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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 Nancy Eakin and Grace Salyards.

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 Bonnie Kertland.

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 and violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (sound), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), David Eakin (vocals), Peter Gibble (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Michael Kitchens (greeter), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet).

Today's Ushers are Asahel Church, David Eakin, and Joe Kearns.

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.

Today is Pentecost Sunday: Pentecost Sunday falls on the 50th day of the Easter season. It celebrates the once-for-all-time sending of the Holy Spirit to his church after Jesus's resurrection and ascension. You can read the biblical account of that event in Acts 2. To learn more about the importance of Pentecost, listen to "Perspectives on Pentecost," a discussion with Richard B. Gaffin, on the Reformed Forum podcast at <https://reformedforum.org/podcasts/ctc113/>.

Memorial Day: Tomorrow, our country celebrates Memorial Day to honor, remember, and give thanks for those who gave up their lives in service to this country. While the focus of our Lord's Day worship service remains the same (the glory and praise of God), we are thankful for the freedom that we have and recognize that it has been won by the sacrifices of so many.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 95:1-2

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

*² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

*Response of Praise:

Come Praise and Glorify

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part and a bass accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the melody. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has three lines of lyrics, and the second system has three lines of lyrics. The melody is a simple, joyful tune, and the bass line provides a steady accompaniment.

1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, the Fa - ther of our Lord.
2. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, who gives his grace in Christ.
3. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, for we've be-lieved the word,

In Christ he has, in heav'n-ly realms, his bless - ings on us poured.
In him our sins are washed a - way, re-deemed through sac-ri - fice.
and through our faith we have a seal: the Spir - it of the Lord.

Harmony

For pure and blame-less in his sight he des-tined us to be,
In him God has made known to us the mys-t'ry of his will:
The Spir-it guar-an-tees our hope un-til re-demp-tion's done,

Unison

Final time opt. cue notes

and now we've been a - dopt-ed through his Son e - ter-nal-ly.
that Christ should be the Head of all, his pur- pose to ful-fill.
un-til we join in end-less praise to God, the Three in One!

Harmony

To the praise of your glo-ry, to the praise of your mer-cy and grace,
to the praise of your glo-ry: you are the God who saves!

Words & Music: Tim Chester, Bob Kauffman
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COME PRAISE AND GLORIFY
CMD with refrain

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

***Confession of Faith:**

from 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,
to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for us,
who by God's power are being guarded through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary,
we have been grieved by various trials,
so that the tested genuineness of our 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.**

Though we have not seen him, we love him.

**Though we do not now see him, we believe in him
and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,
obtaining the outcome of our faith,
the salvation of our 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

Psalm 118:22-24

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

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Doxology

This ascription of praise to God comes as a response to God's provision for us. Through it we call everyone in the created order to celebrate and praise our Provider God.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
A-men.**

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of May 24–31

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Michael Corado
- **Civil Government:** Derry Township PA State Representative Thomas Mehaffie
- **Thankful Memory:** The families of those who gave up their lives in the service of this country.
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhatia of South Asia
Population: 242,700; 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:** Catherine S..
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Deacon Keith Dolon
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Lebanon Valley Presbyterian Church Plant – Pastor Cisco Victa

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.**

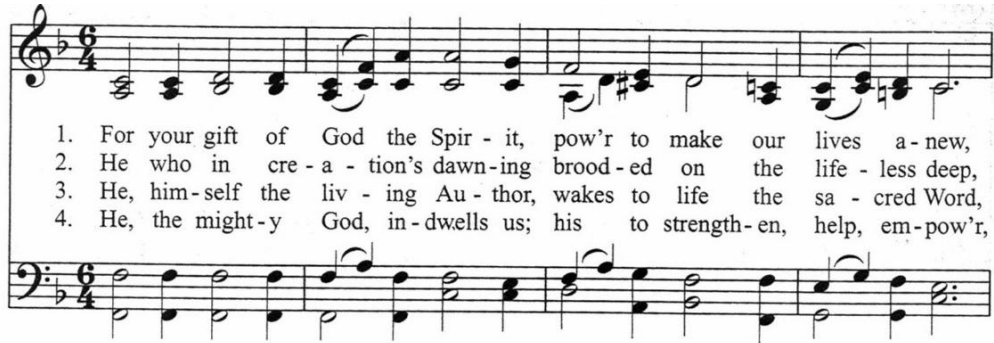
Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

