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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 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.



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 Eve Dolon 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 AmyLea Yingst.

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 Gibble (viola), Paul Hepperle (preaching), Ken Kanode (greeter), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (leading worship), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet).

Today's Ushers are Asahel Church, Dave Eakin, and Michael Kitchens.

Counters are Nora Dolon and Stephen Hepperle.

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

Greeting of Peace:

Romans 1:7

*To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalms 34:1-3; 8

*I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

*² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.*

*³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!*

*⁸ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

*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:**

The Apostle's Creed

We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

* "'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 intended to be a reference to what is today called the *Roman Catholic Church*.

***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

Exodus 20:1-2, 15

For the reading of God's Standard this month, we are reading the 8th commandment and related Scripture passages.

And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

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 September 6 - 13

Intercession for the World:

- **In the Local Community:** Hershey Area Retirement Communities
- **Civil Government:** US Representative Scott Perry
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhottada of India
Population: 504,000; Language: Kuvi; 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 Nick Yingst
- **Supported Missionary or Organization:** Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

The Lord's Prayer:

We close our prayer in unison with this version of the Lord's Prayer.

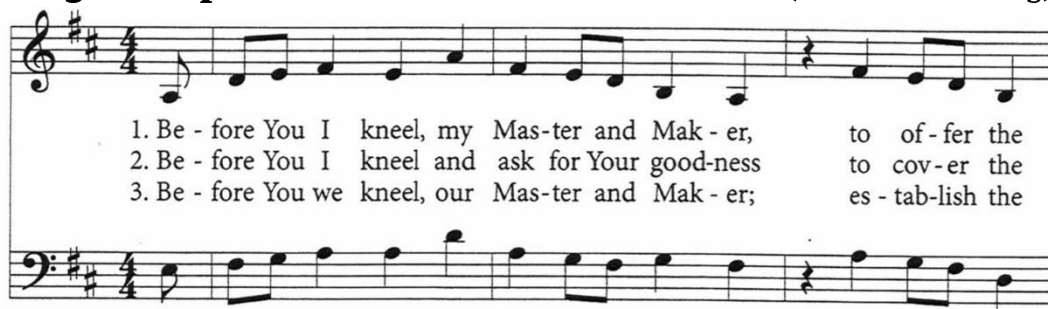
**"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

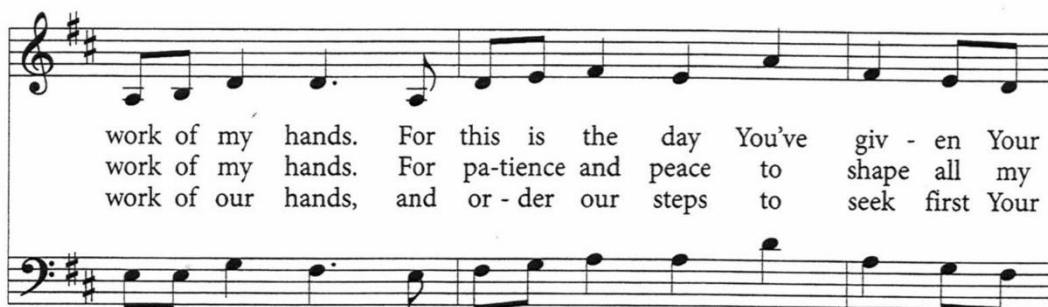
Offertory:

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.

