



HersheyPresbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

September 1, 2019

Front Cover Artwork

Tami Bitner, *Red Rock Canyon*, 2019, acrylic mixed media, 24" x 30." The piece is currently on display and for sale at her studio 210 at The Millworks in Harrisburg. Used by permission of the artist.

On Red Rocks Canyon: "Living in Colorado for a number of years provided an endless source of inspiration, including the stunning landscape of Red Rocks Amphitheater."

On Tami Bitner, a local PA artist: After a rewarding career in accounting and computer information systems, a series of impromptu art workshops led me down a new path toward inspiration and creativity. For the last twenty-two years, I have been creating works of art, first in realism and then transitioning to a more abstracted style—my true passion and calling. I continue to take and teach classes, as well as participate in numerous solo and group exhibitions in the Central Pennsylvania area where I reside. I am a member of local art groups and an art collective and maintain a studio at the Millworks in Harrisburg. Many of my works are held in private and corporate collections around the country. My art work is strongly influenced by nature, music, texture, shapes, and spirituality and I strive to create pieces that remove the objective walls around us to reveal the excitement from within the work itself. When you view my work, I ask that you open your mind and experience the emotion, energy, and movement.

To contact Tami or view more of her artwork, see www.tamibitner.com, facebook.com/TamiBitnerArtist, or tamibitnerart@gmail.com.



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 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 Anita Wood for playing piano for us this morning.

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-2

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

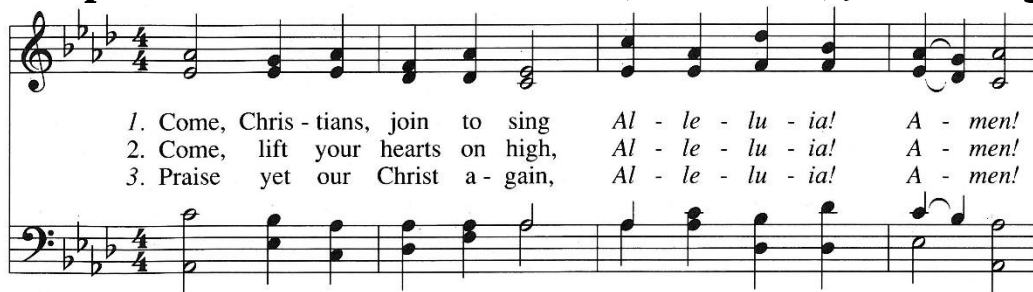
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Light Text = Read by Leader

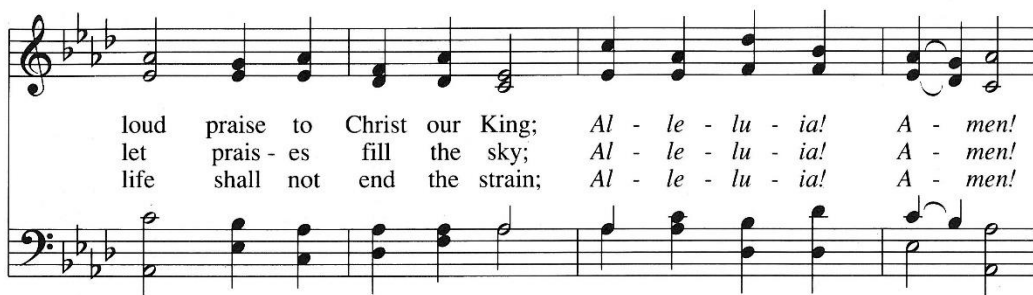
Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

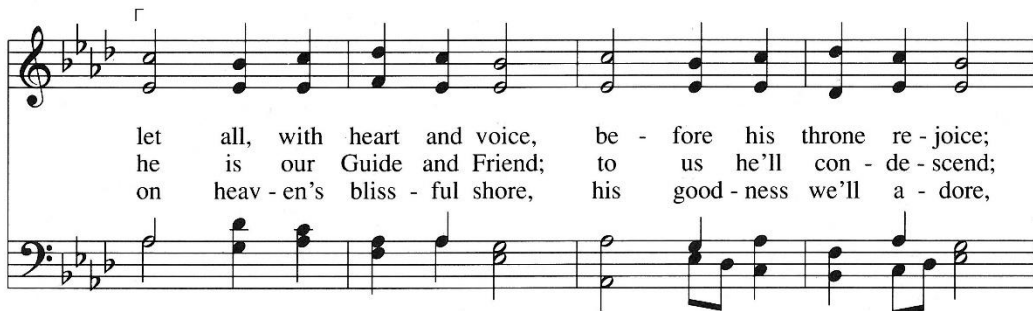
Come, Christians, Join to Sing



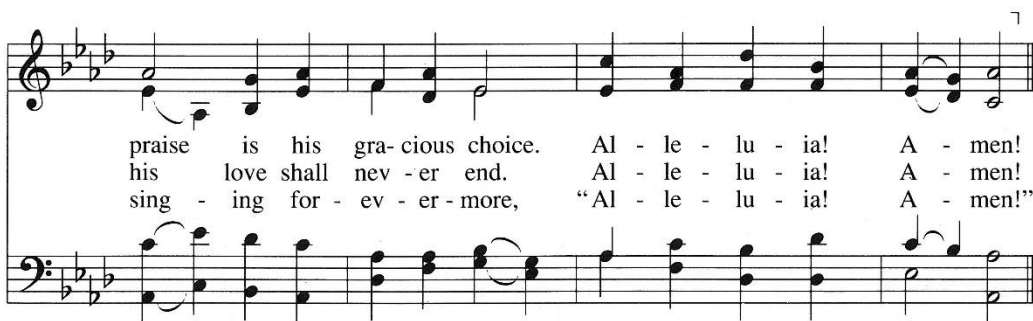
1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



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!"

