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Front Cover Artwork

John Frederick Kensett, *The Old Pine, Darien, Connecticut*, c. 1872, Oil on canvas, 34.3" x 27.2", Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. Given by Thomas Kensett. In the Public Domain.

John Frederick Kensett, (born March 22, 1816, Cheshire, Connecticut, U.S. - died December 14, 1872, New York, New York), American landscape painter, the leader of the second generation of the Hudson River school artists.

Kensett was known for his luminous depictions of tranquil landscapes. Among his most admired works are scenes of Lake George in the Adirondack Mountains as well as the coastlines of New England and New York. As a teenager, he studied drawing at his father's engraving firm. Working as an engraver of bank notes during the 1830s, Kensett began experimenting with landscape painting in his free time. He first exhibited his work at the National Academy of Design in New York in 1838. In 1840, he along with Asher Brown Durand, travelled to Europe where they studied both the scenery and many museums. Returning to the United States 7 years later, much of his early work was influenced by the careful observation and flickering brushstrokes he admired in the landscapes of Thomas Cole and John Constable. In 1849 he was elected to the National Academy of Design. He was a founder of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. By the 1850s, his paintings had taken on the airy compositions and meditative radiance for which he is now known. Over the course of his career, Kensett never tired of painting the subtle atmospheric effects of light and weather.

The artist died of pneumonia on December 14, 1872 in New York, NY.

Today, his works are held in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh, among others.



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 4* in our Education Wing.

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

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 Nick Yingst for playing piano for us this morning.

Commissioning of Ethiopia Mission Team

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-4

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

*Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!*

*Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

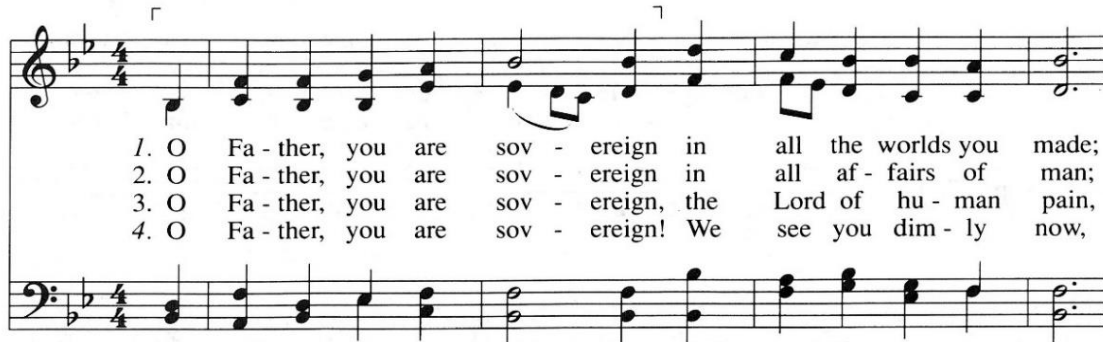
*Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!*

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*Response of Praise:

O Father, You Are Sovereign



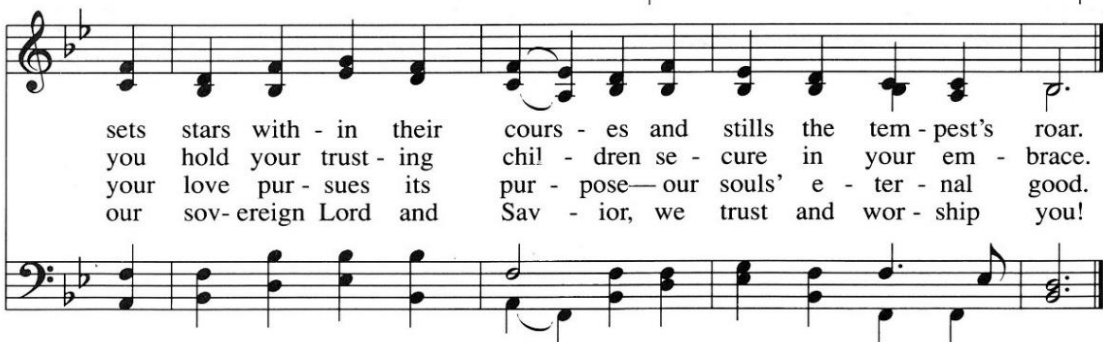
1. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;
 2. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;
 3. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,
 4. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,



your might - y word was spo - ken and light and life o - beyed.
 no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.
 trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.
 but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow.



Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,
 All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,
 All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,
 With this glad hope be - fore us our faith springs up a - new:



sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.
 you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.
 your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.
 our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

***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:**

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.

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**

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

Exodus 20:1-2, 8-11

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ...

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

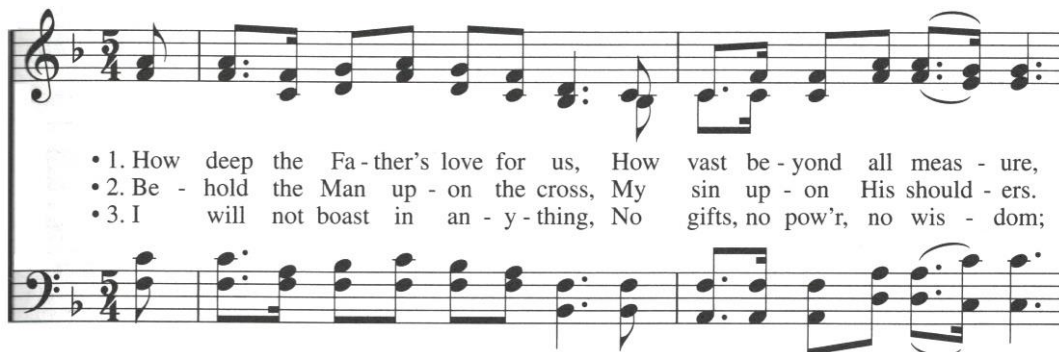
Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Psalm 95:1-7

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.*

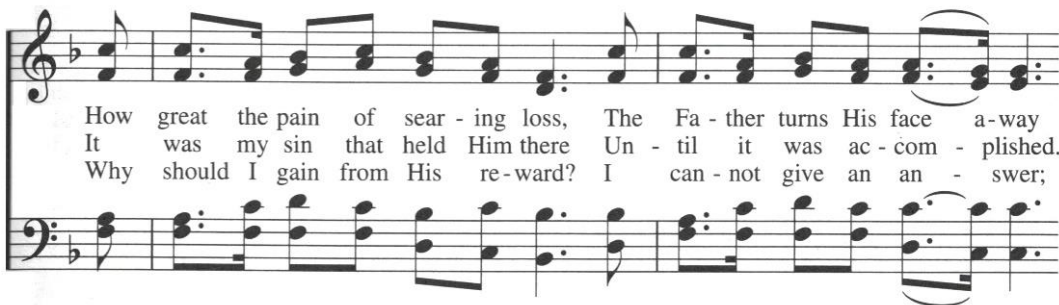
*Song of Thanksgiving: How Deep the Father's Love for Us



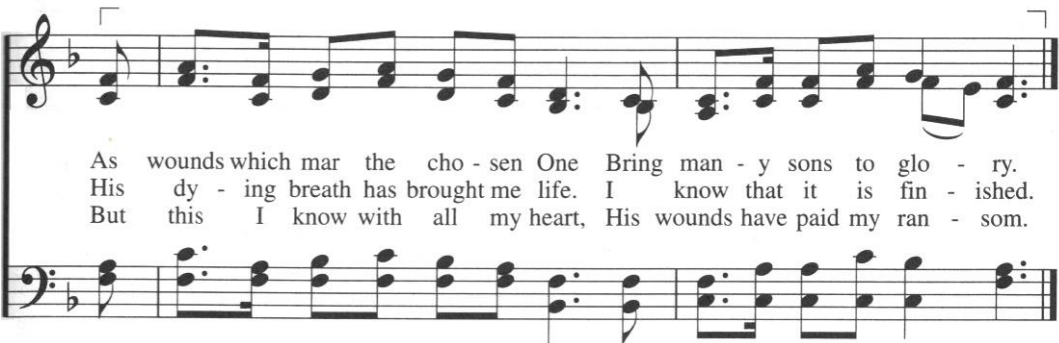
• 1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, How vast be-yond all meas-ure,
 • 2. Be-hold the Man up-on the cross, My sin up-on His should-ers.
 • 3. I will not boast in an-y-thing, No gifts, no pow'r, no wis-dom;



That He should give His on-ly Son To make a wretch His treas-ure.
 A-shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice Call out a-mong the scof-fers.
 But I will boast in Je-sus Christ, His death and res-ur-rec-tion.



