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Front Cover Artwork

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 (violin), Keith Dolon (sound), Dave Eakin (vocals), Josh Franklin (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Joe Kearns and Josh Franklin.

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

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1-4,28-29

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

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



*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Confession of Faith:

The Nicene Creed

We confess our common faith today with the Nicene Creed, a summary of the Bible's teaching about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of the Spirit. From the Trinity Hymnal: "The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ."

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.

^{* &}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*.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

James 4:1-6

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Confession of Sin

Assurances 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 November 7-13, 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 Richard Zmuda

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

PA Governor Tom Wolf

• 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:

Kenya

• **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)

Bakumpai of Indonesia

Population: 167,000; Language: Bakumpai; Religion: Islam

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- Health issues:

Lois

- Those Who Serve in our Local Church (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):

 Church Musicians
- Our Denomination (PCA): Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA): Wheatland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
- Supported Missionary or Organizations: David and Aliece, serving in a sensitive area

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.



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 1:3-11

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.

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, **and virtue with knowledge**, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

Effective & Fruitful (4): Supplement...Virtue with Knowledge

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

1.	Why	? What is it?
2.	Knowing	
3.	Are you	this knowledge?

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

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:

Give Thanks



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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 dkertland@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:** "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" (97) is 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. Music to "Give Thanks," by Henry Smith, was notated by Denise Seymour. Music for lead sheet was notated by Denise Seymour. 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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