***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:**

from 1 Peter 2:9-10

Leader:

Brothers and sisters, the Word of God tells us that the Lord has chosen a people for himself and has called them to faith in Jesus Christ. In Christ, he has given us a new identity and calling. This is not because of our deserving, but because of his sovereign mercy.

Let's confess today what Peter tells us about this new identity and calling in Christ Jesus.

Congregation:

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that we may proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

***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, 17

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. ...

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

For silent meditation: adapted from the Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 80-81:

What is required in the tenth commandment?

The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, and a right and charitable attitude toward our neighbor and all that is his.

What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

The tenth commandment forbids all discontent with our own state; envying and grieving at the good of our neighbor, together with all ungoverned longings and desires for things that belong to him.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*Song of Thanksgiving:

Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
 to guide the fu - ture as he has the past. Your hope, your
 and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears, then shall you
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -

God to or - der and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious
 bet - ter know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your
 point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 sor - row and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re -
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

Friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 pay from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Katharina von Schlegel 1752
 Tr. by Jane Bortwick, 1855; alt. 1990, mod.
 Tune © Breitkopf & Härtel, Wiesbaden. Used by permission.

FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.10.
 Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.

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 today.
A nursery is available for children through 4 years old.

*Song of Preparation: Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence marked by a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes two verses of lyrics.

1. Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ-teous-ness, make thy way
2. Teach me, Lord, teach me tru - ly how to live, that I may

plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord,
come to know thee, and in thy pres - ence serve thee with

on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.
glad - ness, and sing songs of praise to thy glo - ry.

St. 1, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876
St. 2, George F. Strickling
Tune © E. C. Schirmer, Inc. Used by permission.

LEAD ME, LORD 10.8.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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**

Proverbs 1:7; 16:1-9

Proverbs 1:7

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Proverbs 16:1-9

- The plans of the heart belong to man,
but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.*
- ² *All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
but the LORD weighs the spirit.*
- ³ *Commit your work to the LORD,
and your plans will be established.*
- ⁴ *The LORD has made everything for its purpose,
even the wicked for the day of trouble.*
- ⁵ *Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD;
be assured, he will not go unpunished.*
- ⁶ *By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for,
and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.*
- ⁷ *When a man's ways please the LORD,
he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.*
- ⁸ *Better is a little with righteousness
than great revenues with injustice.*
- ⁹ *The heart of man plans his way,
but the LORD establishes his steps.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *The Fear of the Lord (3): My Decisions*

Text: Proverbs 1:7; 16:1-9

Pastor David Kertland

Two Aspects: *Make Plans* and *Entrust Yourself to the Lord*

_____ not _____

1. Make Plans

- a. Live with a _____ in mind
- b. Consider your _____
- c. Mine for your _____
- d. Search _____
- e. Listen to _____
- f. _____ your decisions to the Lord

2. Entrust Yourself to the Lord

- a. Acknowledge _____
- b. Don't _____ your plans with God's plan
- c. _____ the unexpected
- d. _____ your plans along the way
- e. Rest in _____

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.

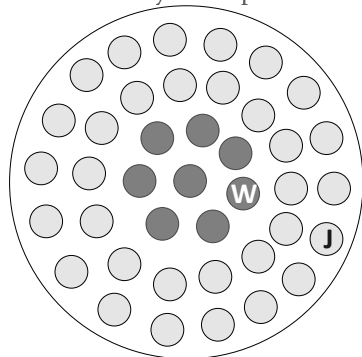
If you are *not* a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine pass by, let them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



Communion Song:

Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)

Keith & Kristyn Getty/ Stuart Townend



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us
2. The bo - dy of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you
3. The blood that clean - ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to res - pond



and we re-mem-ber the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for-
eat and re-mem-ber; The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the
drink and re-mem-ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re-
and to re-mem-ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His



- give-ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we
price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we
- ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we
bo - dy here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro-



drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace
drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love
drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace
- claim Christ will come a-gain! And we'll join in the feast of heaven



a-round the tab-le of the King.
a-round the tab-le of the King.
a-round the tab-le of the King.
a-round the tab-le of the King.

Receiving God's Blessing

*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.*

*Postlude *Use this time to greet someone that you don't know.*

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:** Tami Bitner, *Red Rock Canyon*, 2019, acrylic mixed media, 24" x 30", on display at The Millworks, Harrisburg, PA. Used by permission of the artist.
- 2) **Music:** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (302), "Be Still, My Soul" (689), and "Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness" (727) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)" by Getty and Townend, notated by Denise Seymour, Trinity PCA. Music used by permission: CCLI License #703337.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 6: The Catechism has been adapted for this reading. See "The Westminster Shorter Catechism in modern English..." (matt2819.com/wsc/). For the original, see www.pcaac.org/resources/wcf. 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