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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 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* is available. It meets in Classroom 2 in our Education Wing. Participating 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 promptly 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.

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Song of Response:

Come & Praise (Psalm 135)



1. Come and praise the Lord, oh peo - ple; come and praise the name of the Lord. ____ Give him
 2. For I know our Lord is great-er, far a - bove all oth - er ____ gods. On the
 3. He has struck down all the cap - tors, He has con - quered might - y ____ kings. By the
 4. Now as peo - ple of the prom - ise flee from i - dols made ____ of ____ men. Be not



praise, oh you his ser - vants ____ gath - ered by His word. Praise the
 earth and in the heav - ens, all He loves and wills He does. He is
 blood of His own first - born He has set the cap - tives free. He has
 formed in - to their like - ness, put ____ not your trust in them. *Bless the



Lord for all His good-ness, sing His name for all its joy, for the
 sov - ereign o'er cre - a - tion, He sends light - ning with the rain. He is
 called us to a king - dom, He has made us heirs with Christ, and His
 Lord, oh house of Ja - cob! Bless the Lord, oh you His saints! In the



Lord has called His cho - sen a na - tion for His own.
 rul - er o'er all na - tions, the King a - bove all kings.
 name en - dures for - ev - er, His peo - ple jus - ti - fied.
 ci - ty that is com - ing the true God we will praise. (to tag*)

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*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

***Confession of Faith:**

Colossians 1:13-20

We confess our common faith today using the words of Scripture.

Read by All:

***The Father...has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.***

***For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.***

And he is the head of the body, the church.

***He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.***

***For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.***

Read by Worship Leader:

*“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present
you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you
continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of
the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation
under heaven....”*

***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

Ephesians 5:1-6

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

***Song of Thanksgiving:**

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give
thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ His Son. Give thanks with a
grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus
Christ His Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; Let the
poor say, "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong"; Let the poor say, "I am rich," Be-cause of
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what the Lord has done for us. us give thanks.

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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

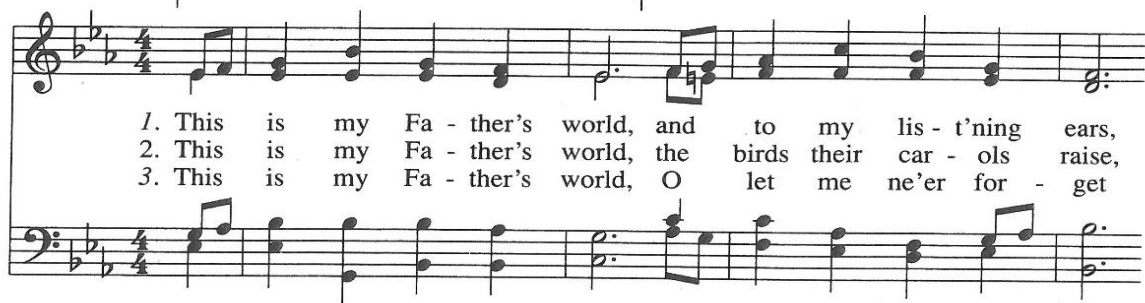
Tithes and offerings are an expression of our worship to God.

Offertory

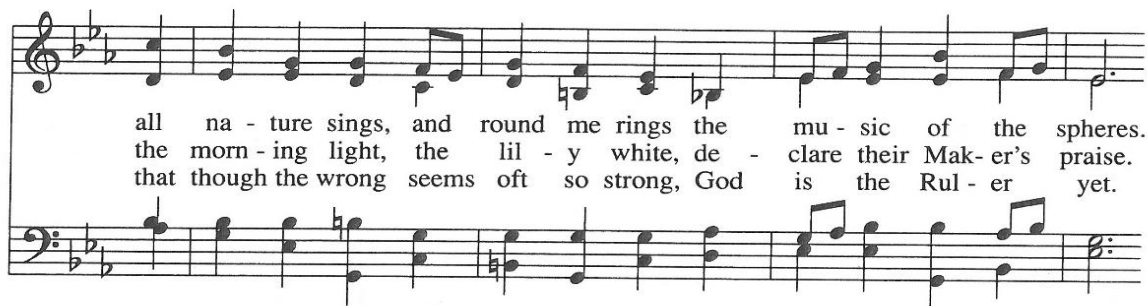
During this song, children from 4 years old to 2nd grade are invited to attend
Junior Church in our Education Wing.

