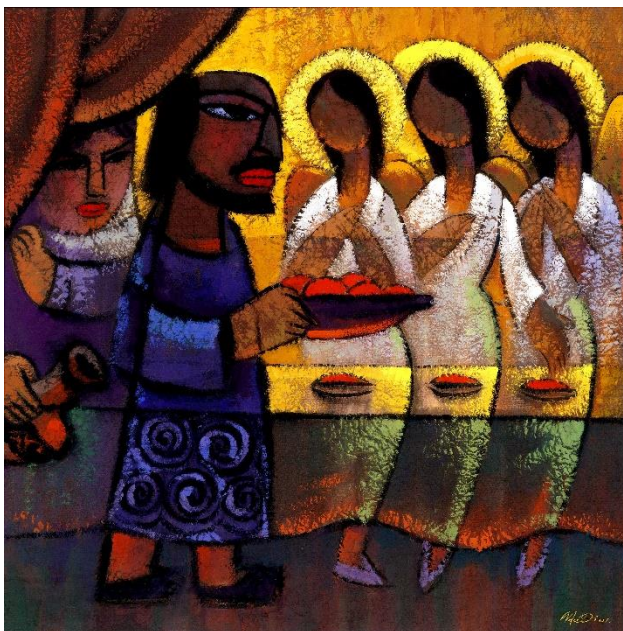




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Front Cover Artwork

He Qi, *Abraham & Angels*, Giclee Print. Used with permission of the artist. www.heqiart.com.

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 Anita Wood 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 84:1-4

*How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!*

*² My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;*

***my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.***

*³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,*

***where she may lay her young
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.***

***⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!***

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

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:**

The Nicene Creed

We confess our common faith today with the Nicene Creed. Developed at the Council of Nicea in 325, it gives 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

Hosea 11:1-4

*When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.*

*² The more they were called,
the more they went away;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals
and burning offerings to idols.*

*³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
I took them up by their arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.*

*⁴ I led them with cords of kindness,
with the bands of love,
and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws,
and I bent down to them and fed them.*

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Revelation 21:3-4

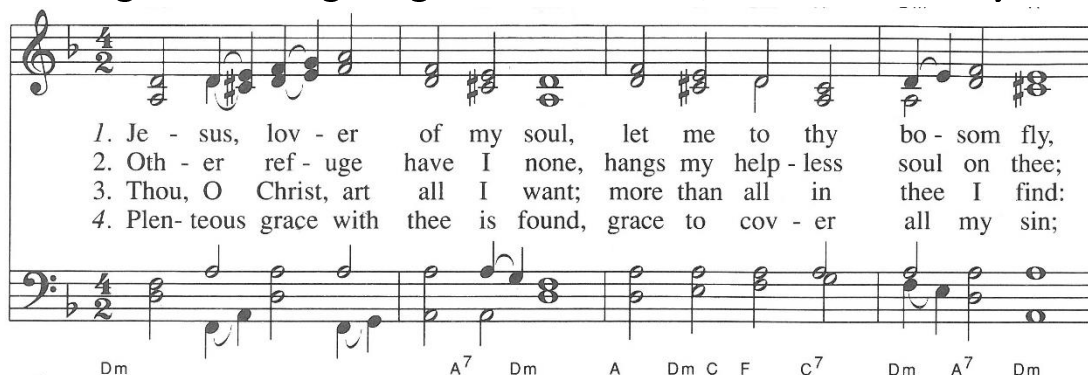
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

*“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them,
and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their
God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be
no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,
for the former things have passed away.”*

*Song of Thanksgiving:

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Charles Wesley, 1740



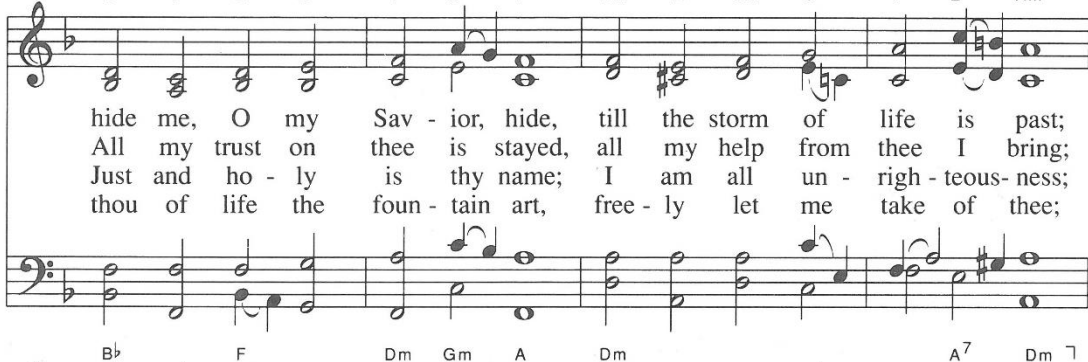
1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

