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Front Cover Artwork

Ivanka Demchuk, *Prayer of the publican and the Pharisee*. Acrylic and pastel on board. 180 cm x 180 cm. Used by permission of the artist. This month, our cover artwork is from a Ukrainian artist whose art context differs from much of the artwork we have used. Though she is a Protestant Christian, her art reflects the influence of Orthodox iconography. This piece is a visual representation of Luke 18:9-14:

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

Thank you to Ms. Demchuk for allowing us to reproduce this work in our worship booklet. For more information on her work, see www.ivankademchuk.com.

About the artist:



Born in 1990 in Lviv, Ukraine, Ivanka Demchuk went to the Lviv National Academy of Arts (high school) and graduated from the Lviv State College of Decorative and Applied Arts. I. Trusha, Department of Art Painting in 2008. She also graduated from the bachelor program (2012) and the master program (2014) of the Lviv National Academy of Arts (Львівська національна академія мистецтв), Department of Sacred Art. She has shown her work in Lviv (Ukraine), Lutsk (Ukraine), Biala Podlaska (Poland), Sambir (Ukraine), Lenčna (Poland), Warsaw (Poland), New York (US), Istanbul (Turkey), Savannah (US), Granada (Spain). She has participated in plein-air painting in the Ukraine and Poland.



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.

Thank you 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), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

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

Today's Communion Servers are Ephraim Church and Josh Franklin.

Prelude

Missions Moment: Today we welcome supported missionaries Rick and Clare who serve with Frontier Ventures in California.

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 96:1-4

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!*

*² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.*

*³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

*⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

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Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

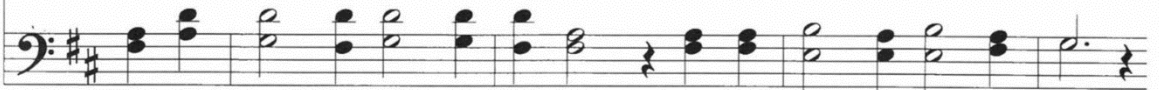
Across the Lands



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be - gan;
2. Yet You left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost,
3. With a shout You rose vic - to-rious, wrest-ing vic - t'ry from the grave



eve - ry star and eve - ry plan-et has been fash-ioned by Your hand.
and ex-changed the joy of heav-en for the an-guish of a cross.
and as - cend - ed in - to heav-en, lead-ing cap - tives in Your way.



All cre - a - tion holds to-geth-er by the pow - er of Your voice;
With a prayer You fed the hun-gry, with a word You calmed the sea,
Now You stand be - fore the Fa-ther, in - ter - ced - ing for Your own;





let the skies de-clare Your glo - ry; let the land and seas re - joice!
yet how si - lent - ly You suf-fered, that the guilt - y may go free!
from each tribe and tongue and na-tion You are lead-ing sin-ners home!



You're the Au - thor of cre - a-tion, You're the Lord of eve - ry



man, and Your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.



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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**

* "‘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*.

Reading of God's Standard

Deuteronomy 5:6, 20

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

On the Ninth Commandment from our Shorter Catechism, Q&A 77-78:

What is required in the ninth commandment? The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness bearing.

What is forbidden in the ninth commandment? The ninth commandment forbids whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbors, good name.

For additional Q&As see <https://www.pcaac.org/bco/westminster-confession>

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 1-7, 2023

Intercession *for the World*:

The Hershey Community: Hershey Area Retirement Communities

Civil Government: PA Governor Josh Shapiro

- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** South Korea
- **Unreached People Group:** Barad of India and Pakistan
Population: 26,000; Language: Hindi and Saraiki; Religion: Hinduism and Islam

Unreached people group list 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)

Intercession *for the Church (God's People)*:

- **Health issues:** Tim G.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Treasurer Mike Miller
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg, PA
(Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)

Supported Missionary or Organizations: Mission to North America (MNA)

The Lord's Prayer: We 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.

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Song of Preparation: Lord We Hear Your Word with Gladness

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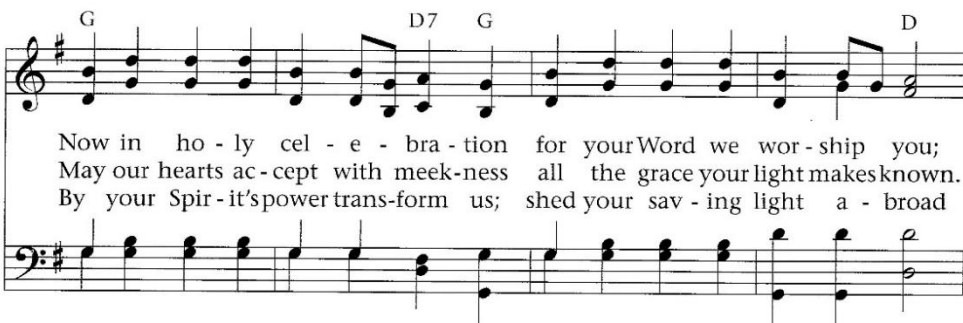
1 Lord, we hear your word with glad-ness; you have spo-ken— we re - joice:
 2 May we hear with un - der-stand-ing, by your Spir - it taught and led.
 3 You have spo-ken; yours the full-ness, ours the wealth of this your Word.

