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Front Cover Artwork

Anton Mauve (1838-1888), *Fishing Boats on the Beach in Winter*, mid to late 19th Century, 12-13/16 x 16-1/16 in., black chalk and watercolor, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. In the public domain.

There is something about winter that creates in us a longing for the return of spring and the fulness of summer. We see the barren trees and the cold landscapes. They have a certain beauty—the sparkle of ice on the limbs of empty branches, the tracks of rabbits and deer on freshly fallen snow—and we are thankful to God for this present beauty. And yet, during this time we live in a world not quite what it could be, not quite what it will be, when summer returns. We begin to long for the fulness of leaves, and warmth, and freshly picked fruit.

In a similar way, the church today remembers with thanksgiving that Jesus came into the world which gives our days a certain beauty and joy. His Word and Spirit continue to provide wisdom and light on the path of life. And, yet, there is also in us an ache and longing for the fulness of our joy when he returns.



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 leaning to *worship God, proclaim Christ, and love others.*

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Preparing to Worship God

Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA! We are glad to have you join with us in the worship of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

A **nursery** is available today for *infants through age 3* in our Education Wing.

A **private area for nursing mothers** is located at the back of the worship area.

A **Junior Church** for young worshippers from *age 4 through 2nd grade* meets in Classroom 2 in our Education Wing. Children are dismissed during the Song of Preparation and remain in Junior Church until the end of the worship service. Parents, please pick up your children at the end of the service.

Thank you to all our volunteers who make our gathered time of worship possible.

Prelude

Use the prelude time to find a seat and to prepare for joining in with God's people to worship God with joy and gladness. Thanks to Anita Wood for playing for us this morning.

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 40: 28-31

*Have you not known?
Have you not heard?*

*The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

*He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.*

*²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.*

*³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;*

*³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;*

*they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.*

Light Text = Read by Leader
Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise: We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

1. We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2. We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
 3. With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our tri - bute we bring.
 through life's storm and tem - pest our Guide you have been.
 to you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, es - cape you will make us,
 Your strong arm will guide us, our God is be - side us;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise.

Julia Cady Cory, 1902
Mod.

KREMSER 12.11.12.11.
Adrianus Valerius's Nederlandtsch Geboortdank, 1626
Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1877

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Apostles' 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.

***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:

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them."

Ephesians 5:15-17

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ:

1 Corinthians 1:27-31

God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

*Song of Thanksgiving: My Heart is filled with Thankfulness

Words and music: Stuart Townend
and Keith Getty



1 My_ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who bore my
2 My_ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who walks be -
3 My_ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who reigns a -



pain; who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a -
- side; who floods my weak - nes - ses with strength and cau - ses fears to
- bove; whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - ery thought is



- gain; who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness, and clothed me with His
fly; whose ev - ery pro - mise is e - nough for ev - ery step I
love. For_ ev - ery day I have on earth is giv - en by the



light, and wrote His law of right - eous - ness with power u - pon my heart.
take, sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
King. So_ I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Our time of intercession will close 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

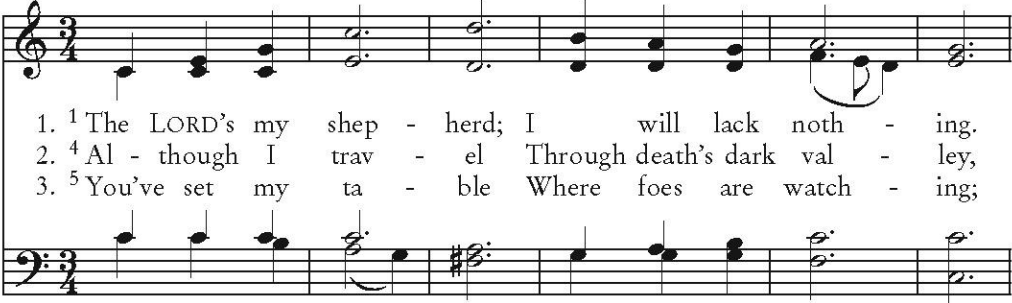
Tithes and offerings are an expression of our worship to God.

Offertory

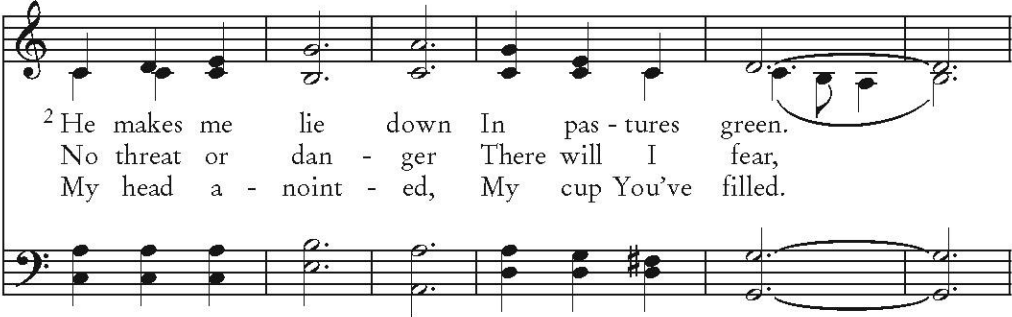
During this song, children from 4 years old to 2nd grade are invited to attend
Junior Church in our Education Wing.

