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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), Dave Eakin (vocals), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (leading worship and preaching), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals).

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 Keith Dolon and Dave Eakin.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 46:1-3

*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,*

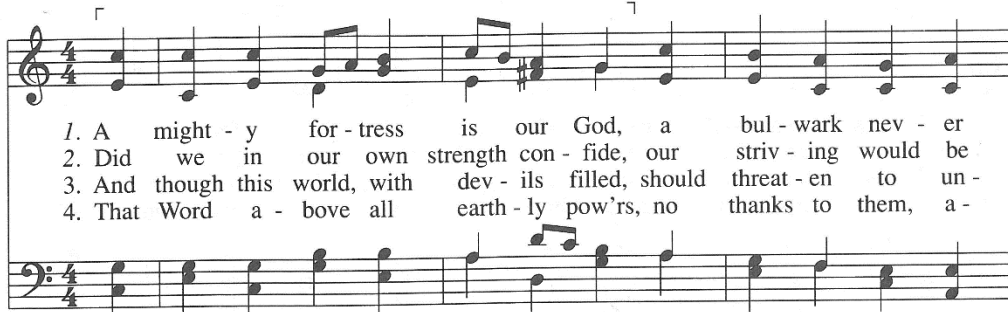
*though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.*

Light Text = Read by Leader

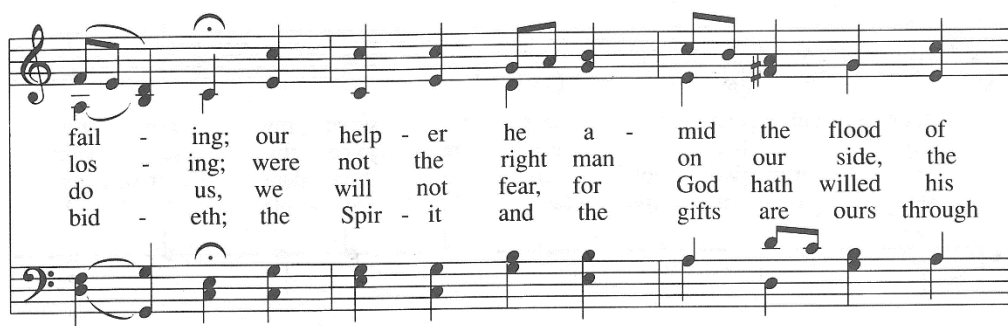
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*Response of Praise:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



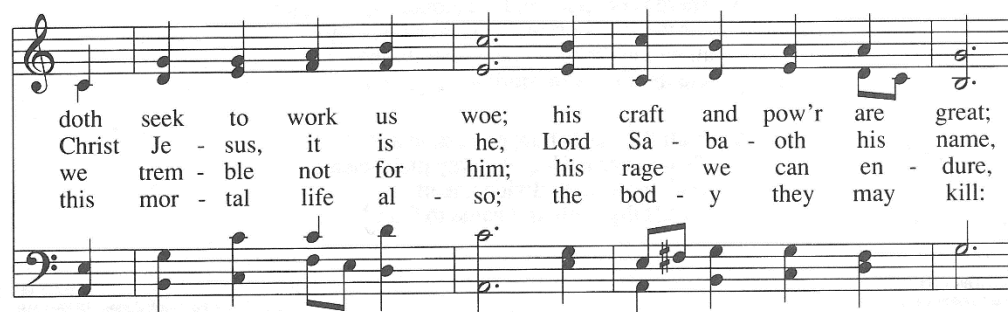
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
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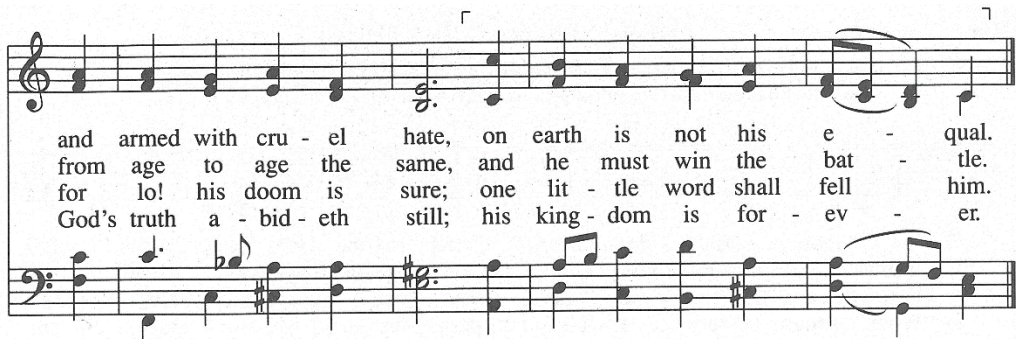
mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

EIN FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7.
 Martin Luther, 1529

Based on Psalm 46
 Martin Luther, 1529
 Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853



***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.

* "'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*.

***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.**

Reading of God's Standard

Zechariah 8:16-17

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.)

