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Front Cover Artwork

Genevan Door, 2019. Photograph. David Kertland.

One of the fascinating aspects of traveling abroad is the differing ways that people choose to provide entrance to their homes, businesses, and life. The old city of Geneva, Switzerland is full of beautiful and elaborate doors and doorways. This photo shows a simple wooden door which prevents the visitor from entering and yet indicates the possibility of peace and friendship to those who would *seek* entrance.

Jesus used the image of a door to a sheepfold to describe something about himself when he said: "I am the door" in John 10:9. This is one of the various "I Am" statements that Jesus made about himself as recorded for us in John's Gospel. Our current sermon series is exploring what these teach us about our Lord and about ourselves.



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 all those who participate in making this service online possible (in alphabetical order): Keith Dolon (sound), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), Pastor David Kertland (leading worship), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet); Nate Moore (sound), Cisco Victa (preaching), Ben Watt (vocals), and Nick Yingst (piano).

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

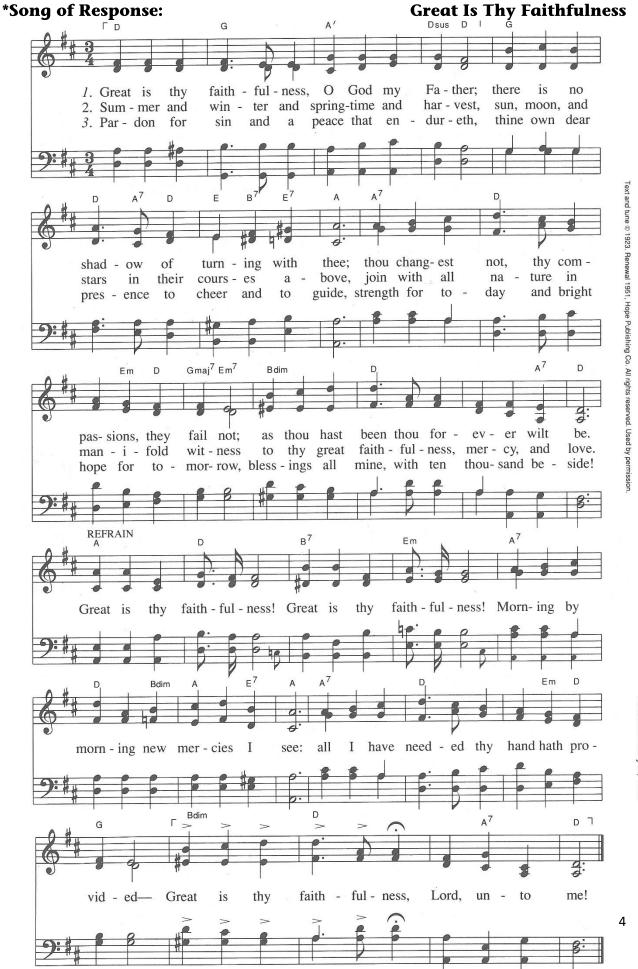
Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

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*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 Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 101

Q. 101. What do we pray for in the first petition?

A. In the first petition, which is,

Hallowed be thy name,

we pray that God would enable us, and others,
to glorify him in all that whereby
he makes himself known;
and that he would dispose all things
to his own glory.

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Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of July 26-August 1, 2020

Intercession for the World:

• **The Hershey Community** (to learn about local township news, subscribe to the Derry Township Weekly eNews at www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-enews)

Derry Township Director of Community Development Charles Emerick Mercy preventing rapid spread of COVID-19

• **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):

US Representative Scott Perry

• Countries of Origin of our Church Members and Friends. Did you come from a country different from the ones that we regularly pray for? Please let us know and we will add your country of origin to our list:

Canada

• **Unreached People Group** (includes 6,693 people groups or 40.4% of the world's people groups (approximately 3,109,034,000 persons). In these people groups, there are "few evangelicals and few who identify as Christians." There is "little, if any, history of Christianity" within the people group. See www.joshuaproject.net). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send Untied out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

Azerbaijani of North America Population: 9,800; Language: Azerbaijani; Religion: Islam

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

Health issues:

Peter, residing in a home providing "services to individuals with all levels of intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)."

- Church Government in our Local Church (our ordained officers):
 Ruling Elder Nick Yingst
- Our Denomination (PCA): Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
 Carlisle Reformed Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, PA
- Supported Missionary or Organizations: Covenant Theological Seminary

The Lord's Prayer: Our time of intercession will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

"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.

Our Tithes & Offerings

This is the time in our service when our tithes and offerings are presented to God as an act of our worship. You can drop your offering in the designated place. If you are worshipping with us online, you can present your tithes and offerings to God by mailing them to Hershey PCA, 1521 Sand Hill Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036, or by making an online donation through our website at hersheypca.com.

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



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:

John 14:1-9

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!

"3 Questions in a Crisis"

| | Pastor Cisco Victa |
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| 1. | What do we do with our troubled hearts? |
| 2. | Where do we belong? |
| 3. | How do we reach our destination? |
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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)

Confessing Our Faith in God



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

We are glad that you have joined us for worship today—either in person or by livestream.

If you are new to Hershey PCA, feel free to reach out to Pastor Kertland at pastor@hersheypca.com. We would love to personally welcome you.

Updates, announcements, and a weekly schedule of events with meeting links are being communicated through our Prayer and Information email list. If you are not receiving these updates and would like to be on the email list, please send your name and email address to office@hersheypca.com.

Requests for pastoral or diaconal support can be made directly to one of our elders or deacons, or can be emailed to us at: pastor@hersheypca.com or deacons@hersheypca.com.

Join us online at 12 noon (EST) each weekday for **Daily Prayer** (Mon-Fri) and at 9 AM (EST) for **Sunday worship** onsite and online at our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/hersheypca.

<u>Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA)</u> is a member congregation of the **Susquehanna** Valley Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (<u>www.pcanet.org</u>).

Today's Service Information

- 1) Artwork: Genevan Door, 2010. Photograph by David Kertland.
- 2) **Music:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (32), "Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness" (727) and "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (679) 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 (Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI: 1995).



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