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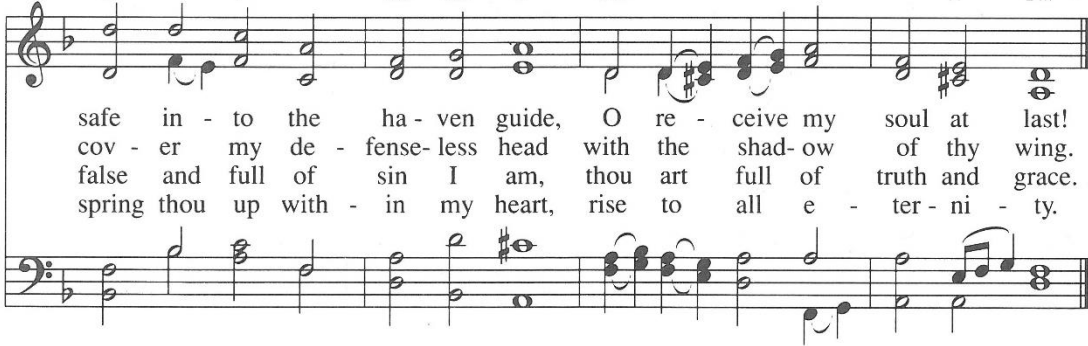
while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
 leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
 raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:

F B^b F B^b C⁷ F C⁷ F Dm A Dm C F E⁷ Am



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
 thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

B^b F Dm Gm A Dm A⁷ Dm



safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Joseph Parry, 1879

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

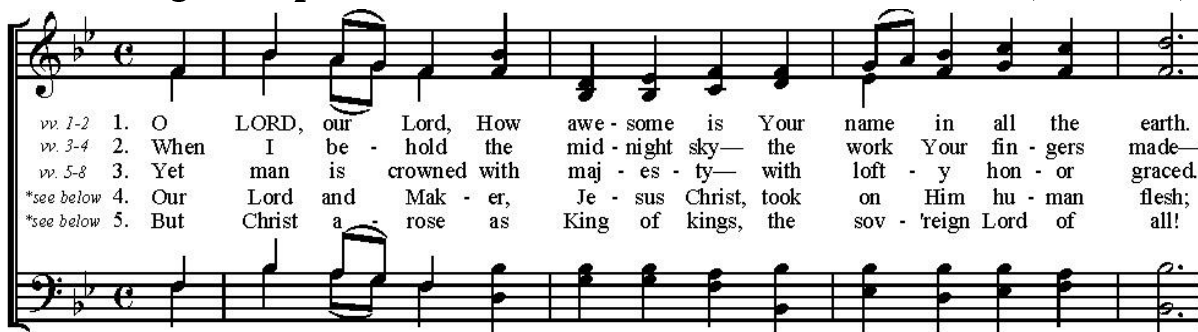
Tithes and offerings are an expression of our worship to God.

Offertory

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

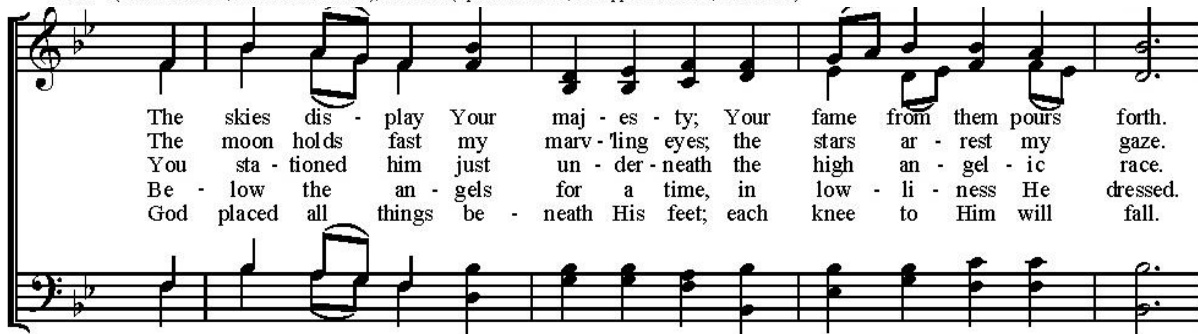
*Song of Preparation:

