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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): Laura Church (vocals), Paul Hepperle (leading worship), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), and Jared Salyards (piano).

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 3 years old is provided in Room 110.

Junior Church for children aged 4-Grade 3 is held in Room 111 during the sermon and communion time. Children are dismissed during the hymn before the sermon and will return to their parents during the final hymn.

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

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 146:1-2

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

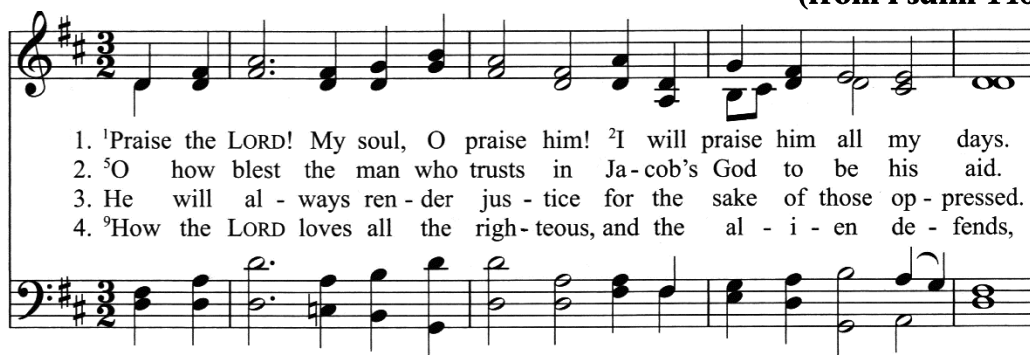
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

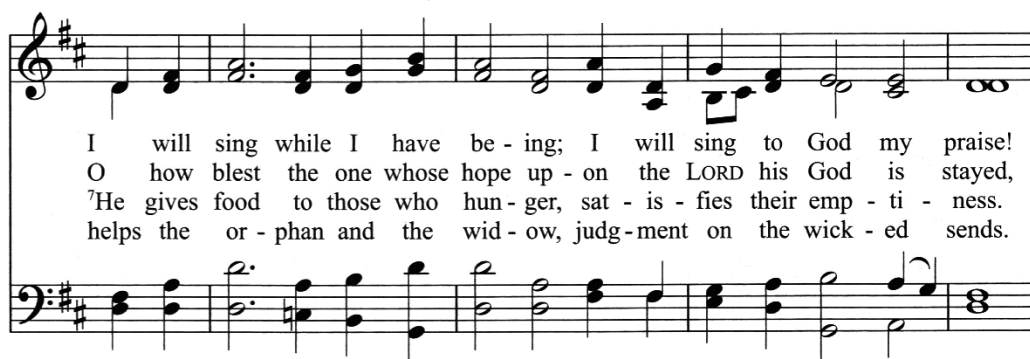
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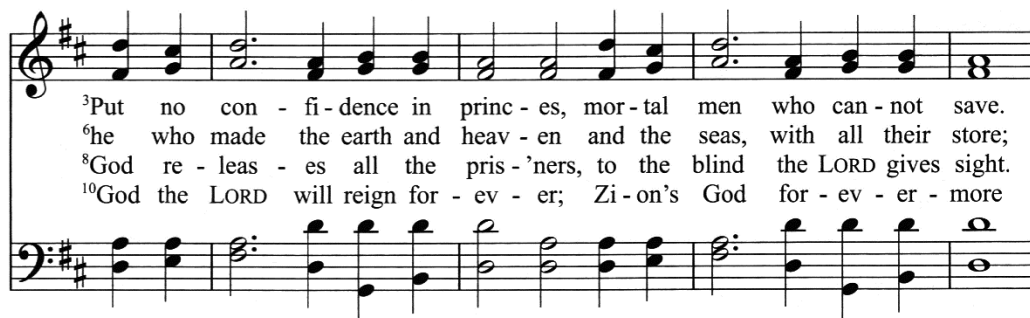
***Response of Praise: Praise the Lord! My Soul, O Praise Him!**
(from Psalm 146)