How great the pain of sear-ing loss, The Fa-ther turns His face a-way
 It was my sin that held Him there Un-til it was ac-com-plished.
 Why should I gain from His re-ward? I can-not give an an-swer;



As wounds which mar the cho-sen One Bring man-y sons to glo-ry.
 His dy-ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin-ished.
 But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ran-som.

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

Reminder, there is no Junior Church during the months of July and August.

A nursery is available for children through 4 years old.

*Song of Preparation:

Tell Out, My Soul

Unison

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his Word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spir - it voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his Word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly name the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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WOODLANDS

Words: Luke 1:46-55 Timothy Dudley-Smith, © 1962, Renewed 1990 Hope Publishing Company.
Music: Walter Groatorex (1916), alt., P.D.

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

Isaiah 46:1-13

*Bel bows down; Nebo stoops;
their idols are on beasts and livestock;
these things you carry are borne
as burdens on weary beasts.*

*² They stoop; they bow down together;
they cannot save the burden,
but themselves go into captivity.*

*³ "Listen to me, O house of Jacob,
all the remnant of the house of Israel,
who have been borne by me from before your birth,
carried from the womb;*

*⁴ even to your old age I am he,
and to gray hairs I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save.*

*⁵ "To whom will you liken me and make me equal,
and compare me, that we may be alike?*

*⁶ Those who lavish gold from the purse,
and weigh out silver in the scales,
hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god;
then they fall down and worship!*

*⁷ They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it,
they set it in its place, and it stands there;
it cannot move from its place.*

*If one cries to it, it does not answer
or save him from his trouble.*

⁸ *"Remember this and stand firm,
recall it to mind, you transgressors,
⁹ remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me,
¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish all my purpose,'
¹¹ calling a bird of prey from the east,
the man of my counsel from a far country.
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;
I have purposed, and I will do it.*

¹² *"Listen to me, you stubborn of heart,
you who are far from righteousness:
¹³ I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off,
and my salvation will not delay;
I will put salvation in Zion,
for Israel my glory."*

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

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

Sermon:

The Uniqueness of God, Part 2

Pastor Francisco Victa

Text: Isaiah 46:1-13

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

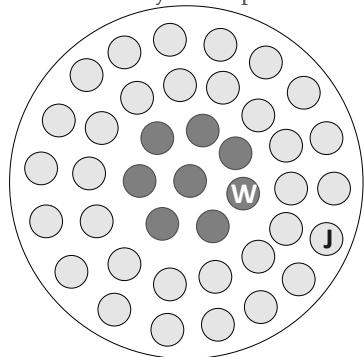
Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) welcomes to receive the Holy Supper all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and obey Christ, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church that proclaims the gospel or who have been 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

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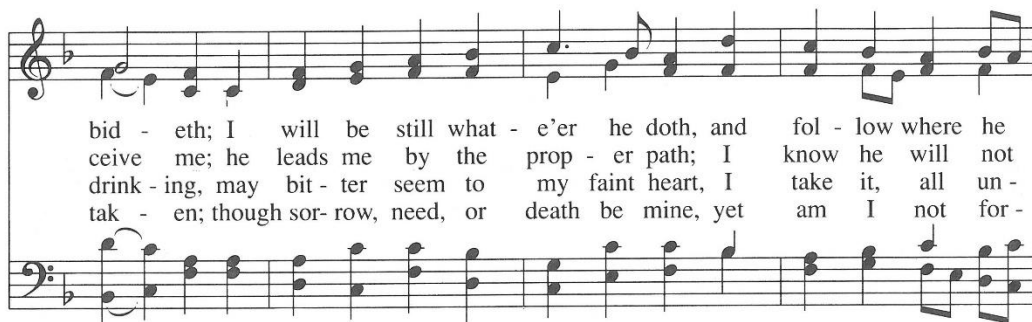
Renewing Our Devotion to God