How Awesome is Your Name (Psalm 33)

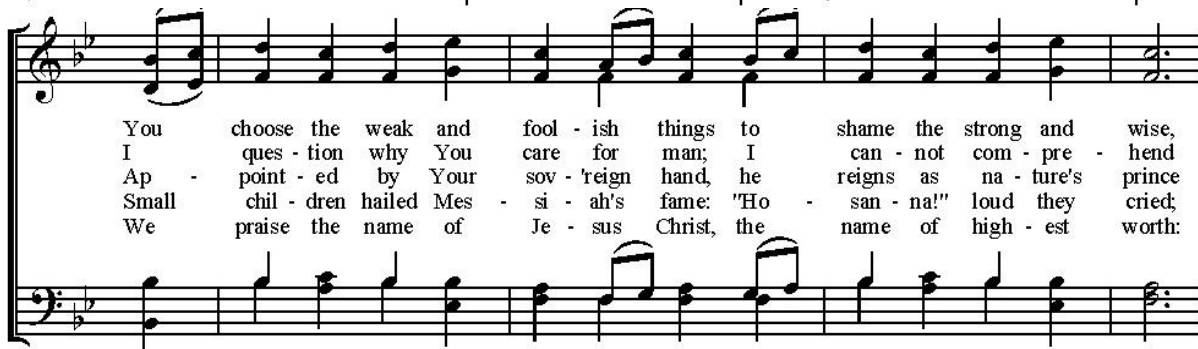


vv. 1-2 1. O LORD, our Lord, How awe - some is Your name in all the earth.
vv. 3-4 2. When I be - hold the mid - night sky— the work Your fin - gers made—
vv. 5-8 3. Yet man is crowned with maj - es - ty— with loft - y hon - or graced.
*see below 4. Our Lord and Mak - er, Je - sus Christ, took on Him hu - man flesh;
*see below 5. But Christ a rose as King of kings, the sov - 'reign Lord of all!

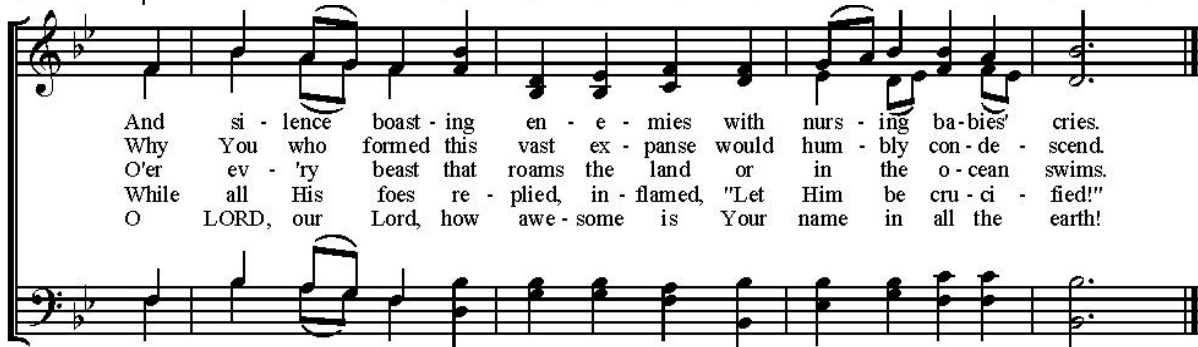
* Stanza 4 (Hebrews 2:5-9; Matthew 21:15-16); Stanza 5 (Ephesians 1:22; Philippians 2:9-11; Psalm 8:9)



The skies dis - play Your maj - es - ty; Your fame from them pours forth.
The moon holds fast my mar - v'ling eyes; the stars ar - rest my gaze.
You sta - tioned him just un - der - neath the high an - gel - ic race.
Be - low the an - gels for a time, in low - li - ness He dressed.
God placed all things be - neath His feet; each knee to Him will fall.