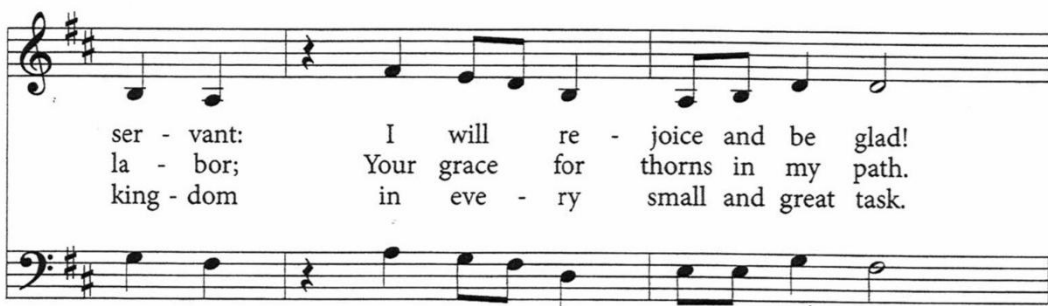
***Song of Preparation: Before You I Kneel (A Worker's Song)**



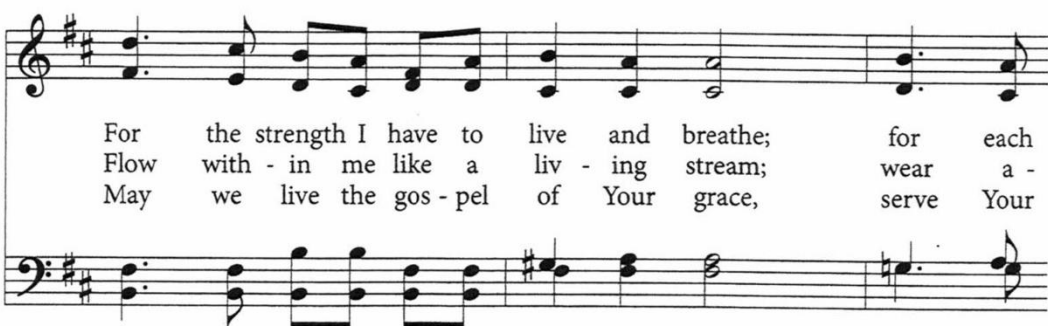
1. Be - fore You I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the
 2. Be - fore You I kneel and ask for Your good-ness to cov - er the
 3. Be - fore You we kneel, our Mas - ter and Mak - er; es - tab - lish the



work of my hands. For this is the day You've giv - en Your
 work of my hands. For pa - tience and peace to shape all my
 work of our hands, and or - der our steps to seek first Your



ser - vant: I will re - joice and be glad!
 la - bor; Your grace for thorns in my path.
 king - dom in eve - ry small and great task.



For the strength I have to live and breathe; for each
 Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -
 May we live the gos - pel of Your grace, serve Your

skill Your grace has giv - en me; for the needs and op - por -
 way the stone of pride and greed, till Your ways are dwell - ing
 pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e -

tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy Your great name.
 deep in me, and a har - vest of life is shown.
 ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to Your great name.

TEXT and MUSIC: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Jeff Taylor, and Stuart Townend

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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**

Colossians 3:23-25

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: “God’s Goodness; The Christian at Work”

Today’s Text: Colossians 3:23-25; Assistant Pastor Paul Hepperle

1) _____ to Work

2) Faithful in the _____

3) The _____ 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

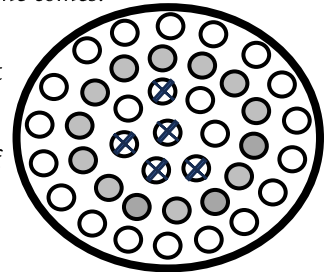
Words of Institution:

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 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.



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.

His Robes for Mine

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
God's daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead.
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried "'Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!

CHORUS:

I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
My praise-my all-shall be for Christ alone.

Words; Chris Anderson

Music: Greg Habegger; arr: by Molly Ijames

Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Commitment:**

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

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 two systems of music. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with harmonization in the other parts. The score includes repeat signs at the beginning and end of each system.

1. May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior live in me from day to day,
2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - ery - thing,
4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;
5. May his beau - ty rest up - on me as I seek the lost to win,

by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.
• that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing, this is vic - to - ry.
and may they for - get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly him.

Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925

ST. LEONARDS 8.7.8.5.
A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925; alt. 1990

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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- 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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