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Front Cover Artwork

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Currently a California resident (USA). He Qi studied at Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing Art Institute in China and Hamburg Art Institute in Germany. Now, He is currently an Artist-in-Residence at Fuller Theological Seminary (CA) and a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Art Institute of RUC (Renmin University of China, Beijing).

He was the first among Mainland Chinese to earn a Ph.D. in Religious art after the Revolution (1992). He also received his Honorary Doctor Degree from Australia Catholic University in Melbourne (May 2011). He is also a member of China Art Association and a former council member of the Asian Christian Art Association (1998-2006). He received 20th Century Award for Achievement in recognition of outstanding achievements in the field of Religious Art Theory and Christian Art Creation of IBC in Cambridge UK. His art works have been displayed in museums, galleries, universities, and churches, in New York, San Francisco, Berkeley, Chicago, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, St Paul, Birmingham, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Hartford, Elizabethton, Richmond, Tokyo, Kyoto, Hong Kong, Nanjing, London, Oxford, Geneva, Aachen, St. Petersburg, etc.

His art works have been introduced on numerous newspapers and magazines such as: The Washington Post, Christianity Today, Far Eastern Economic Review, Hong Kong Cable TV, BBC-UK, ABC-Australia, Copenhagen Daily (Denmark), Bet Binnenhof Daily (Netherlands) China "Fine Art", Xinhua News Paper, Princeton Post, Minnesota Monthly, Stain Paul Pioneer Press, Star Tribune, WCCO TV, etc. He has been invited by universities and seminaries to be a visiting professor and artist-in-residence to do lectures and art exhibits such as Yale Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, New College and Regent's Park College (Oxford, UK), Toronto University (Canada), Wheaton College (IL), Luther Seminary (MN), Theological Seminary in San Francisco (CA), St Olaf College (MN), Drew University (NJ), Samford University (AL), Milligan College (TN), Nanjing University, Renmin University of China, Alliance Bible Seminary (Hong Kong), etc.

From artist's website: <https://www.heqiart.com/about-he-qi.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*.

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.

Thanks to Nick Yingst for playing piano for us this morning.

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.

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-5

Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

² *The LORD builds up Jerusalem;*

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ *He heals the brokenhearted*

and binds up their wounds.

⁴ *He determines the number of the stars;*

he gives to all of them their names.

⁵ *Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;*

his understanding is beyond measure.

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.



Based on Psalm 103
 Joachim Neander, 1680
 Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.
 Straßburg Gesangbuch, 1665
 Arr. in Praxis Praelis Melica, 1668

***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

1 Peter 5:5-7

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

1 Peter 3:18

Christ...suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God...."

*Song of Thanksgiving:

God of Grace



1. God of grace, a - maz - ing won - der, ir - re - sist - i - ble and free;
2. God of grace, who loved and knew me long be - fore the world be - gan;
3. God of grace, I stand a - stound - ed, cleansed for - gi - ven and se - cure.



Oh, the mir - a - cle of mer - cy Je - sus reach - es down to me.
Sent my Sav - ior down from Hea - ven; Per - fec - t God and per - fec - t man.
All my fears are now con - found - ed and my hope is e - ver sure.



God of grace, I stand in won - der, as my God re - stores my soul.
God of grace, I trust in Je - sus; I'm ac - cept - ed as His own.
God of grace, now crowned in Glo - ry, where one day I'll see Your face;



His own blood has paid my ran - som; awe - some cost to make me whole.
Ev - ery day new grace sus - tains me, as I lean on Him a - lone.
And for - e - ver I'll a - dore You in Your e - ver - last - ing grace.

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.**

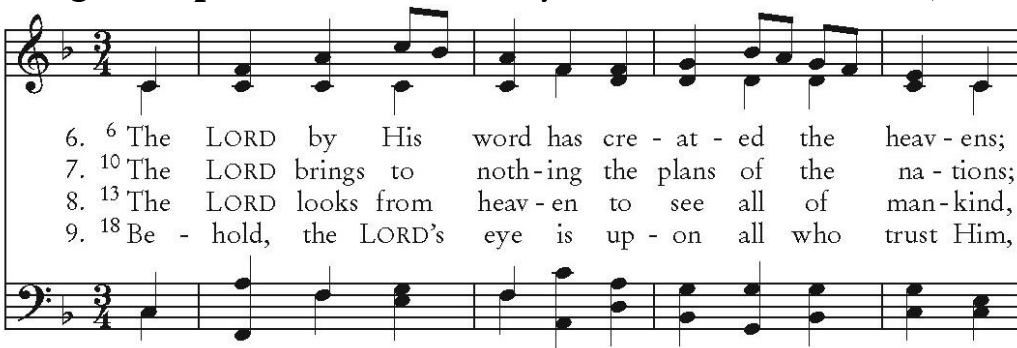
Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

