



October 31, 2021

Front Cover Artwork

Today, we celebrate Reformation Sunday, in remembrance of the time in Western Church history that the Church was called back to the gospel—to hearing from God through **Scripture alone** teaching us that we live by **grace alone**, through **Christ alone**, by **faith alone**, to **the glory of God alone** (the "5 Solas of the Reformation"). Returning to the Scriptures alone to understand our relationship with God also encouraged a return to looking at ourselves and our world through the lens of Scripture rather than through the symbolism of religious tradition. In today's cover artwork, we celebrate that this renewed approach has broader implications as well, as all of life and culture became reshaped by this return to the Scriptures—even in art where the world was increasingly depicted accurately as God's creation beautiful in itself, and able to be depicted and enjoyed in all its beauty—not simply as a medium to convey Bible lessons and religious symbolism. Impacted by both the Renaissance and the Protestant Reformation, the work of Albrecht Dürer remains an important part of this change.

A Young Hare ("Feldhase"), 1502, watercolor on paper, 25.1 cm x 22.6 cm; by Albrecht Dürer (May 21, 1471- April 6, 1528), Nuremberg, Germany. Current location: The Albertina Art Museum, Vienna, Austria. In the public domain.

"This study of a wild hare is surely one of Albrecht Dürer's most popular works. For many people who like and admire it, it may be the first of Dürer's masterpieces that they ever encounter, or the first time they connect a work with his name.

It has appeared in world encyclopedias of art, but also on greeting cards and diaries in museum gift shops around the globe. Perhaps it's time to look again at such a simple and masterfully evoked subject.

The identification of much of Dürer's early work, from his years of travel and apprenticeship, is the subject of debates that may never be resolved. Art historians have tried to discern traits of the maturing Dürer style in many of the woodcut series produced at the end of the 15th century; a time when illustrated books were still rapidly growing in popularity, but when an author was more likely to be credited than the artist of the accompanying illustrations.

The characteristic style—the one that becomes unmistakably his—is a combination of superb skill and a sense of detail. This virtuoso technique and subtlety of observation can be used to create a vivid intensity of action—the frames of the 15 Apocalypse images, for example, can hardly contain the fulfilment of the end of days. However, the young hare—painted around five years later – shows the same qualities used to a totally different effect.

From mighty events on a cosmic scale, we have a single figure without a background, and a perfectly captured moment of stillness and alertness. A sound or a slight change in the wind, and the head will tilt or the ears twitch, and the hare will have gone.

Even before he encountered Leonardo da Vinci's work, Dürer approached the natural world in a similar way. Among his incomparably diverse studies, da Vinci prepared detailed illustrations of human anatomy, but also botanical sketches and drawings from nature.

It is impossible to be sure how Dürer completed his study of the hare, and whether he worked from a dead specimen or sketched certain impressions or details from life—though the German title, literally 'The Field-Hare', seems to offer a tantalizing clue. Whatever the technique, he created a masterpiece of observation—from the variations in color in the animal's pelt, to the natural liveliness of ears and eye.

British art critics have sometimes drawn comparisons with later artists such as Stubbs and Landseer for their realism and affinity of subject. However, Dürer's work seems to later eyes to have an almost scientific appreciation of the hare.

In any case, his monogram suggests that he considered this a finished and valued work, rather than merely a preparation for a later painting. An earlier study generally known as 'The Great Piece of Turf' or 'Das große Rasenstück'—often compared with the hare—is more typical of this latter approach. But even here, Dürer is meticulous: botanists have identified at least four particular species of plant or grass in the picture.

Dürer worked in an age when religious symbolism still dominated everything from folk-art to state ceremonials. Few artists would have depicted any animal without a familiar system of allegorical cross-references. Dürer's hare can be simply itself—and that may be part of its enduring popularity."

From: https://www.albrechtdurer.org/young-hare/



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 worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Ephraim Church (leading worship), Dave Eakin (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Jared Salyards (piano), Mark Tedford (vocals), Brad Weaver (sound), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Today's Communion Servers are Andrew Bosworth and Nick Yingst.

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 4 years old is provided.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-3,10-11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, **though its waters roar and foam,**

though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

"Be still, and know that I am God.

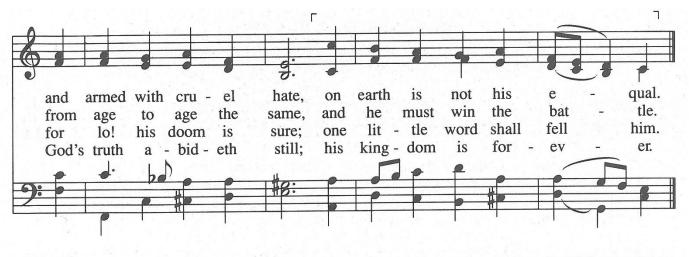
I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Light Text = Read by Leader **Bold Text = Read by All**





Based on Psalm 46 Martin Luther, 1529 Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7. Martin Luther, 1529

*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.