You choose the weak and fool - ish things to shame the strong and wise,
I ques - tion why You care for man; I can - not com - pre - hend
Ap - point - ed by Your sov - 'reign hand, he reigns as na - ture's prince
Small chil - dren hailed Mes - si - ah's fame: "Ho - san - na!" loud they cried;
We praise the name of Je - sus Christ, the name of high - est worth:



And si - lence boast - ing en - e - mies with nurs - ing ba - bies' cries.
Why You who formed this vast ex - panse would hum - bly con - de - scend
O'er ev - 'ry beast that roams the land or in the o - cean swims.
While all His foes re - plied, in - flamed, "Let Him be cru - ci - fied!"
O LORD, our Lord, how awe - some is Your name in all the earth!

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:**

Exodus 3:1-9

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *“The Holy God Who Speaks, Promises, and Leads”*

Text: Exodus 3:1-9

Pastor Cisco Victa

1. A humbled man addressed

2. A holy God revealed

3. A homeland promised

4. A holy war initiated

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.

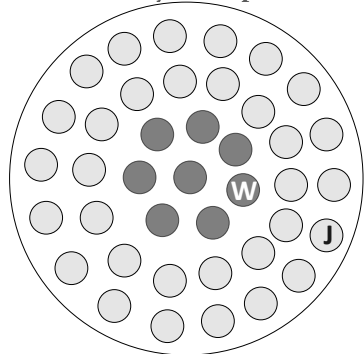
If you are *not* a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine pass by, let them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

O God beyond All Praising

Unison



1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

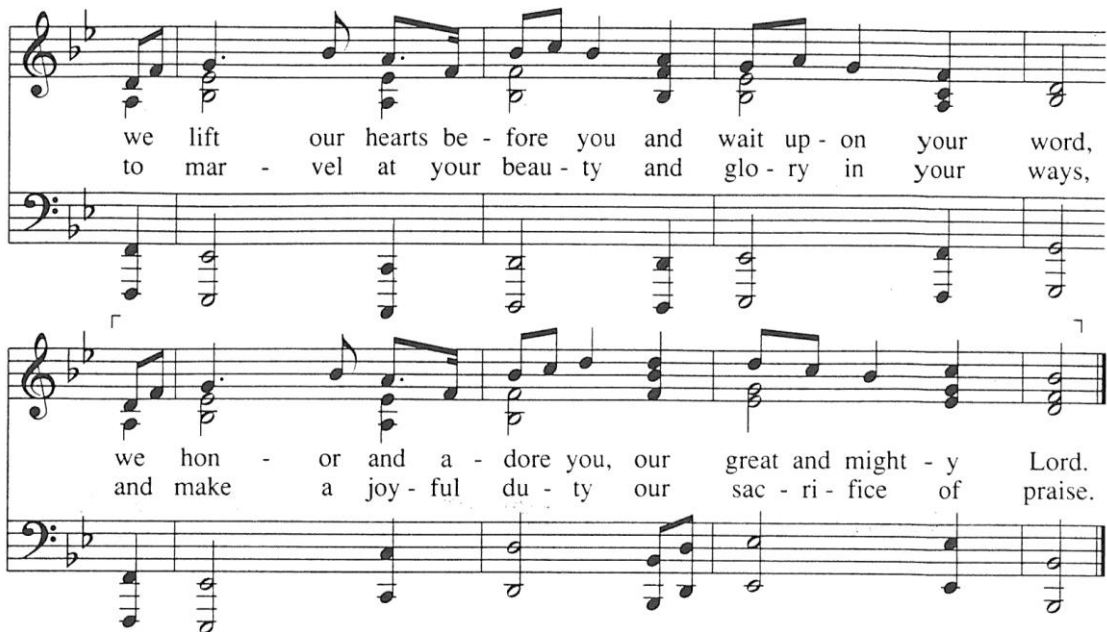


for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:





Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

Titus 3:15

Grace 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. Please 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 of the artist.
- 2) **Music:** "Come & Praise" is reprinted from Cardiphonia Psalms, 2015. "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (508) and "O God beyond All Praise" (660) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "How Awesome is Your Name" (Psalm 8) is reprinted from churchworksmedia.com, 2009. 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