out and the overall impression is one of a shapeless surface. The square format reinforces the neutrality of the composition. The lack of a frame of reference gives the fragment an infinite, limitless feeling.

Never was the artist's brushstroke so free, so detached from the description of forms. A close-up view of the canvas gives a feeling of total abstraction, because the brushstrokes are stronger than the identification of the plants or their reflections. The viewer has to make a constant visual and mental effort to piece together the landscape suggested in the painting. The unfinished borders accentuate this insistence on painting as a surface covered with paint, which was not lost on artists after the Second World War, particularly American painters exploring "abstract landscapes" and "lyrical abstraction." From <https://www.musee-orsay.fr/en/artworks/nympheas-bleus-1172>



**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 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 Asahel Church.

**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 (vocals), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), David Eakin (vocals), Peter Gibble (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Kentaro Minagawa (greeter), Brad Weaver (sound), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet), Nick Yingst (piano).

**Today's Ushers** are Ephraim Church, Keith Dolon, and Kentaro Minagawa.

**Counters** are Brad Weaver and Kentaro Minagawa.

**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.

## Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and grandmothers! While our worship service remains focused on the worship of our Sovereign God, we are grateful to Him for providing mothers who love and care for the covenant children of our worship site. Thank you for all that you do!

## Prelude

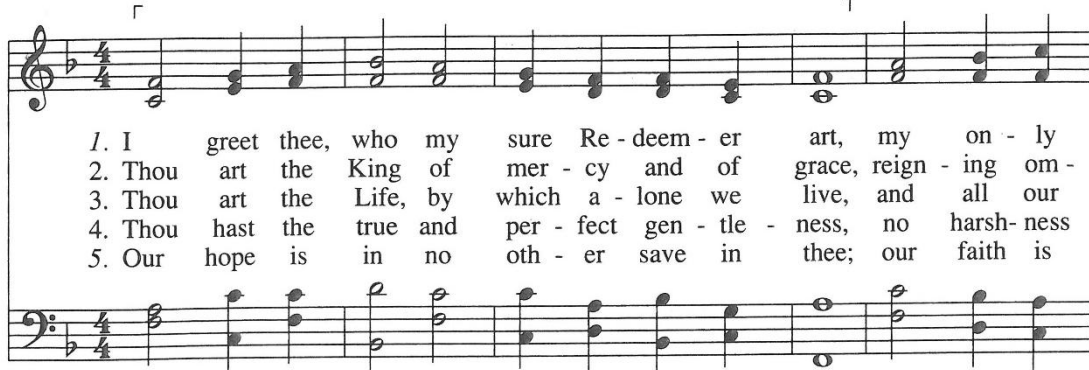
## Praising God

### \*Call to Worship:

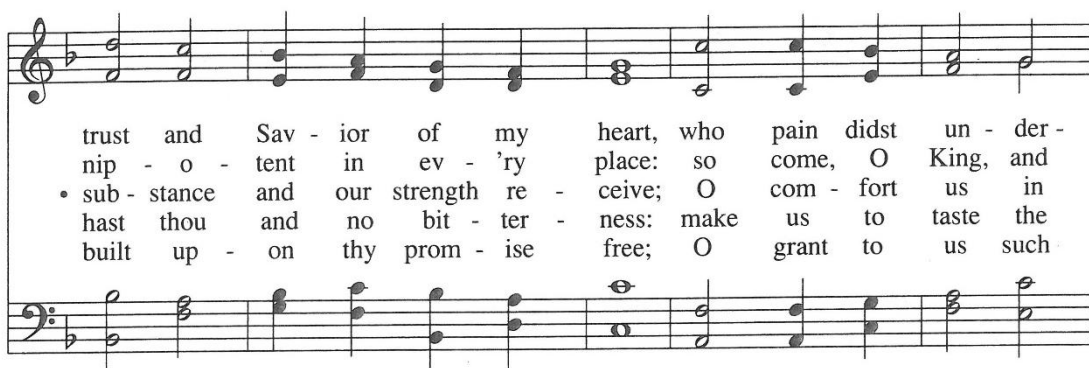
**Isaiah 55:6-7**

*Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD,  
that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God,  
for he will abundantly pardon.*

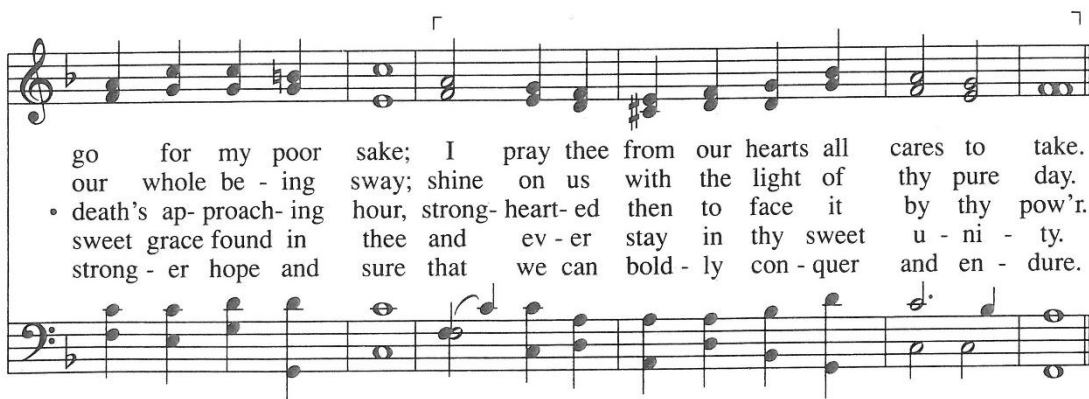
## \*Response of Praise: I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art