These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace; ¹⁷do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the LORD."

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Hebrews 10:12-17

[W]hen Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

*I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,"*

¹⁷then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 29-November 4, 2023

Intercession *for the World*:

The Hershey Community: Hershey Area Small Businesses

Civil Government: US Senator John Fetterman

- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** China

- **Unreached People Group:** Barda of India

Population: 4,100; Language: Marathi ; Religion: Hinduism

Unreached people groups make up 42.4% of the world's population (approximately 3.4 billion 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:** Lois K.

- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Women's Ministry Leadership Team

- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Trinity Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, PA
(Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)

Supported Missionary or Organizations: Ridge Haven
(PCA Camp, Conference & Retreat Center)

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.*

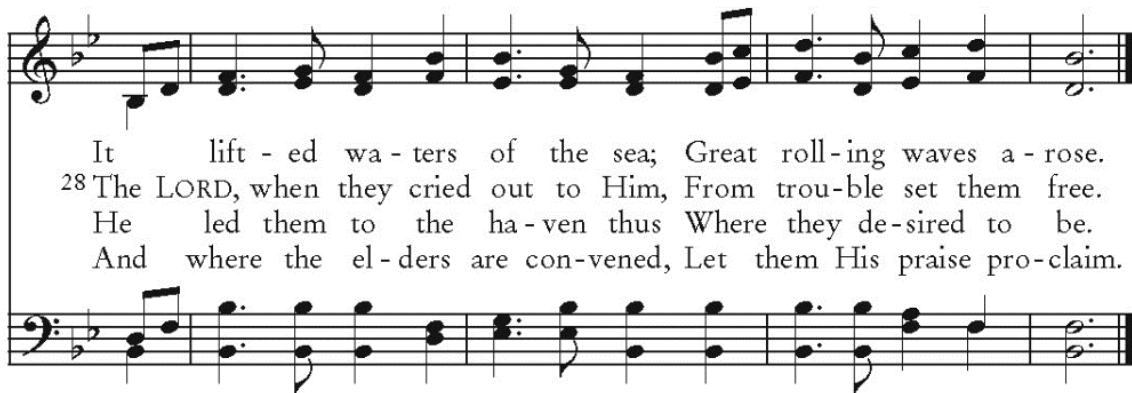
***Song of Preparation:**

**To Those Who Sail the Seas
(from Psalm 107)**

12. ²³ To those who sail the seas in ships And on great wa - ters trade,
13. ²⁶ The ships were lift-ed to the sky, Then down to depths they dropped.
14. ²⁹ The storm He changed in-to a calm By His com-mand and will,
15. ³¹ Let them give thanks un-to the LORD For all His kind-ness shown.

²⁴ The works and won-ders of the LORD Are in the deep dis - played.
The sail - ors' cour-age dis-ap-peared, And they be-came dis - traught.
And so the waves which raged be-fore Now qui-et were and still.
And for His works so won-der - ful Which He to men makes known.

²⁵ By His com-mand the wind was stirred That with a tem-pest blows;
²⁷ They stag-gered just like drunk-en men, And could no an - swer see;
³⁰ Then they were glad, be-cause at rest And qui - et was the sea.
³² A - mong the peo-ple where they meet Let them ex - alt His name;



Lowell Mason, 1830

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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 6:1-21

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick.

³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about

five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

One with the Father (5):

Sermon: A sermon series from chapters 5-6 of John's Gospel

God's Deliverer

Today's Text: John 6:1-21

Pastor David Kertland

1. A _____ Meal

2. A _____ Home

Conclusion: Why are you _____ Jesus?

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.'

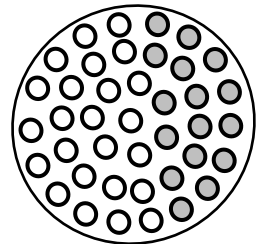
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

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: We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken

Joshua Moore

Chorus

F F/D Bb F Dm C Bb

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

4 Gm C F F/D Bb F

hearts re - stored. He has done great things; we will say to - ge - ther

7 Dm C Bb C F *fine* Verse Bb

we will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned
2. In the dark of night
3. Ev-ery vow we've bro -

10 Dm Bb C Dm

by the fire; He is the Lord our God.
be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a - fraid
- ken and be - trayed You are the faith - ful One

13 Bb Dm Bb

we are not con - sumed by the flood - up - held, pro -
for the pro-mised morn - ing, O how long; O God of
and from the gar - den to the grave, bind us to -

16 C Dm C/E

tect - ed ga - thered up.
Ja - cob be my strength.
geth - er bring Sha - lom.

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

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:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (92) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "To Those Who Sail the Seas" (107D) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). "We Will Feast in the House of Zion" (2015, Drink Your Tea Music). The lead sheet was downloaded at cardiphonia.org/tag/sandra-mccracken/ and is from Sandra McCracken's album *Psalms* (sandramccracken.bandcamp.com/album/psalms). 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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