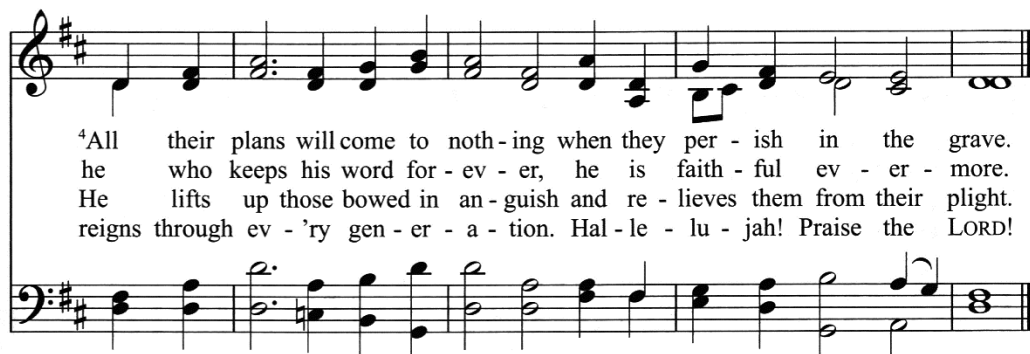
1. ¹Praise the LORD! My soul, O praise him! ²I will praise him all my days.
2. ⁵O how blest the man who trusts in Ja-cob's God to be his aid.
3. He will al - ways ren - der jus - tice for the sake of those op - pressed.
4. ⁹How the LORD loves all the righ - teous, and the al - i - en de - fends,



I will sing while I have be - ing; I will sing to God my praise!
O how blest the one whose hope up - on the LORD his God is stayed,
⁷He gives food to those who hun - ger, sat - is - fies their emp - ti - ness.
helps the or - phan and the wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.



³Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, mor - tal men who can - not save.
⁶he who made the earth and heav - en and the seas, with all their store;
⁸God re - leas - es all the pris - 'ners, to the blind the LORD gives sight.
¹⁰God the LORD will reign for - ev - er; Zi - on's God for - ev - er - more



⁴All their plans will come to noth - ing when they per - ish in the grave.
he who keeps his word for - ev - er, he is faith - ful ev - er - more.
He lifts up those bowed in an - guish and re - lieves them from their plight.
reigns through ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion. Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD!

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Lowell Mason, 1839

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***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Luke 24:44-47

Today we confess our faith from Luke's Gospel. Together we remember and repeat the words spoken by Jesus after his resurrection from the dead in which he describes how he has fulfilled the revelation of God in the Scriptures.

Then he said to them,

“These are my words that I spoke to you

while I was still with you,

that everything written about me in the Law of Moses

and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

and said to them,

“Thus it is written,

that the Christ should suffer

and on the third day rise from the dead,

and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins

should be proclaimed in his name to all nations,

beginning from Jerusalem.”

***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 blessings flow:

praise him, all creatures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host:

praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

A-men.

Reading of God's Standard

Exodus 23:1-3

Today's reading continues to explore in Scripture the ninth commandment's call to not bear false witness against our neighbor. (See Deuteronomy 5:20.)

"You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness.² You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice,³ nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his lawsuit.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Acts 10:43

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 8-14, 2023

Intercession *for the World*:

The Hershey Community: Choctoberfest

Civil Government: PA Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis

- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Taiwan
- **Unreached People Group:** Barahar of India
Population: 148,000; Language: Hindi; Religion: Hinduism

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:** Ken K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Asst. Treasurer Jessica Buckwalter
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Manor Presbyterian Church, Cochranville, PA
(Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)

Supported Missionary or Organizations: Mission to the World (MTW)

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

*During this song, children from 4 years old to 3^d grade are dismissed to attend
Junior Church in Room 111.*