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

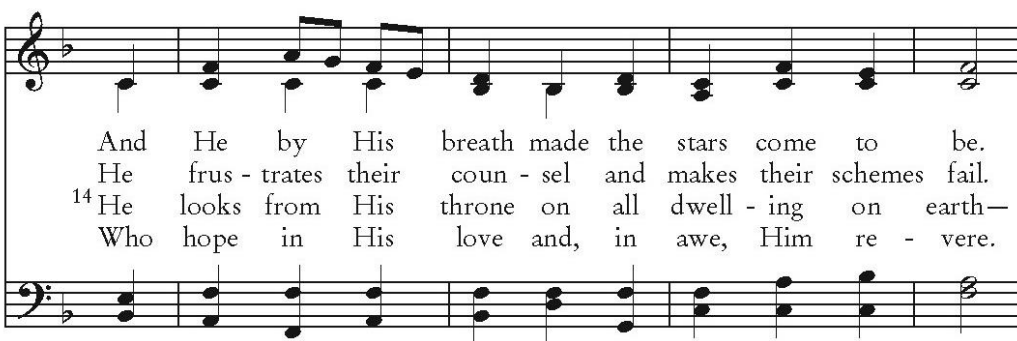
Offertory

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

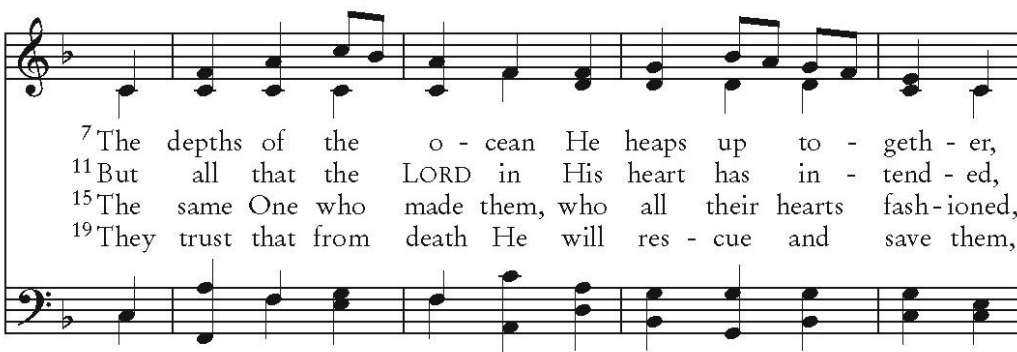
***Song of Preparation: The LORD by His Word Has Created (Psalm 33)**



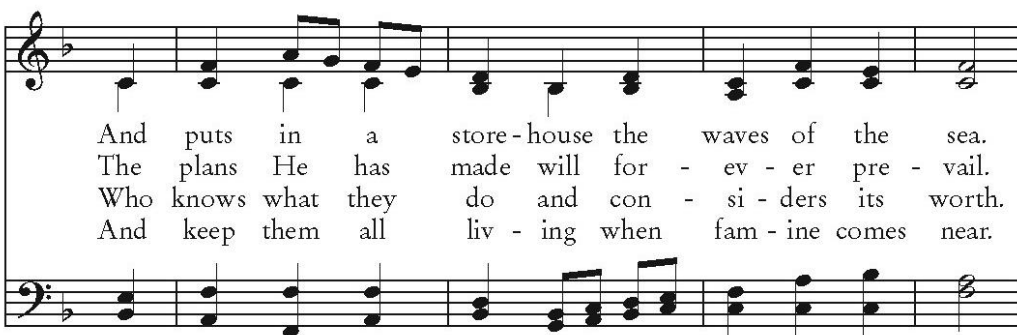
6. ⁶ The LORD by His word has cre - at - ed the heav - ens;
7. ¹⁰ The LORD brings to noth - ing the plans of the na - tions;
8. ¹³ The LORD looks from heav - en to see all of man - kind,
9. ¹⁸ Be - hold, the LORD's eye is up - on all who trust Him,



And He by His breath made the stars come to be.
He frus - trates their coun - sel and makes their schemes fail.
¹⁴ He looks from His throne on all dwell - ing on earth—
Who hope in His love and, in awe, Him re - vere.



⁷ The depths of the o - cean He heaps up to - geth - er,
¹¹ But all that the LORD in His heart has in - tend - ed,
¹⁵ The same One who made them, who all their hearts fash - ioned,
¹⁹ They trust that from death He will res - cue and save them,



And puts in a store - house the waves of the sea.
The plans He has made will for - ev - er pre - vail.
Who knows what they do and con - si - ders its worth.
And keep them all liv - ing when fam - ine comes near.



