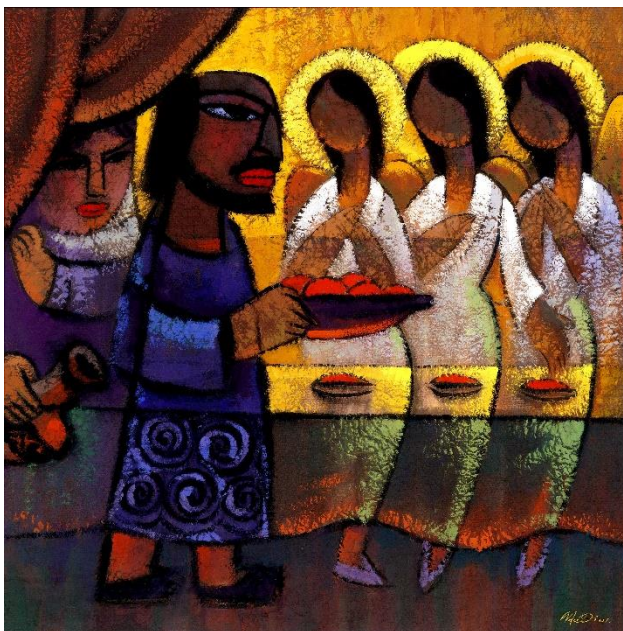




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Front Cover Artwork

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

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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 145:1-2,8-9

*I will extol you, my God and King,
and **bless your name forever and ever.***

*² Every day I will bless you
and **praise your name forever and ever.***

*The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,



Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225
Tr. by William H. Draper, 1926

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Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Ephesians 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

***Doxology**

In this ascription of praise to God comes as a response to God's provision for us. Through it we call everyone in the created order to celebrate and praise our Provider God.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow:
praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host:
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.
A-men.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Ephesians 5:15-21

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Ephesians 1:13

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

*Song of Thanksgiving:

Jesus, I Come



1. Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus I
2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Jes - us, I
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Jes - us, I
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jes - us, I



come; Je - sus I come. In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness and
 come; Je - sus, I come. In - to the glor - ious gain of Thy
 come; Je - sus, I come. In - to Thy bles - sed will to a -
 come; Je - sus, I come. In - to the joy and light of Thy



light, Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of my
 cross, Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of earth's
 - bide, Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of my -
 home, Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of the



sick - ness in - to Thy health, out of my want - ing and
 sor - row in - to Thy balm, out of life's sto - rms and
 - self to dwell in Thy love, out of des - pair in - to
 depths of ru - in un - told, In - to the peace of Thy



in - to Thy wealth, out of my sin and in - to Thy
 in - to Thy calm, out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant
 rap - tures a - bove, up - ward for - ev er on wings like a
 shel - ter - ing fold, ev - er Thy glor - ious face to be -



self, Je - sus I come to Thee.
 psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 dove, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 - hold, Je - sus, I come to Thee.

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:

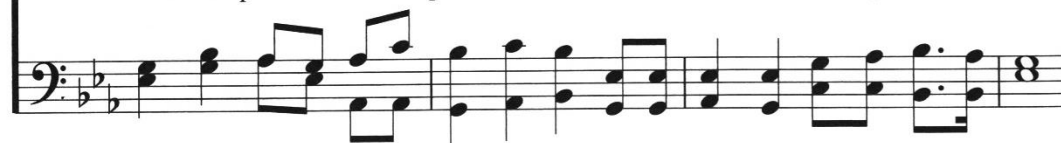
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God



1. Ho - ly Spir-it, liv - ing Breath of God, Breathe new life in - to my will-ing soul.
2. Ho - ly Spir-it, come a - bide with-in; May Your joy be seen in all I do.
3. Ho - ly Spir-it, from cre - a - tion's birth, Giv - ing life to all that God has made.



Bring the pres-ence of the Ris-en Lord, To re - new my heart and make me whole.
Love e - nough to cov-er ev - 'ry sin In each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
Show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth; Cause Your church to hun-ger for Your ways.



Cause Your Word to come a - live in me; Give me faith for what I can-not see;
Kind - ness to the great-est and the least; Gen-tle-ness that sows the path of peace.
Let the fra-grance of our prayers a-rise; Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,



Give me pas-sion for Your pur - i - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe new life in me.
Turn my striv-ing in - to works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
That in u - ni - ty the face of Christ Will be clear for all the world to see.



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 11:27 - 12:9

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.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then

the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Hebrews 11:8-10

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: “By Faith: *Looking Forward*”

(Abraham Part 1)

Texts: Genesis 12:1-9, Hebrews 11:8-10

Pastor David Kertland

1. What does “*looking forward*” mean?

2. Are you “*looking forward*”?

3. What difference does it make?

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.

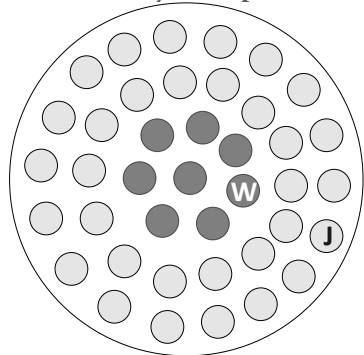
If you are *not* a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine pass by, let them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

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

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.

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:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (115) and "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (598) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Jesus, I Come" is from *The Indelible Grace Hymnbook* downloaded from <http://s3.amazonaws.com/ruf-hymnbook-prod/hymns/663/original/jesus-i-come.pdf?1355799256>. "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" in hymnal form was purchased at www.gettymusic.com. "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" (318) is reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (Los Angeles, CA: The Master's Seminary Press, 2015). 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