*Song of Preparation:

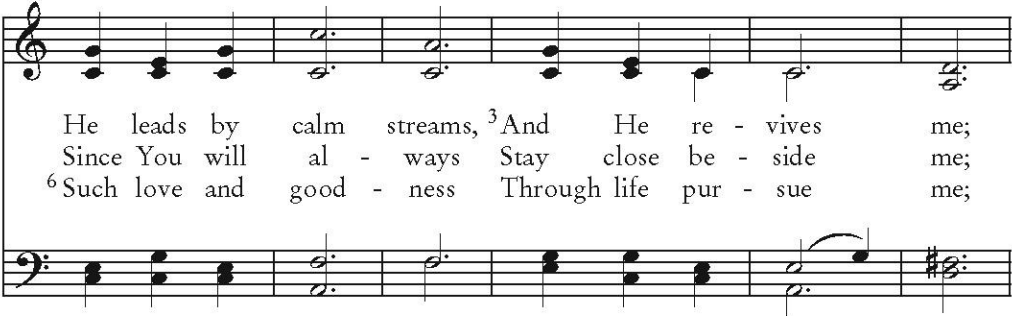
The Lord's My Shepherd



1. ¹ The LORD's my shep - herd; I will lack noth - ing.
2. ⁴ Al - though I trav - el Through death's dark val - ley,
3. ⁵ You've set my ta - ble Where foes are watch - ing;



² He makes me lie down In pas - tures green.
No threat or dan - ger There will I fear,
My head a - noint - ed, My cup You've filled.



He leads by calm streams, ³ And He re - vives me;
Since You will al - ways Stay close be - side me;
⁶ Such love and good - ness Through life pur - sue me;



He guides in right ways For His name's sake.
Your rod and staff give Com - fort to me.
I'll live for - ev - er In the LORD's house.

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**

Philippians 3:1-7

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

²Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

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

Sermon: Our Citizenship is in Heaven (18):
“Christian Spirituality (1): *Guard Your Heart*”

Pastor David Kertland

Text: Philippians 3:1-7

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

Words of Institution & Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Please wait until all are served before eating. Our communion bread is gluten-free.
The tray of communion cups provides a choice of grape juice or grape wine (see diagram).

Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

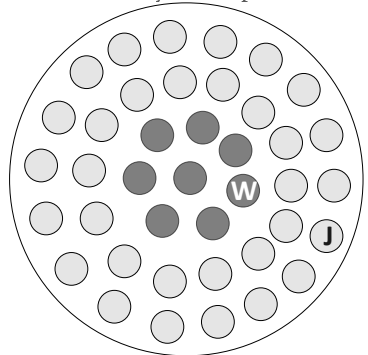
Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) welcomes to receive the Holy Supper all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and obey Christ, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church that proclaims the gospel or who have been 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 receive grace from him, to hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that He is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

If you are *not* a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine pass by, let them urge 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 as my Savior and Lord." *If you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning, please share that with a friend or talk with our pastor who can help you take the next steps in the faith.*

Communion Cup Tray Layout

Light Gray = Grape Juice
Dark Gray = Grape Wine



Renewing Our Devotion to God

*Song of Response:

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Bb(G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN Bb(G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Edward Mole, 1834

SOLID ROCK L.M.ref.
 William B. Bradbury, 1853

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

Philippians 4:23

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

*Postlude

Use this time to greet someone that you don't know. If you see someone sitting or standing alone, welcome them in the name of Christ. The time after our worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ.

To our guests: We are glad that you have joined us for worship today. We would like to invite you to stay for a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members.

To our members: As an act of fellowship and service, after a time of conversation and fellowship (approx. 15 minutes), please help to tear down today. We would love your help!

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Anton Mauve (1838-1888), *Fishing boats on the Beach in Winter*, mid to late 19th Century, 12-13/16 x 16-1/16 in., black chalk and watercolor, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/384597>. Accessed 11/28/2018. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" (97) and "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (521) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "My Heart is filled with Thankfulness" (1209) is reprinted from *Mission Praise* (Collins, London, England, 2014). "The Lord's My Shepherd" (23C) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). Music used by permission: CCLI License #703337.
- 3) **Quotes:** Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted. Various quotes used to explain prayers in our worship service from *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Worship* by Hughes Oliphant Old (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1995).
- 4) 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