



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

June 2, 2019
Ascension Sunday

Front Cover Artwork

Enduring. Cornelius Monsma. September 2015. Oil-pastel on canvas.

The painting *Enduring* is the seventh of eight paintings in a series entitled *Tested*. The eight-painting series is a visual retelling of the emotions and experiences of the painter as he walked with his wife through the discovery, treatment, and healing of her cancer. The paintings and accompanying videos describing his wife's journey through his eyes and artwork can be found at www.monsmart.com/gallerytested.html.

About the painting *Enduring*, he wrote: "Then the constant battle for endurance. How long can one hold up without collapsing or surrendering to the situation? Yes, we know we have the Light above us and therefore can walk our way with a multicolored optimism, beating down the black wall below us to pieces until nothing is left. Physically many things have changed dramatically. Hair has gone and we have to fight for our dignity to keep personally high up there. Still believing." A video describing more about this painting can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-BIIUSFfko>.

Cornelius "Cor" Monsma is a present-day artist from Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand. "Cornelius Monsma was born in Friesland a province in the north of the Netherlands. He and his family immigrated to New Zealand in 1981, and now he is pursuing his passion for painting as a full-time artist/painter." Of his artwork he says: it "aims to be an expression of the Christ presence from within. A living account of a new-found freedom encased in dependency, liberty rooted in obedience." He can be reached at www.monsmart.com/contact.html.



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*.

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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 Celeste Chen for playing piano for us this morning.

Anniversary Sunday: Today is the 4th anniversary of our worship site beginning Sunday morning worship in the Hershey area! We thank God for his faithfulness through these years! Join us this afternoon at the Dolons' for a celebration picnic! Everyone is invited. See page 15 for more details.

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6

Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Song of Response:

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Christian H. Bateman, 1843



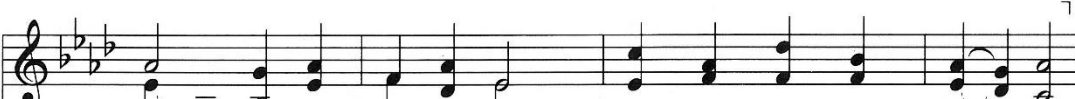
1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

MADRID 6:6:6.D.
 Traditional Spanish melody
 Arr. by David Evans, 1927

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

In our first prayer, we respond to our Creator God's call to come and worship him, acknowledging the Trinitarian God revealed in Scripture as the true and living God, and as our God.

***Confession of Faith:**

Luke 24:44-53

Leader: Jesus said to his followers:

All: "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Leader: Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them,

All: "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Leader: And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Luke 6:46-49

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Romans 8:1-2:

"There is...now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

1 Corinthians 1:7b-9

"Our Lord Jesus Christ...will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Song of Thanksgiving:

Christ Receiveth Sinful Men

The Obame Family offers this praise to God today, singing in the Bulu language:

Bulu:

Yésus a ye ve ényiñ,
Katé mbamba foé ate;
Liti'i bôt b'abo abé
Ba b'aku, a ba b'ajañ

Refrain

*Katé mbamba foé ate
Yésus a ye ve ényiñ
Katé bôt, be tu'a wôk
Yésus a ye ve ényiñ.*

Za'a be nyô a ve awo'an
Buni'I fo'o benya mejôô;
A ye saé ôkon y'abé,
Yésus a ye ve ényiñ.

Refrain

Me nji beta bo étom,
Me ne mfuban mise mé,
A nga tune nleme wom,
A nga vaa me mam abé

Refrain

Yésus a ye ve ényiñ,
Ja'an me jaéya bo abé;
A ye ve ma mfefé nlem,
A ye nyii ma nlame wé.

English:

Sinners Jesus will receive;
Sound this word of grace to all
Who the heavenly pathway leave
All who linger, all who fall.

Refrain

*Sing it o'er and over again;
Christ receiveth sinful men
Make the message clear and plain:
Christ receiveth sinful men.*

Come, and He will give you rest;
Trust Him, for His Word is plain
He will take the sinful-est;
Christ receiveth sinful men.

Refrain

Now my heart condemns me not,
Pure before the law I stand;
He who cleansed me from all spot,
Satisfied its last demand.

Refrain

Christ receiveth sinful men,
Even me with all my sin;
Purged from every spot and stain,
Heaven with Him I enter in.

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

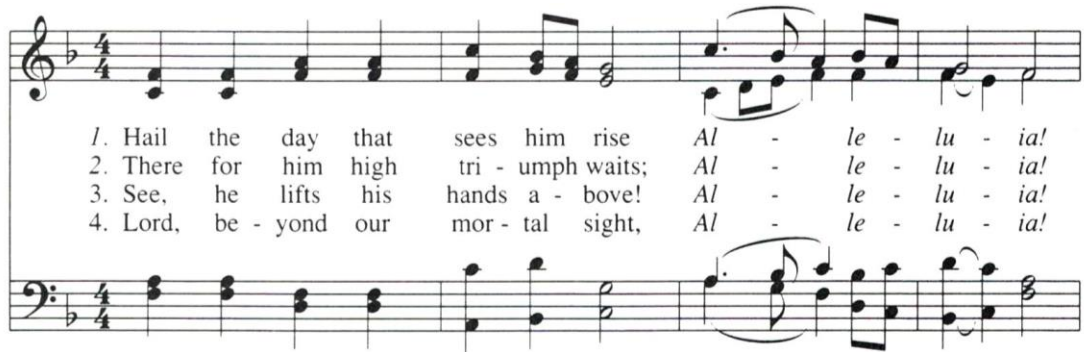
Tithes and offerings are an expression of our worship to God.