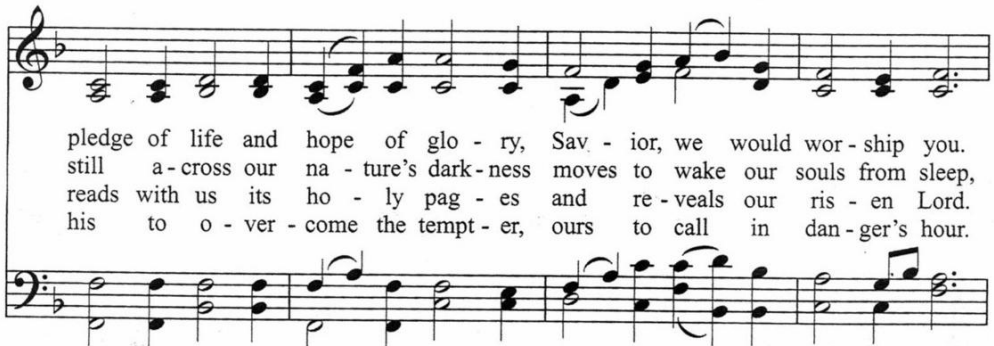
During this hymn, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in the lower level of the education building. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children in the narthex.

***Song of Preparation:**

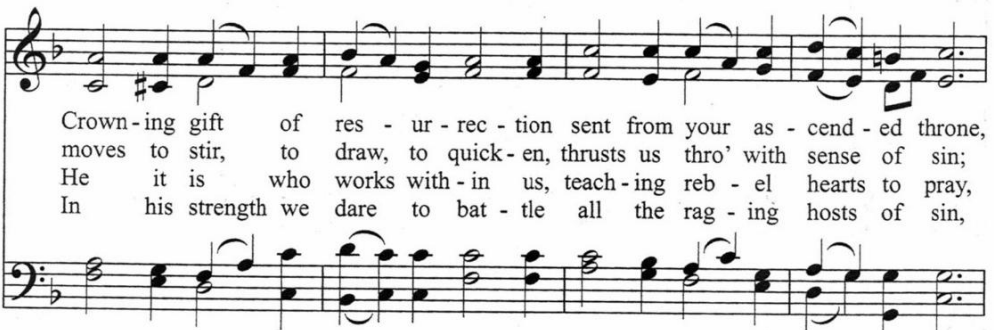
For Your Gift of God the Spirit



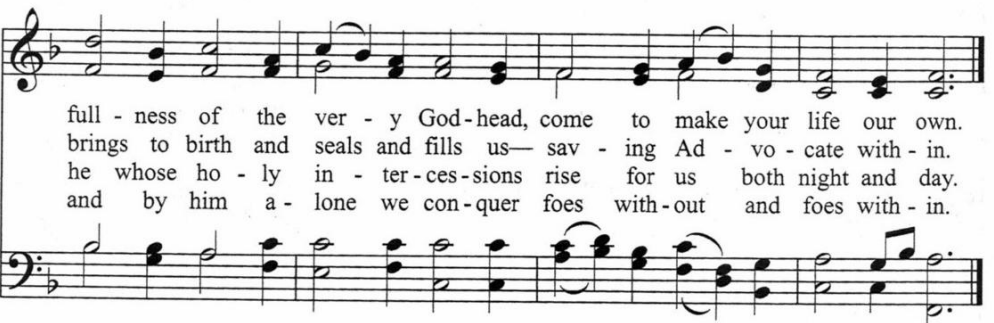
1. For your gift of God the Spir - it, pow'r to make our lives a - new,
2. He who in cre - a - tion's dawn-ing brood - ed on the life - less deep,
3. He, him-self the liv - ing Au - thor, wakes to life the sa - cred Word,
4. He, the might-y God, in - dwells us; his to strength-en, help, em-pow'r,



pledge of life and hope of glo - ry, Sav - ior, we would wor - ship you.
still a - cross our na - ture's dark-ness moves to wake our souls from sleep,
reads with us its ho - ly pag - es and re - veals our ris - en Lord.
his to o - ver - come the tempt - er, ours to call in dan - ger's hour.



Crown-ing gift of res - ur - rec - tion sent from your as - cend - ed throne,
moves to stir, to draw, to quick-en, thrusts us thro' with sense of sin;
He it is who works with - in us, teach - ing reb - el hearts to pray,
In his strength we dare to bat - tle all the rag - ing hosts of sin,



full - ness of the ver - y God-head, come to make your life our own.
brings to birth and seals and fills us— sav - ing Ad - vo - cate with - in.
he whose ho - ly in - ter - ces-sions rise for us both night and day.
and by him a - lone we con-quer foes with-out and foes with - in.

(turn the page for verse 5)

5. Father, grant your Holy Spirit
in our hearts may rule today,
grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered,
work in us his sov'reign way.
Fill us with your holy fullness,
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
in us, through us, then, forever,
shall your perfect will be done.