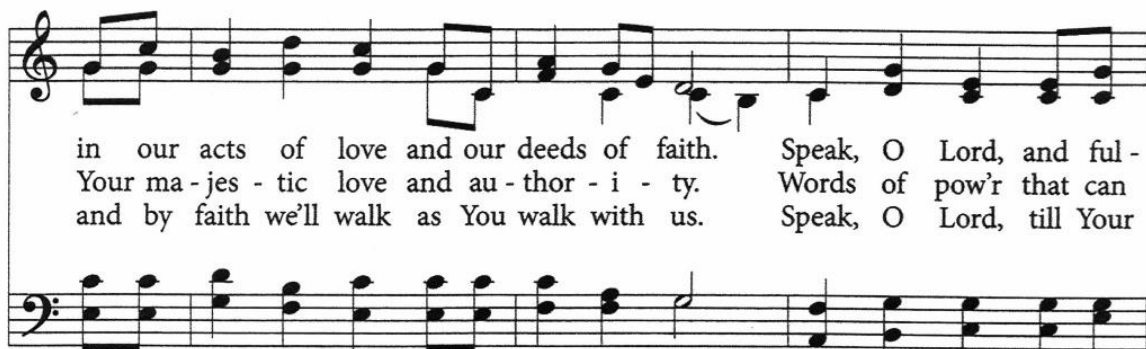
***Song of Preparation:**

Speak, O Lord

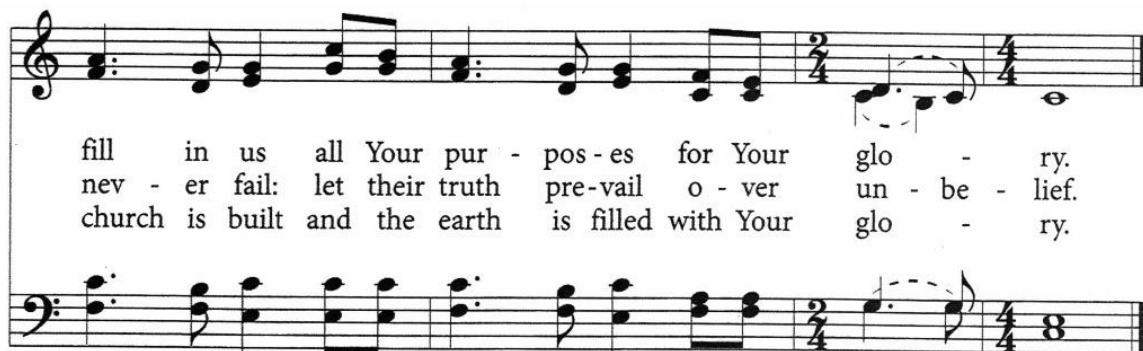
1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your

ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash-ion us
mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the ra - di-ance
plans for us: truths un-changed from the dawn of time that will ech - o down

in Your like - ness; that the light of Christ might be seen to - day
of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es,



in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your



fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
 nev - er fail: let their truth pre-vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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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 5:1-18

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

²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When 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?” ⁷The 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.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” ¹¹ But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” ¹² They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. 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.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. ¹⁶ And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” ¹⁸ This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

One with the Father (2):
A sermon series from chapters 5-6 of John's Gospel

Jesus Reveals Our Hearts

Today's Text: John 5:1-18

Pastor David Kertland

1. Our spiritual _____

2. Our spiritual _____

3. Our spiritual _____

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.'

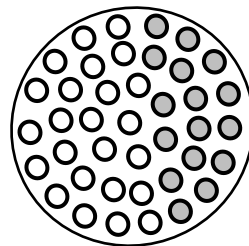
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

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) B \flat (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 -

B \flat (G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B \flat (G)

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

F(D) C(A) F(D) B \flat (G) F(D) C 7 (A 7) F(D) 7

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

SOLID ROCK L.M.ref.
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.
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- 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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