G D G G/D D7 G



words of love and life and free-dom— help us make their truth our choice!
 May the springs of all our be - ing by your liv - ing Word be fed.
 Debt-ors, then, as liv-ing let - ters we must make your gos - pel heard!

G D7 G D



Now in ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion for your Word we wor - ship you;
 May our hearts ac - cept with meek-ness all the grace your light makes known.
 By your Spir - it's power trans - form us; shed your sav - ing light a - broad

G D G G/D D7 G



spo-ken, writ - ten, known in Je - sus, ours to - day to prove a - new.
 May o - be-dience mark our foot-steps till we make each word our own.
 till our lives by love in ac - tion show our world the truth of God!

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 HOLY MANNA

Text: Margaret Clarkson (b. 1915)
 Music: *Columbian Harmony* (1825)
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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:

John 5:1-9, 14

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³ In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?”

⁷ The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.”

⁸ Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.”

⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath.

¹⁴ Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *Merciful Healer: Jesus Makes Us Well*

Today's Text: John 5:1-9, 14
Pastor David Kertland

1. Jesus _____ our need and our _____

2. What _____ cannot do, _____ can

3. _____ !

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 hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to receive grace from 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 invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but ask that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. 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.'

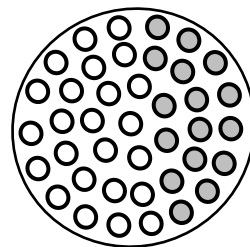
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Prayer

Receiving of the Elements

About the elements: Our communion servers will be handing out the elements, which are in two stacked communion cups. The top cups have the juice or wine, and the bottom cups all have gluten-free bread. As a server comes to you, please take a cup of your preference. The clear cups are filled with grape juice; the purple-tinted cups are filled with wine.

Prayer



white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Bb(G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN Bb(G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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 William B. Bradbury, 1863

Edward Mote, 1834

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

To our guests this morning: We are very glad that you have joined us for worship today. We hope you can stay a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members and friends.

After the service, greet someone you don't know. If you see someone sitting or standing alone, welcome them in the name of Christ! The time after worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ, feel free to sit down with someone for conversation or prayer.

* Congregation standing

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Front Cover: Ivanka Demchuk, *Prayer of the publican and the Pharisee*. Acrylic and pastel on board. 180 cm x 180 cm. Downloaded on 09/26/2023 from en.ivankademchuk.com/ivankademchukportfolio. Used by permission of the artist. Also, thank you to Joe Kearns for giving us information about this artist.
- 2) **Music:** "Across the Lands" (38) is reprinted from *Sing the Wonders: Hymns and Psalms for the Church*, 2nd ed. (Jupiter, FL: Grace Immanuel Bible Church, 2018). "Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness" (89) is reprinted from *Sing! A New Creation: Pew Edition* (Grand Rapids, MI: co-published by Calvin Institute of Worship, Faith Alive Christian Resources, and Reformed Church in America, 2001). "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (521) is 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: Page 2:** Information on the artist and the artwork from en.ivankademchuk.com and artandtheology.org/tag/ivanka-demchuk. Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **Note from the Pastor:** Along with the Greek and English texts, a variety of commentaries and study aids have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the Gospel of John, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of Augustine, John Calvin, D. A. Carson, John Chrysostom, Sinclair Ferguson, William Hendriksen, Matthew Henry, Timothy Keller, J. I. Packer, Herman Ridderbos, R. C. Sproul, St Helen's Church, Bishopsgate (Dick Lucas, William Taylor), William Still, and others. Not every commentator or pastor listed is consulted for each sermon, yet many of the insights belong to these and others, while the form and specific use of the Scripture text along with any errors that follow from them are my own.
- 5) 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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Mission to the World (www.mtw.org): international missions in keeping with the Great Commission



Mission to North America (www.pcamna.org): North American missions in keeping with the Great Commission.



Committee on Discipleship Ministries

(www.pcacdm.org, www.cepbookstore.com, www.gcp.org): Curriculum and other resources to assist leaders in the local church as they make disciples (Matthew 28:19) among children, youth, and adults in the congregation.



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Covenant Theological Seminary

(www.covenantseminary.edu): our denominational seminary in St. Louis, MO.



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(www.ridgehaven.org): providing camps, retreats, conferences, and etc.



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