Margaret Clarkson, 1960
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Williams P. Rowlands, 1905

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 20:19-23

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

The Christ, the Son of God (8): *The Gospel of John* Chapters 18-21

Sermon: ***“The Risen Lord Among His People”***

Today’s Text: John 20:19-23; Pastor David Kertland

1) _____

2) _____

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

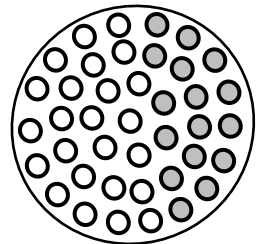
Words of Institution:

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):

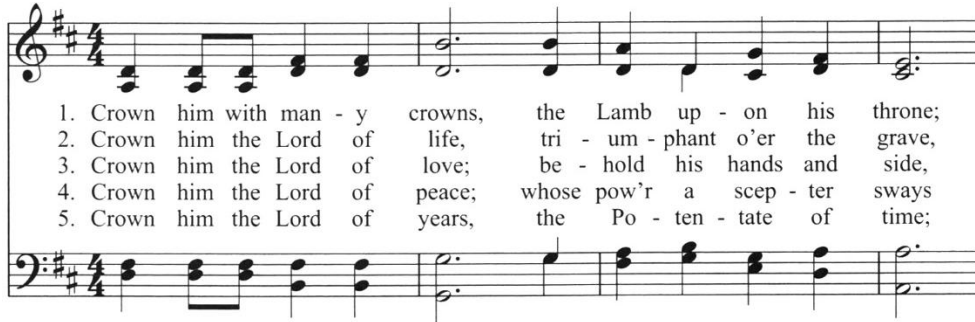
Prayer of Belief: "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you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

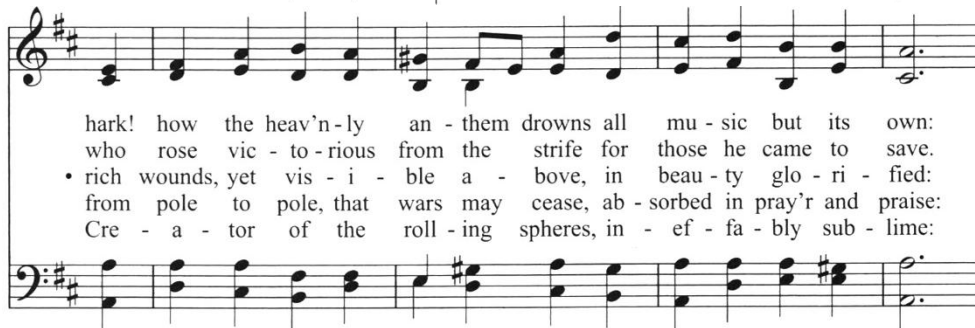
Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Commitment:**

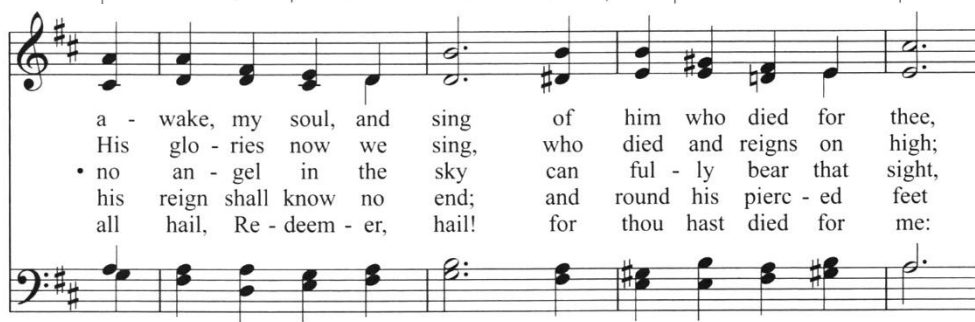
Crown Him with Many Crowns



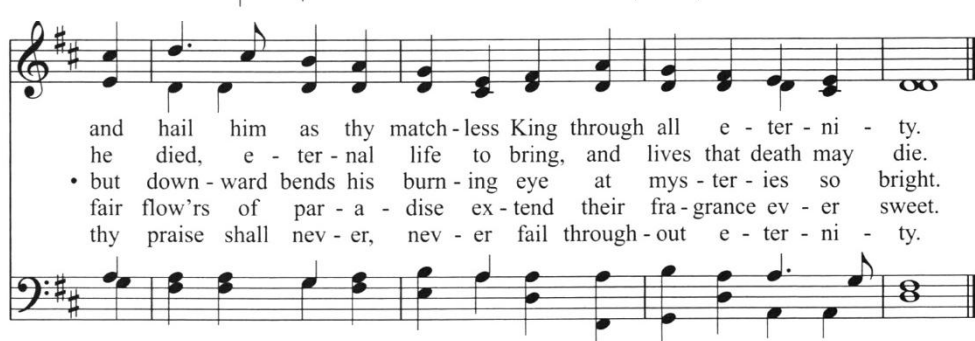
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, tri - um - phant o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 4. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 who rose vic - to - rious from the strife for those he came to save.
 • rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in pray'r and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and reigns on high;
 • no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 he died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 • but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

Matthew Bridges, 1851

Being Sent to Serve God

***Benediction:**

2 Corinthians 13:11

*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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