***Song of Preparation:**

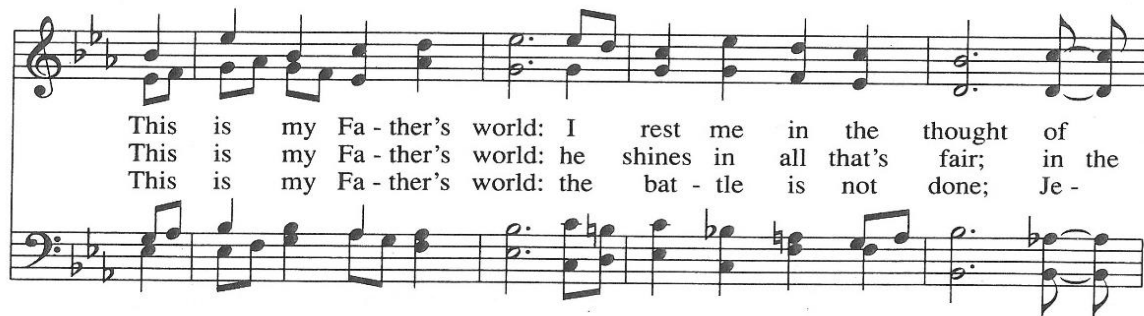
This Is My Father's World



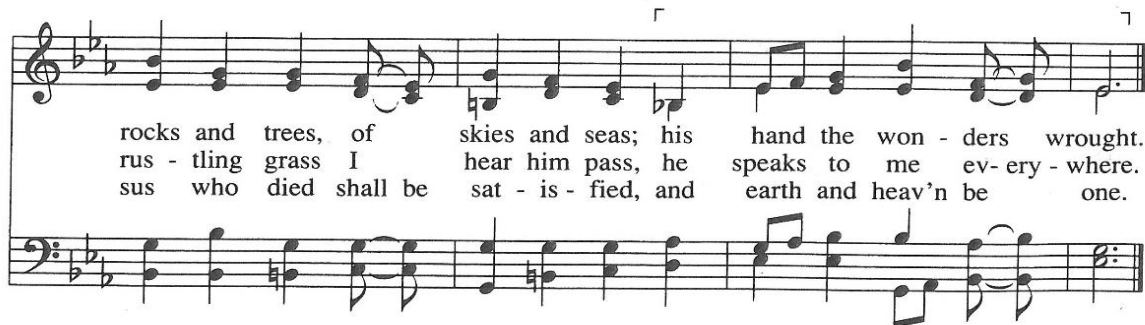
1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get



all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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

Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, 'Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.

⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ And God said, 'Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.' And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, 'Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.'²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.²² And God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.'²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.' And it was so.²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'²⁹ And God said, 'Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.'³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so.³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

"In the beginning, God created...the heavens and the earth."

Pastor David Kertland

Last 2 weeks:

Genesis 1:1 is a heading and an introductory statement. It provides the beginnings of a Christian worldview. A worldview is your view of the world. It first introduces us to God, the main character of the Bible.

The God of the Bible is eternal, living, and personal. God is the reason that anything exists. God brought into being what did not exist. God is distinct from what was made; what was made is distinct from God.

Today:

1. From “_____” to a specific _____

As Creator, God works with a _____ and _____.

2. **From “_____” to _____**

As Creator, God works toward_____.

- 3. _____ focused:**

God reveals himself as *our* Creator by directing our focus to what He is doing in relation to _____.

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.

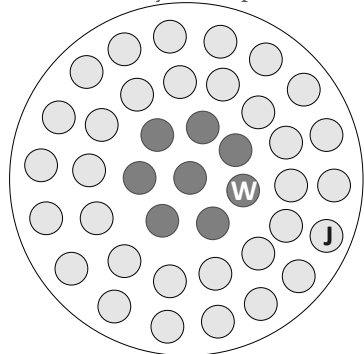
If you are *not* a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine pass by, let them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

