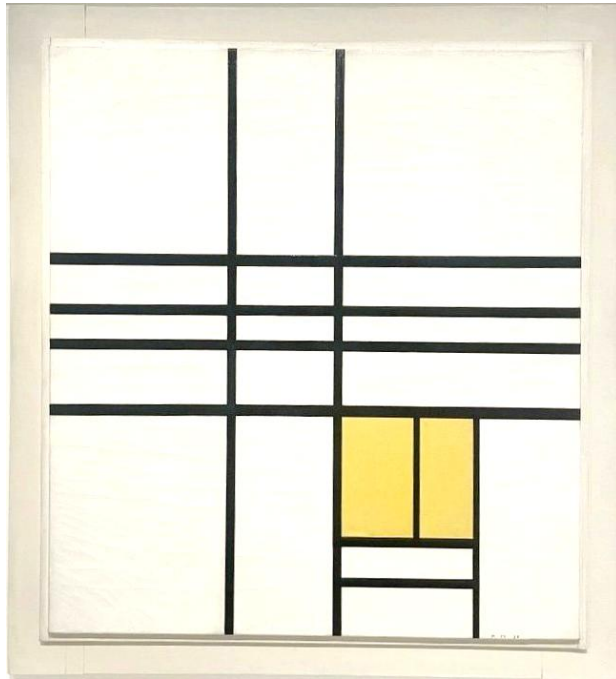




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This Month's Front Cover Artwork

Piet Mondrian, Dutch, 1872-1944, *Composition*, 1936. Oil on canvas. 28 3/4 x 26 1/16 inches (73 x 66.2 cm). Made in: France. The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Louise and Walter Arensberg Collection, 1950. Accession Number: 1950-134-152. Provenance: Purchased from the artist through Marcel Duchamp as agent to Louise and Walter C. Arensberg, Los Angeles, probably in 1936; gift to PMA, 1950. <https://www.philamuseum.org/objects/51070>. Photo by David Kertland.

About the artist: "Mondrian grew up in a devout Dutch Calvinist home and learned to draw at an early age by making devotional lithographs with his father. When he entered the Academy of Fine Art in Amsterdam in 1892, he went to live (until 1895)...in the home of Johan Adam Wormser, the publisher and close friend of...Abraham Kuyper. ...Around 1900 Mondrian experienced some sort of deep crisis of faith. He gradually withdrew from the Reformed community and turned to more esoteric forms of spirituality. [A]rt historians have tended to frame [his later theosophical beliefs] solely within a narrative of rupture from his Calvinist upbringing. These accounts often downplay (or wholly ignore) the extent to which Mondrian's painting and writing also demonstrate significant continuities with his Reformed roots." From Jonathan A. Anderson and William A. Dyrness, *Modern Art and the Life of a Culture: The Religious Impulses of Modernism* (IVP Academic, 2016, 174-185) See also Joseph Masheck's "A Christian Mondrian" in *Bavinck Review* 6 (2015): 37-72 for an interesting argument that Mondrian's Reformed background deserves more attention and explores parallels between Mondrian's mature paintings and Herman Bavinck's Reformed theology.

Early pieces by Mondrian:



Thy Word is the Truth, 1894



Oostzijdse Mill along the River Gein by Moonlight, c.1903

"Piet Mondrian's 1894 painting *Thy Word Is the Truth* (originally titled *Uw woord is de waarheid*) is an early **vanitas** work that reflects his **Calvinist** upbringing. [T]he piece depicts traditional symbols of mortality, including a **scythe**, **hourglass**, and **crown**, and bears the inscription 'Thy Word Is Truth.' This early work establishes the spiritual and philosophical dialogue between the earthly and the divine that would define Mondrian's later evolution into **abstract art** and the **De Stijl** movement. As he progressed, Mondrian moved away from literal religious iconography to seek a universal truth through **pure plastic art**, using primary colors and straight lines to express spiritual harmony rather than specific religious narratives.

Oostzijdse Mill along the River Gein by Moonlight (signed by artist), c. 1903: This landscape clearly reveals how indebted Mondrian was to the Hague School as a young artist."



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 Abby Merango 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 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), Ken Kanode (greeter), Joe Kearns (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet).

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

Counters are Nancy Flint 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

Greeting of Peace:

Jude 1:1-2

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:

² May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

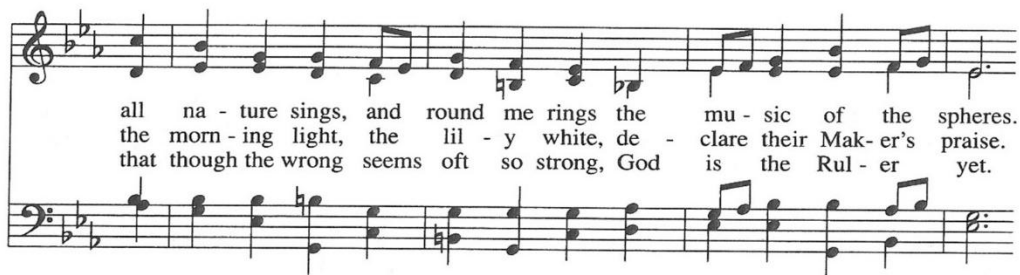
Praise the LORD!