Offertory

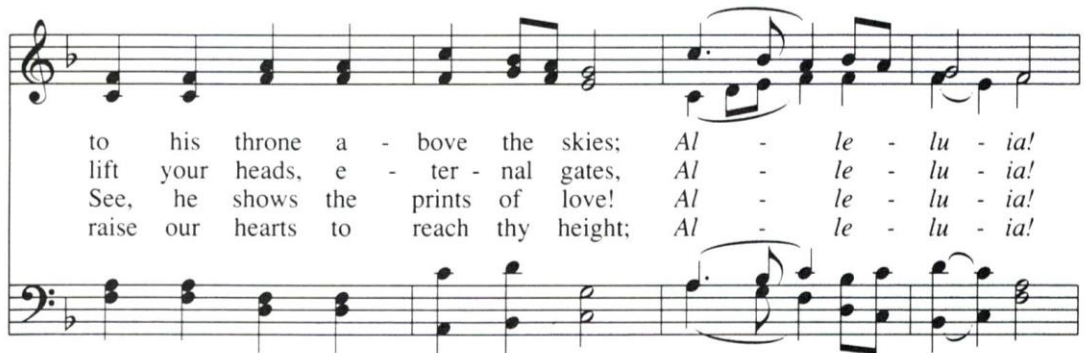
During this song, children from 4 years old to 2nd grade are invited to attend
Junior Church in our Education Wing.

***Song of Preparation:**

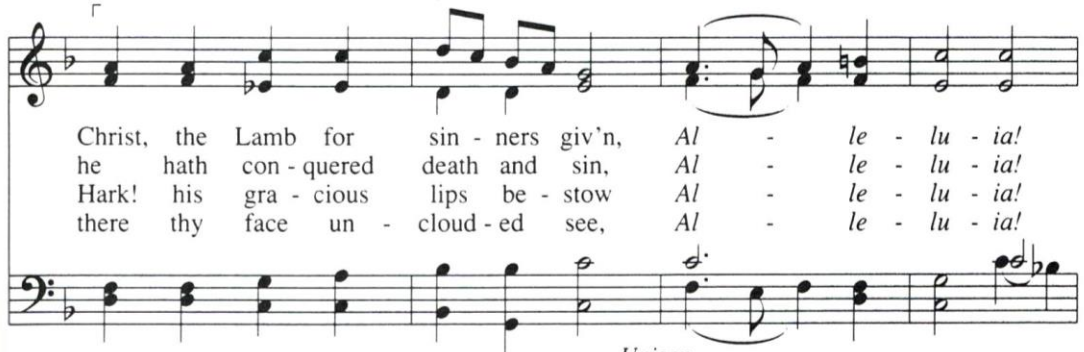
Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise



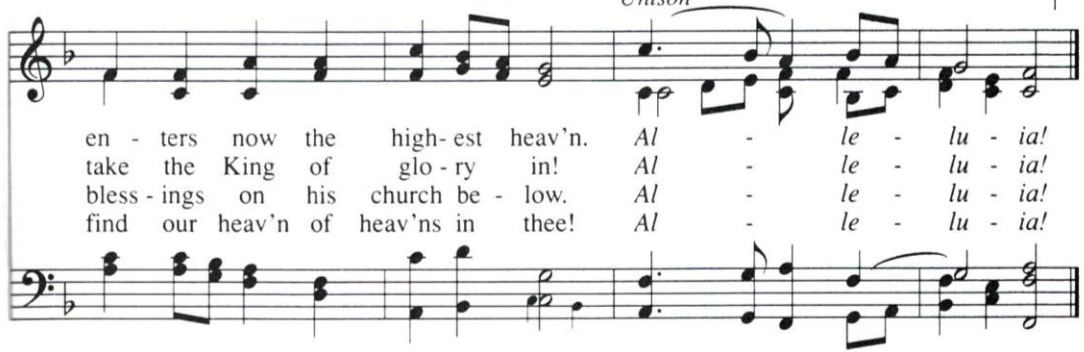
1. Hail the day that sees him rise Al - le - lu - ia!
2. There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
3. See, he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Lord, be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!



to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
he hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



en - ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Al - le - lu - ia!

Charles Wesley, 1739

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Robert Williams, 1817

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:**

Acts 1:1-12

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

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

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

Sermon:

“Does the Ascension Matter?”

Pastor David Kertland

Text: Acts 1:1-12



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).

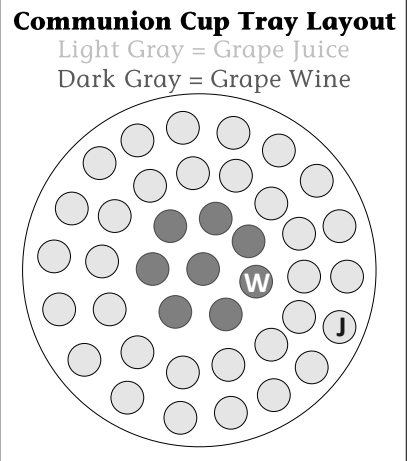
Prayer

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.*



Renewing Our Devotion to God

*Song of Response:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

St. 1-5, Edward Perronet, 1779; alt.
St. 6, John Rippon, 1787



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,




bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;




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CORONATION C.M. rep.
Oliver Holden, 1793

5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

This is the blessing that God told his priests to announce to his people in ancient days. In Christ, receive it by faith and go out to live with the assurance of God's blessing.

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.*

*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), feel free to contribute your help in putting away our worship area.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** *Enduring* by Cornelius Monsma, Downloaded from www.monsmart.com/enduring.html (accessed 06/30/2016). Used by his permission of the artist. Page 11 artwork downloaded from Liturgy Fellowship's Facebook page (accessed 05/30/2019).
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- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: www.monsmart.com/enduring.html (accessed 06/30/2016). 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