^{* &}quot;'Catholic' here means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples." It is confessed in recognition of the believing church throughout the world; it is not a reference to what is today called the *Roman Catholic Church*.

*Doxology

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

James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Confession of Sin

Assurances of Pardon in Christ

1 Corinthians 1:27-30

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 31-November 6, 2021

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 Supervisor Carter Wyckoff

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

PA Supreme Court Justices

• 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:

Japan

• **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 out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

Bakuda of India

Population: 13,000; Language: Tamil; Religion: Hinduism

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

• Health issues:

Trudy

- Those Who Serve in our Local Church (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders): Children's Ministry Leaders
- Our Denomination (PCA): Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA): Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
- Supported Missionary or Organizations:

 Stephen and Susan Beck, serving with Greater Europe Mission in Germany

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.

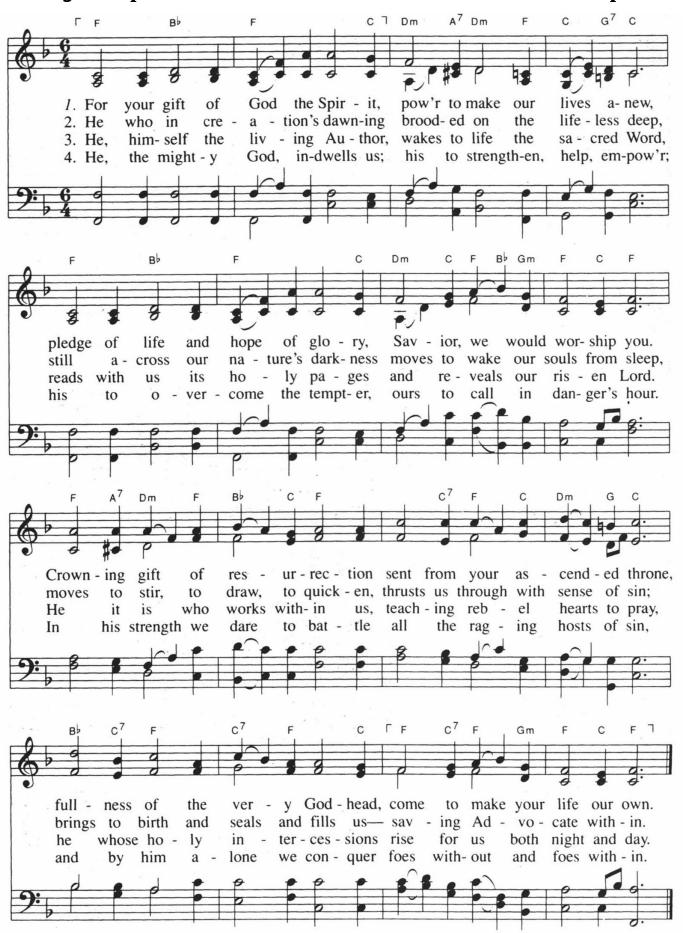
Amen.

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:

For Your Gift of God the Spirit



5. Father, grant your Holy Spirit
In our hearts may rule today,
Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered,
Work in us his sovereign way.
Fill us with your holy fullness,
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
In us, through us, then, forever,
Shall your perfect will be done.

Margaret Clarkson, 1984

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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:

2 Peter 1:3-5a

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue....

Sermon:

Effective & Fruitful (3): Supplement Your Faith with Virtue

Today's Text: 2 Peter 1:5a Pastor David Kertland

1.	Why	_? What is it?	
2.	Virtue	_	
3.	Virtue	and	vours (vs. 8)

Prayer of Application

Receiving Provision from God

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Invitation & Warning

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, if you are in Christ, He is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We do invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, which is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus, but that you do not participate. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, we invite 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 and rest on you alone for my salvation."

Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk with our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said,

'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying,

'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Prayer

Receiving of the Elements

About the elements: Our communion servers will be handing out the elements, which is in a chalice-style cup having the grape juice or wine on one side and the bread on the other.

Be sure to note that **only the grape juice** has **gluten-free bread** and is marked with **"gluten-free"** on the seal.

As a server comes to you, please indicate your preference of either:
Grape juice with the *gluten free* bread
Wine with bread/wafer (has gluten)

Prayer

Confessing Our Faith in God

*Song of Dedication and Service:

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



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

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.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Front Cover: Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528); *A Young Hare ("Feldhase"),* 1502, watercolor on paper, 25.1 cm x 22.6 cm; Nuremberg, Germany, current location: Albertina, Vienna, Austria. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (92), "For Your Gift of God the Spirit" (339), and "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (521) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted. Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Erdmans Publishing Co., 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).

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is a member congregation of the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org).



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