***Response of Praise:**

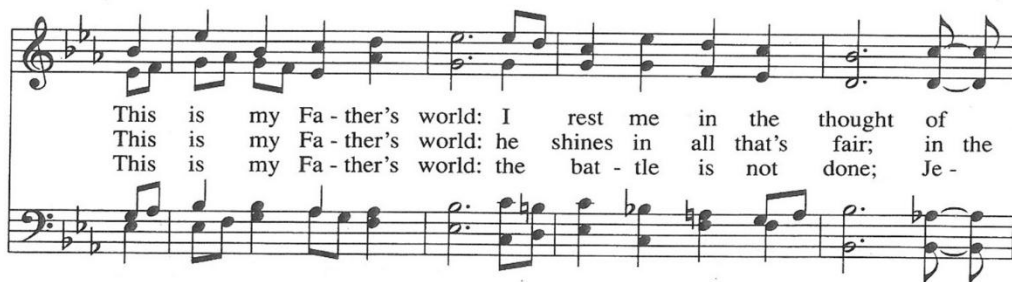
This Is My Father's World



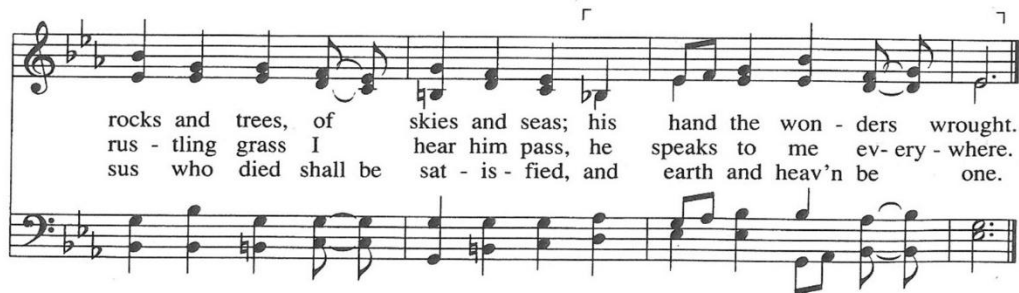
1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get



all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

TERRA BEATA S.M.D.
 Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915
 Arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Nicene Creed

We confess our common faith today with the Nicene Creed, a summary of the Bible's teaching about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of the Spirit. From the Trinity Hymnal: "The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ."

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,*
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

***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

Proverbs 12:17-22

For the reading of God's Standard this month, we are reading the 9th commandment and related Scripture passages.

Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence, but a false witness utters deceit.

¹⁸ There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. ¹⁹ Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

²⁰ Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but those who plan peace have joy.

²¹ No ill befalls the righteous, but the wicked are filled with trouble. ²² Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Ephesians 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight....

Choral Response

A Triune Prayer

1. Bless-ed Fa - ther, hear our cry. Cast out sin, but draw us nigh.
2. Bless-ed Je - sus, make our plea. In Your name to God we flee;
3. Bless-ed Spir - it meet our need; In our si - lence in - ter-cede.
4. Tri - une God, please grant our prayer As Your glo - ry we de-clare.

Not for mer - it we have none; For Your mer - cy, for Your Son.
Thru Your blood we seek His face, By Your priest-hood claim His grace.
Trans-late groans we can - not speak; Heal the bro - ken, help the weak.
May Your prom - ised king-dom come; May Your will on earth be done.

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Music: Molly James
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Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 18 - 25

Intercession for the World:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Michael Corado
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhumia of India
Population: 198,000; Language: Odia; 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:** Women's Ministry Leadership Team
- **Supported Missionary:** Matt & Joanna Dabiero (RUF, Penn State)

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:**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

From Psalm 150

1. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Earth and
2. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Mag - ni -

heav'n in sweet ac - cord; join to sound Je - ho - vah's
fy Je - ho - vah's name; praise the liv - ing God, your

prais - es, tell the glo - ry of the Lord.
Mak - er; all that breathe, his praise pro - claim.

From Psalm 150

SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.
Sicilian melody, 18th cent.; 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 4:11-17

We pick up in our reading in the book of Ruth today as the nearest possible redeemer answers Boaz:

¹¹ Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, ¹² and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman."

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. ¹⁷ And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Ruth: Not Without a Redeemer (12)

Sermon: **“Redemption’s Blessing”**

Today’s Text: Ruth 4:13-17; Pastor David Kertland

1) A New _____

2) A Restored _____

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

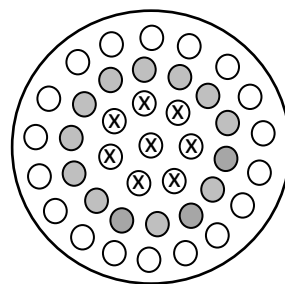
Words of Institution:

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.