⁸ So let all the earth and its peo - ple re - vere Him,
¹² The na - tion the LORD has em - braced is most bless - ed,
¹⁶ The king is not saved by the strength of his ar - my;
²⁰ The LORD we a - wait is our help and pro - tec - tion,



And in the LORD's pres - ence with awe let them stand.
 Where He is ac - knowl-edged to be God a - lone,
 The sol - dier as well should not trust his own might.
²¹ Our heart is glad trust - ing in His ho - ly name.



⁹ He spoke, it was done, and con - tin - ues to stand fast;
 This peo - ple He claims, His in - her - it - ed por - tion,
¹⁷ The strength of a horse does not make res - cue cer - tain;
²² O LORD, let Your cov - e - nant love be up - on us,



It all was ac - com-plished when He gave com - mand.
 The ones He has cho - sen and calls as His own.
 A horse is a false hope for win - ning the fight.
 As we hold to You and the hope that we claim.

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 11 (various)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

¹⁰ These are the generations of Shem. When Shem was 100 years old, he fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood.... ¹² When Arpachshad had lived 35 years, he fathered Shelah.... ¹⁴ When Shelah had lived 30 years, he fathered Eber.... ¹⁶ When Eber had lived 34 years, he fathered Peleg.... ¹⁸ When Peleg had lived 30 years, he fathered Reu.... ²⁰ When Reu had lived 32 years, he fathered Serug.... ²² When Serug had lived 30 years, he fathered Nahor.... ²⁴ When Nahor had lived 29 years, he fathered Terah....

²⁶ When Terah had lived 70 years, he fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran. ²⁷ Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. ²⁸ Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹ And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. ³⁰ Now Sarai was barren; she had no child. ³¹ Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. ³² The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

The Book of the Generations of Adam (4):

“Living in the Bigger Story”

Text: Genesis 1-11 (summary)

Pastor David Kertland

1. The Bigger Story

The Lord God is the _____ of all things.

Humanity is created _____.

Humanity is given a _____ in life.

Repeating patterns:

Humanity _____ its purpose and _____ against the Lord God.

The Lord God _____ rebellion.

At the same time, the Lord God shows _____ and _____ toward humanity.

The Lord God _____ and _____ humanity to its purpose.

Humanity _____ God's purpose and plan.

2. Living in the Bigger Story

The Bigger Story _____ today.

The Lord God continues to _____ his purpose and plan.

As part of humanity, the Lord God has given you a _____ in life.

Will you _____ it and _____ or live “ _____ ” ?

Your answer has very personal _____ for you.

_____ or _____

_____ or _____

_____ or _____

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.

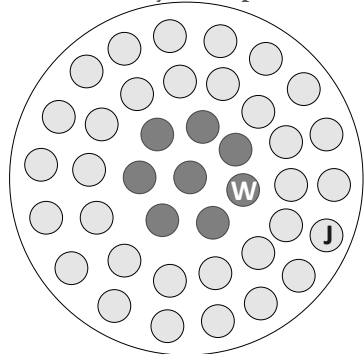
If you are *not* a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine pass by, let them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



*Song of Dedication and Service: We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken

Joshua Moore

Chorus

F F/D Bb F Dm C Bb

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

Gm C F F/D Bb F

hearts re - stored. He has done great things; we will say to - ge - ther

Dm C Bb C F *fine* Verse Bb

we will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned
2. In the dark of night
3. Ev-ery vow we've bro -

Dm Bb C Dm

by the fire; He is the Lord our God.
be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a - fraid
- ken and be - trayed You are the faith - ful One

Bb Dm Bb

we are not con - sumed by the flood - up - held, pro -
for the pro-mised morn - ing, O how long; O God of
and from the gar - den to the grave, bind us to -

C Dm C/E

tect - ed ga - thered up.
Ja - cob be my strength.
geth - er bring Sha - lom.

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.

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.

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.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** He Qi, Abraham & Angels, giclee print, www.heqiart.com, used with permission.
- 2) **Music:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (53) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "God of Grace" in hymnal form was purchased at www.gettymusic.com. Music for lead sheet was notated by Denise Seymour. "The Lord by His Word Has Created" (33C) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Pittsburgh, PA: Crown & Covenant Publications, 2013). "We Will Feast in the House of Zion" (2015, Drink Your Tea Music). The lead sheet was downloaded at cardiphonia.org/tag/sandra-mccracken/ and is from Sandra McCracken's album *Psalms* (sandramccracken.bandcamp.com/album/psalms). 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 (Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI: 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