*Song of Dedication and Service: Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

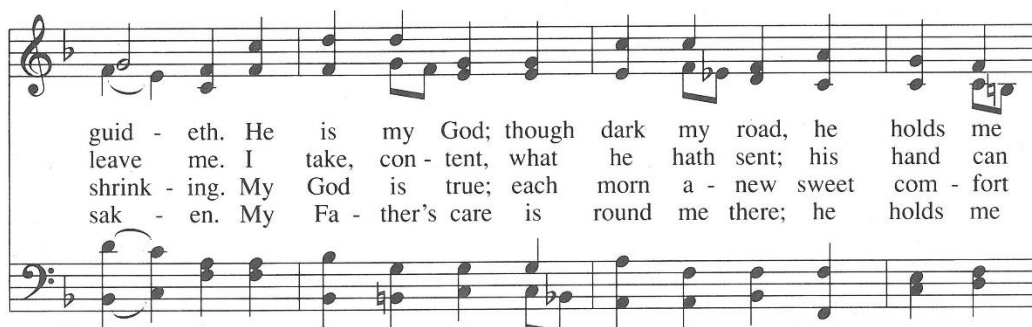
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Attr. to Severus Gastorius
Weimar Gesangbuch, 1681



1. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: his ho - ly will a -
2. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: he nev - er will de -
3. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: though now this cup, in
4. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: here shall my stand be

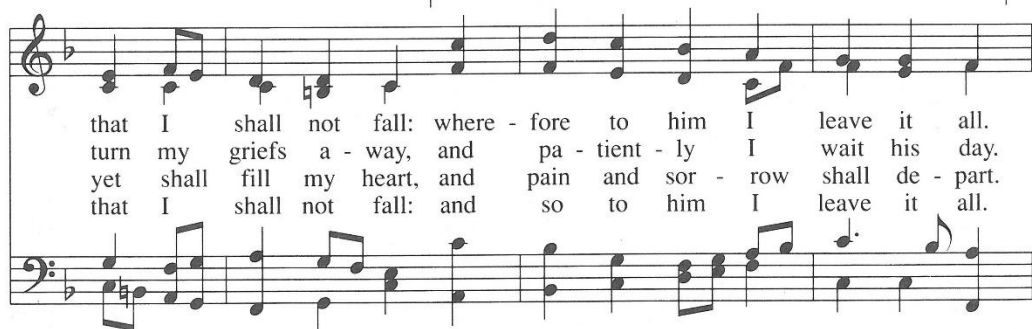


bid - eth; I will be still what - e'er he doth, and fol - low where he
ceive me; he leads me by the prop - er path; I know he will not
drink - ing, may bit - ter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all un -
tak - en; though sor - row, need, or death be mine, yet am I not for -



guid - eth. He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me
leave me. I take, con - tent, what he hath sent; his hand can
shrink - ing. My God is true; each morn a - new sweet com - fort
sak - en. My Fa - ther's care is round me there; he holds me

Samuel Rodigast, 1675
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863
Alt. 1961



that I shall not fall: where - fore to him I leave it all.
turn my griefs a - way, and pa - tient - ly I wait his day.
yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sor - row shall de - part.
that I shall not fall: and so to him I leave it all.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:16

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.

*Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times in every way.
The Lord 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.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** John Frederick Kensett, *The Old Pine, Darien, Connecticut*, c. 1872, Oil on canvas, 34.3" x 27.2", Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. Given by Thomas Kensett. In the Public Domain (accessed 07/04/2019), downloaded from www.metmuseum.org/toah/works-of-art/74.38).
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- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: edited article from two sources: www.britannica.com/biography/John-Frederick-Kensett and www.artnet.com/artists/john-frederick-kensett, both accessed 07/04/2019). 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