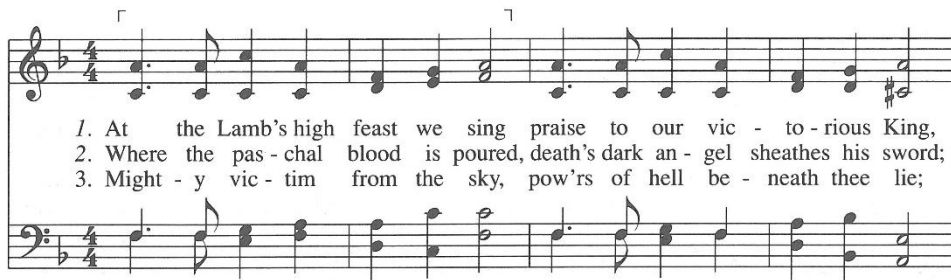
If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but ask that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, 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."

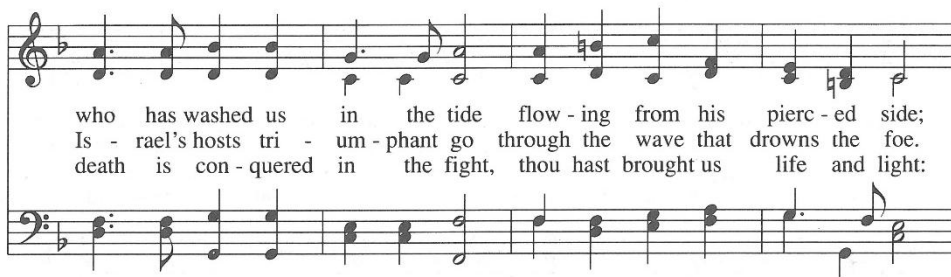
Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk to our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Receiving God's Blessing

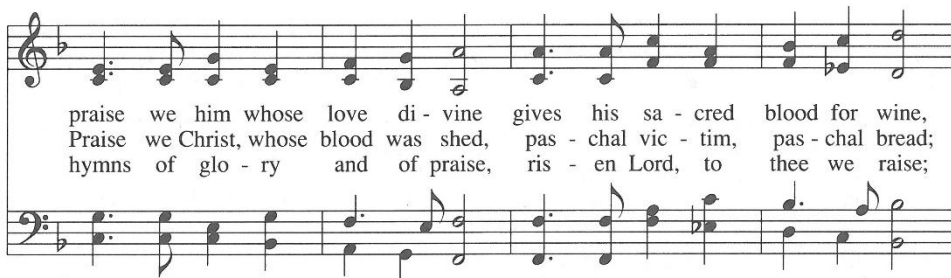
*Song of Commitment: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



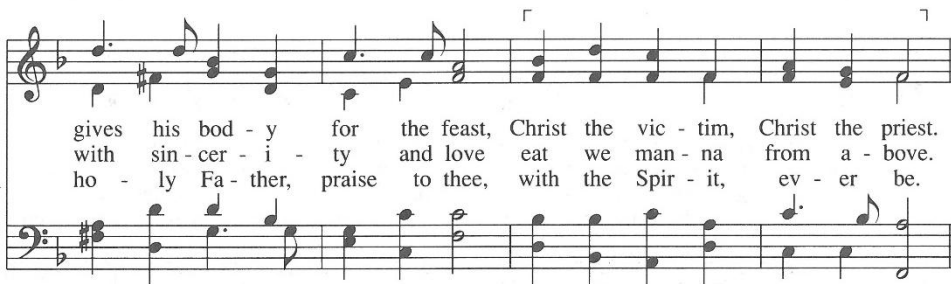
1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be - neath thee lie;



who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 death is con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:



praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
 hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;



gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR 7.7.7.7 D.
 George J. Elvey, 1859

Latin hymn, 6th cent.
 Tr. by Robert Campbell, 1849; alt.

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!

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** cover: Piet Mondrian *Composition*, 1936. Oil on canvas. 28 3/4 x 26 1/16 inches (73 x 66.2 cm). Made in: France. The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Louise and Walter Arensberg Collection, 1950. Accession Number: 1950-134-152. Provenance: Purchased from the artist through Marcel Duchamp as agent to Louise and Walter C. Arensberg, Los Angeles, probably in 1936; gift to PMA, 1950. <https://www.philamuseum.org/objects/51070>. Photo by David Kertland. Page 2: Mondrian: *Thy Word is the Truth*, 1894 (Nederlands Instituut voor Kunstgeschiedenis, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=96789065>); *Oostzijdse Mill along the River Gein by Moonlight* (<https://www.thehistoryofart.org/piet-mondrian/oostzijdse-mill-along-the-river-gein-by-moonlight/>). In the public domain.
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- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** Various from chatgpt.com. 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).

* Congregation standing, as personal ability allows.



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