1. I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art, my on - ly  
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace, reign - ing om -  
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a - lone we live, and all our  
 4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness, no harsh - ness  
 5. Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee; our faith is



trust and Sav - ior of my heart, who pain didst un - der -  
 nip - o - tent in ev - 'ry place: so come, O King, and  
 • sub - stance and our strength re - ceive; O com - fort us in  
 hast thou and no bit - ter - ness: make us to taste the  
 built up - on thy prom - ise free; O grant to us such



go for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 our whole be - ing sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 • death's ap - proach - ing hour, strong - heart - ed then to face it by thy pow'r.  
 sweet grace found in thee and ev - er stay in thy sweet u - ni - ty.  
 strong - er hope and sure that we can bold - ly con - quer and en - dure.

## **\*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

### **\*Confession of Faith:**

**Romans 8:28-35, 36-37**

**[W]e know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.**

**<sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.**

**<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?**

**<sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.**

**<sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.**

**<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ...**

**<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

### **\*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

## Isaiah 58:6-14

*For the reading of God's Standard this month, we are reading the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment and related Scripture passages.*

*Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?*

*<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup> Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, "Here I am." If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, <sup>10</sup> if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. <sup>11</sup> And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. <sup>12</sup> And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.*

*<sup>13</sup> If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; <sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.*

**Westminster Larger Catechism: Question 117: What is required in the fourth commandment?** Answer: The sabbath or Lord's day is to be sanctified by an holy resting all the day, not only from such works as are at all times sinful, but even from such worldly employments and recreations as are on other days lawful; and making it our delight to spend the whole time (except so much of it as is to be taken up in works of necessity and mercy) in the public and private exercises of God's worship: and, to that end, we are to prepare our hearts, and with such foresight, diligence, and moderation, to dispose and seasonably dispatch our worldly business, that we may be the more free and fit for the duties of that day.

## **Confession of Sin**

### **Declaration of Pardon in Christ**

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

*Since...we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

## **Offering Our Prayers to God**

### **Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer**

**Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of May 10-17**

#### **Intercession for the World:**

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Sandy Ballard
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhat of South Asia  
Population: 1,722,700; Language: Various; Religion: Hinduism and 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:** Donna K.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Ruling Elder Nick Yingst
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Covenant College

### **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. <sup>1</sup>O LORD, I will ex - tol you, for you have lift - ed me;  
 2. <sup>4</sup>His ho - ly name re - mem - ber; you saints, the LORD now praise;  
 3. <sup>6</sup>In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed, "Un - moved I shall re - main,"  
 4. <sup>9</sup>What prof - it if I per - ish, if I de - scend to death?  
 5. <sup>11</sup>You 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.  
<sup>3</sup>his an - ger lasts a mo - ment, his fa - vor all our days;  
 • <sup>7</sup>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; <sup>12</sup>I shall not si - lent be.

<sup>2</sup>O 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.  
<sup>10</sup>O 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;

<sup>3</sup>you brought my soul from She - ol, re - stored me from the grave.  
 there comes a shout of glad - ness when dawns the morn - ing light.  
 • <sup>8</sup>To 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!

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 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. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> 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." <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> 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.'" <sup>18</sup> 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**

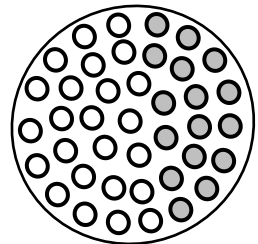
**Words of Institution:**

**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.



**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.

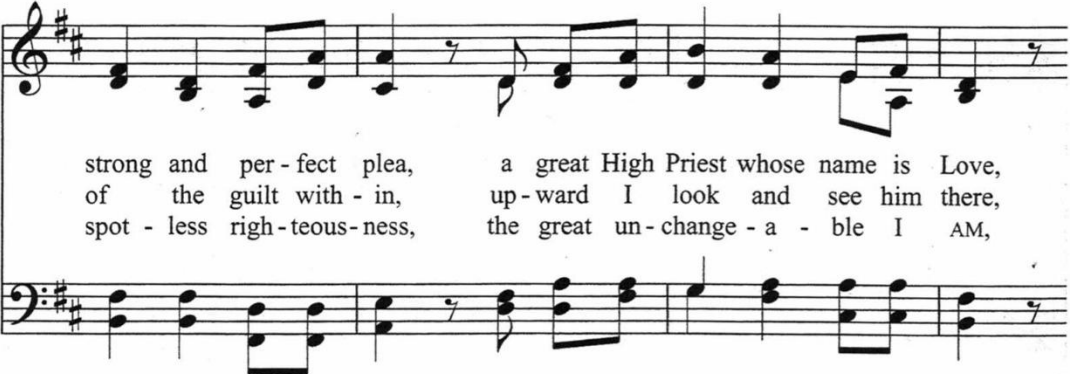
# Receiving God's Blessing

**\*Song of Commitment:**

**Before the Throne of God Above**



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,  
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,



who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can  
free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

BEFORE THE THRONE 8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.

Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

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# Being Sent to Serve God

## **\*Benediction:**

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.*

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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