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This Month's Front Cover Artwork

Fritz von Uhde, *Frau am Erntelandschaft mit Bauernvolk* (Harvest Landscape with Peasants), before 1911. Oil on canvas, signed lower left. 35 x 61 cm. Framed 47 x 77 cm. Peasants gathering ears of grain on the field in the sunshine. Signs of age. German painter, student of the Dresden Academy, co-founder of the Munich Secession Source: Auktionshaus Wendl. Private collection. In the public domain.

About the painter: “Fritz von Uhde (born Friedrich Hermann Carl Uhde; May 22, 1848 – February 25, 1911) was a German painter of genre and religious subjects. His style lay in-between Realism and Impressionism, he was once known as ‘Germany’s outstanding impressionist.’ He became one of the first painters to introduce *plein-air* painting in his country.” (Wikipedia)

I chose the cover painting because of its sense of alienation and isolation for gleaners in an expansive scene. Here is another example of von Uhde’s work.

About the page 2 painting:

“This sunset scene unfolds in the Dachauer Moos, a marshland north of Munich that maintained its reputation for wild and elemental terrain, even as it was transformed into farms. The region proved to be fertile ground for Uhde and other German artists seeking a direct and vigorous approach to depicting nature. *Going Home* inaugurated a group of paintings showing peasants traveling on foot through the fields, in which the imagery of rural life acquires a spiritual aspect.”



Fritz von Uhde, *Going Home*. Ca. 1889. Oil on wood, 30 7/8 in. x 39 ¼ in (78.4 cm x 99.7 cm.) The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Mr and Mrs. Isaac D. Fletcher Collection, Bequest of Isaac D. Fletcher, 1917. Object number: 17.120.203. In the public domain.



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 Vicky Hepperle and Lauren Sanabria.

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 (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (vocals), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), David Eakin (vocals), Peter Gibble (viola), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), Ken Kanode (greeter), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Jared Salyards (piano), Cooper Yingst (trumpet), Jeb Yingst (sound).

Today's Ushers are Kentaro Minagawa, Chris Wagner, and Nick Yingst.

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.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Revelation 1:4b-6

*Grace to you and peace
from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
⁵ and from Jesus Christ*

***the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of kings on earth.***

*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood
⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

***Response of Praise:**

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion threat - en hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to mer - cy's store;
5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en - throned on high;



- He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame:
 called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
 • For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion, holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown:
 when thro' grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles and asks no more:
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky:



- he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
 he has washed us with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.
 • he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.
 he who washed us with his blood has se - cured our way to God.
 "You have washed us with your blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"



***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

1 Timothy 3:16

Today's confession of faith is adapted from Paul's first letter to Timothy in the New Testament.

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

**He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.**

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Hebrews 13:4

For the reading of God's Standard this month, we are reading the 7th commandment and related Scripture passages.

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Confession of Sin

In Unison

**Almighty God,
who draws near to those who draw near to you,
and who exalts those who humble themselves before you,
and who forgives the guilt of our sin and rebellion
when we turn from our evil way,
create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us,
that, truly repenting of our sin, and turning from it to you
with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience,
we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy,
full pardon and forgiveness,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Prayerful Response

Doxology

**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. Amen.**

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 30 – September 6

Intercession for the World:

- **In the Local Community:** Ronald McDonald House in Hershey
- **Civil Government:** US Senator Dave McCormick
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhotia of South Asia
Population: 236,380; Language: Various; Religion: Buddhism
"...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 Greg Moore
- **Supported Missionary or Organization:** PCA Administrative Committee

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: The Earth and Its Riches, Psalm 24

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 right - eous - 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!

JOANNA (ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.
 Traditional Welsh hymn melody

The Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009; alt.

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**

Ruth 2:1-16

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. ² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." ³ So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. ⁴ And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered, "The LORD bless you." ⁵ Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" ⁶ And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. ⁷ She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."

⁸ Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. ⁹ Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." ¹⁰ Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" ¹¹ But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. ¹² The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" ¹³ Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants."

¹⁴ And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. ¹⁵ When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. ¹⁶ And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Ruth: Not Without a Redeemer (6)

Sermon:

"A Worthy Man"

Today's Text: Ruth 2:1-16; Pastor David Kertland

1) _____ the Lord

2) _____ to the _____ of Others

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

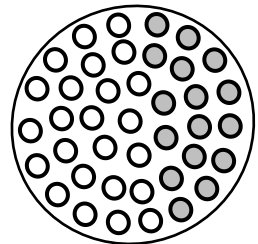
Words of Institution:

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
grey 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:

My Labor Is Not in Vain



1. My work in Christ is not in vain, my la - bor will not fail. For
2. The tasks that you have set for me I may not un - der - stand. Yet
3. Go forth, you said, take up your cross and set the cap - tive free. So
4. Take heart, my soul, and per - se - vere just as your Sav - ior did. For



when I toil in Je - sus' name, his pur - pose will pre - vail.

I will fol - low where you lead, I trust your sov - 'reign hand.

give me feet to seek the lost just as you searched for me.

soon you will be home at rest, your work com - plete in him.

So may all I



do, be it great or small, bring glo - ry to your name; in your grace a - lone, I will



car - ry on: your prom - ise to me re - mains. My la - bor is not in vain.



NOT IN VAIN
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Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction:

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; 3:18

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,
comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*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!

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** cover: Fritz von Uhde, *Frau am Erntelandschaft mit Bauernvolk* (*Harvest Landscape with Peasants*), before 1911. Oil on canvas, signed lower left. 35 x 61 cm. Framed 47 x 77 cm. Peasants gathering ears of grain on the field in the sunshine. Signs of age. German painter, student of the Dresden Academy, co-founder of the Munich Secession Source: Auktionshaus Wendl. Private collection. In the public domain. <https://www.invaluable.com/auction-lot/uhde-fritz-von-1848-wolkenburg-1911-muenchen-uhde-3698-c-a184ed5b1a>. Page 2: Fritz von Uhde, *Going Home*. Ca. 1889. Oil on wood, 30 7/8 in. x 39 1/4 in (78.4 cm x 99.7 cm.) The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Mr and Mrs. Isaac D. Fletcher Collection, Bequest of Isaac D. Fletcher, 1917. Object number: 17.120.203. In the public domain. <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/437860>.
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- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** From https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fritz_von_Uhde. On the page 2 painting: <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/437860> Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **On the Sermon:** Along with the Hebrew and English texts, a variety of commentaries and other study aids may have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the book of Ruth, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of Eric Alexander, David Atkinson, Christopher Ash, Daniel I. Block, John Calvin, Iain M. Duguid, Sinclair Ferguson, Mary Wilson Hannah, Matthew Henry, Adam J. Howell, Robert Jamieson, C. F. Keil, Peter H. W. Lau and Gregory Goswell, André LaCocque, Leon Morris, Jonathan Prime, and Barry G. Webb. Not every commentator or pastor listed is consulted for each sermon, yet many of the insights belong to these and others, while the form and specific use of the Scripture text, along with any errors that follow from them, are my own.
- 5) **The "Invitation to the Lord's Supper"** and the communion page information was, in part, modified from the practice of Redeemer PCA in NYC (2008) and Westminster PCA in Lancaster, PA (2015).



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