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Front Cover Artwork

Jean-François Millet (1814-1875), *The Gleaners*, 1857, 33 x 44 in., oil on canvas, Musée d'Orsay, Paris. In the public domain.

Three peasant women gather grains from what's left at the end of a harvest day as the evening shadows gather around them. In the background, a horse-drawn cart full of wheat, haystacks, sheaves of wheat, a man on horseback, a village, and a large crowd of laborers depict the abundance of the harvest.

In Millet's day French farmers followed the biblical injunction to leave gleanings (or left-over scraps of the grain harvest) in the fields so that poor women and children could live on them. Millet's gleaners occupy the extreme foreground of the canvas. The grinding poverty of the peasant women, evident in their rough, simple garments, and the back-breaking work of collecting individual grains appear as a contemporaneous depiction of the biblical directive. Shown at the 1857 Salon, the painting was criticized for its depiction of rural poverty. One reviewer said, "These are homely scarecrows set up in a field: M. Millet's ugliness and vulgarity have no relief."

The painting is dominated by the sculptural figures of the three women. Arms extending toward the ground, the emphasized lines of their shoulders and backs convey the strain of the arduous work. Each woman is depicted engaged in a specific task; one searches for stray grain on the ground, one collects the grains and the third ties them all together. Their faces are hidden, suggesting a sort of homogeneous anonymity rather than individuality. As with [his] *The Sower*, that anonymity allows them to represent all of the poverty-stricken peasants of France, rather than simply these women. The contrast between the shadows lengthening around the women and the illuminated background where the harvesters are celebrating conveys the distinction between poverty and plenty. The distant steward on horseback, supervising the harvest, represents social order and the privilege of distance from hard labor. The leavings of grain, scattered on the ground, glisten like jewels against the drab color of the ground, yet the viewer cannot help but realize how meager they really are, and how much effort the women must make to simply live. Even so, despite their straightened circumstances, Millet bestows a certain dignity upon them. They display a measure of quiet fortitude amidst the monotony of their efforts, and despite the simplicity of their garb, their figures are robust, accustomed to the rigors of their working life.

From <https://www.theartstory.org/artist-millet-jean-francois.htm>



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 Rachel Bosworth for playing for us this morning.

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 32:8-11

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

which must be curbed with bit and bridle,

or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

We Gather Together

♩ C Dm⁷ G C

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

G Am⁷ D G C D⁷ G

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

G/F C/E Dm G⁷ C

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure thro' trib - u - la - tion:

♩ F G⁷ C Dm G⁷ C

sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

***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:

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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:

Let All Things Now Living

Capo 3: 1 F(D) Gm(Em) C(A) 7

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing
2. His law he en - forc - es: the stars in their cours - es,

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

to the God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
the sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine;

Gm(Em) C(A)

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

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

who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.

His ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing,

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise,

'til shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished,
'til all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing

as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

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 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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

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

**Sermon: Our Citizenship is in Heaven (15):
 *“As Lights in the World”***

Pastor David Kertland Text: Philippians 2:14-18

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

Opening:

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Memorial Acclamation:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

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 as guests around the Lord's table each week, point you to Jesus—to receive grace from him, to regularly 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.

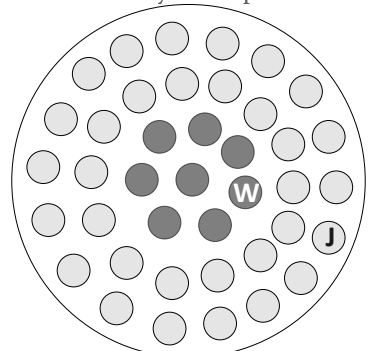
If you are *not* a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine pass by, let them 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 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 Dedication and Service:**

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone,
God in help - less Babe! This gift of love
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry



this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to
in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a -
to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
- gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
- ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is
pluck me from His hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

Romans 15:33

May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

*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:** Jean-François Millet (1814-1875), *The Gleaners*, 1857, 33 x 44 in., oil on canvas, Musée d'Orsay, Paris. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-Fran%C3%A7ois_Millet. Accessed 11/02/2018. In the public domain.
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- 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