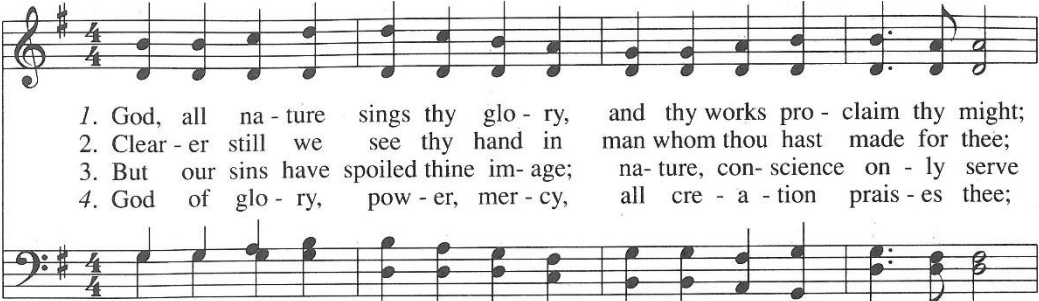
Light Gray = Grape Juice

Dark Gray = Grape Wine

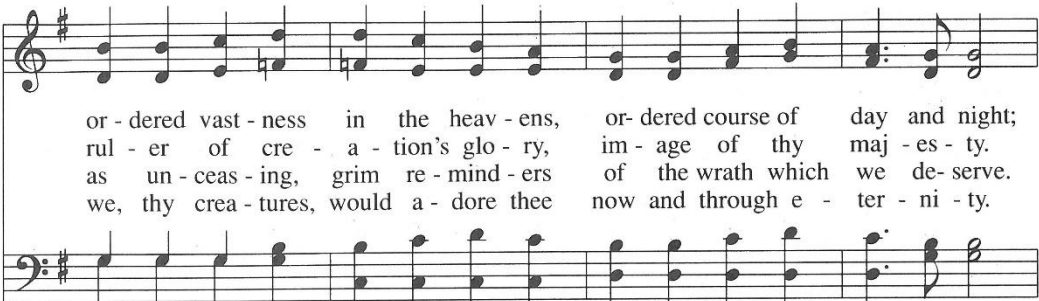


Renewing Our Devotion to God

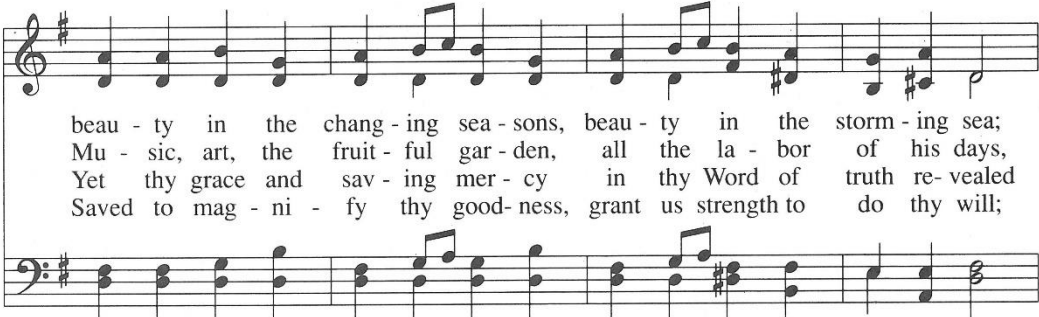
Song of Dedication and Service: God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory



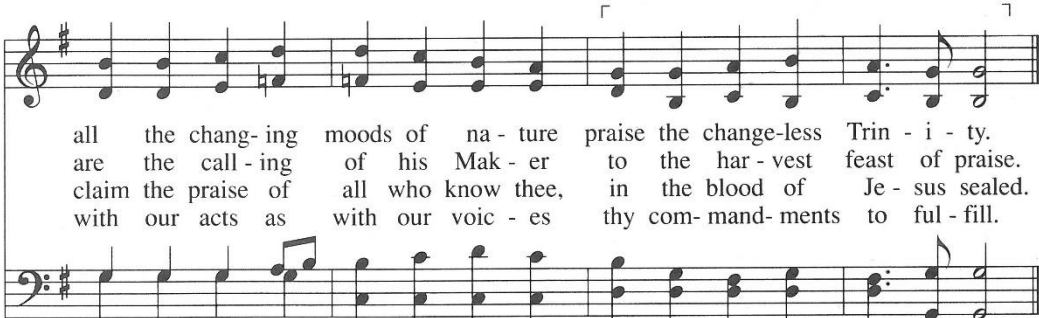
1. God, all na - ture sings thy glo - ry, and thy works pro - claim thy might;
 2. Clear - er still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
 3. But our sins have spoiled thine im - age; na - ture, con - science on - ly serve
 4. God of glo - ry, pow - er, mer - cy, all cre - a - tion prais - es thee;



or - dered vast - ness in the heav - ens, or - dered course of day and night;
 rul - er of cre - a - tion's glo - ry, im - age of thy maj - es - ty.
 as un - ceas - ing, grim re - mind - ers of the wrath which we de - serve.
 we, thy crea - tures, would a - dore thee now and through e - ter - ni - ty.



beau - ty in the chang - ing sea - sons, beau - ty in the storm - ing sea;
 Mu - sic, art, the fruit - ful gar - den, all the la - bor of his days,
 Yet thy grace and sav - ing mer - cy in thy Word of truth re - vealed
 Saved to mag - ni - fy thy good - ness, grant us strength to do thy will;



all the chang - ing moods of na - ture praise the change - less Trin - i - ty.
 are the call - ing of his Mak - er to the har - vest feast of praise.
 claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Je - sus sealed.
 with our acts as with our voic - es thy com - mand - ments to ful - fill.

David Clowney, 1960
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ODE TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

*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 & Praise" is reprinted from Cardiphonia Psalms, 2015. Music to "Give Thanks," by Henry Smith, was notated by Denise Seymour. "This Is My Father's World" (111) and "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory" (122) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). 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