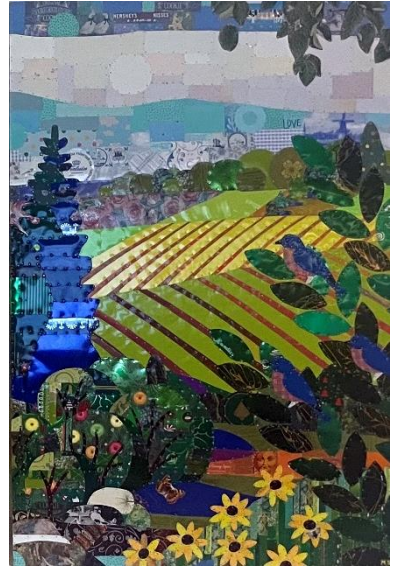
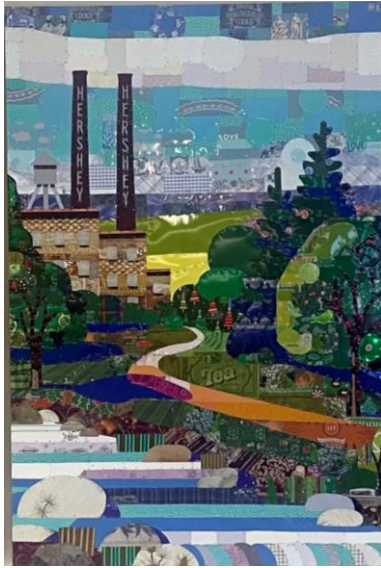




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Front Cover Artwork

Michael J. Sweere, *Untitled*. Tin mosaic tryptic. Currently hanging in the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Emergency Department Waiting Room. Personal photo from 04/25/2024. Used with permission of the artist.

Artist's comments on the work (posted on site): "Inspired by the diversity of the Pennsylvania landscape, this artwork has been created from recycled tin. By carefully cutting apart discarded tin objects—canisters that once held candy, chocolates, tea, etc., the artist fashioned shapes that could safely be attached to a plywood panel with a hammer and small wire nails. The layers of tin are pounded flat to create a smooth, 'stitched' surface."

From the artist: "I create mosaics by utilizing pieces of broken dishware, ceramic and porcelain tile, glass and found objects like vintage buttons, stones and old coins. 'Mixing' a color palette from non-traditional materials and working with a wide range of patterns and texture is similar to creating a painting. I place glass, tile and stones together like brush strokes, adding another dimension of depth and reflection to the artwork surface."

About the artist: "I was born and raised in Owatonna, Minnesota and currently live in Minnesota with my wife and dogs. I was employed in the advertising industry for almost 20 years before launching the Michael Sweere Mosaic Company in 2005. When I'm away from the studio I enjoy visiting America's national parks, collecting folk art and skateboarding." For more information and contact information, see <https://www.michaelsweeremosaic.com>.

About Center Stage Arts in Health at Penn State: "Center Stage in the Department of Humanities strives to create an environment that integrates the healing power of art, music and creativity at Penn State Health and College of Medicine." For more information, see <https://sites.psu.edu/centerstage/>.



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 (leading worship and violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Peter Gobble (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals). Pam Linstedt (vocals), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (piano), and 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 Joe Kearns and Nick Yingst.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;

his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
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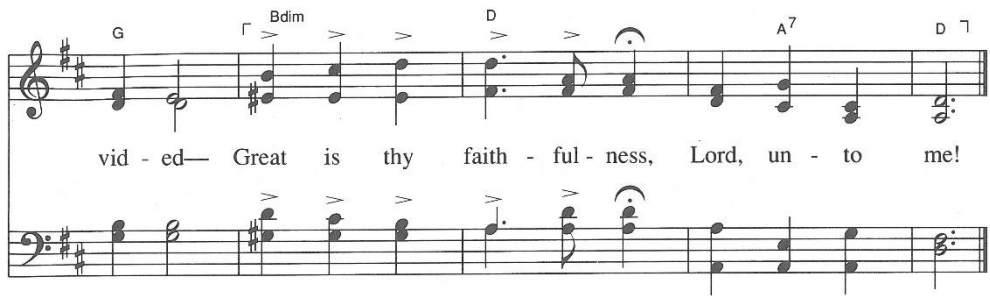
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 William M. Runyan, 1923

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

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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.

* “‘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.**

Welcome New Members!

We welcome to the Tsai family, new members of Hershey PCA who were recently received on reaffirmation of faith by our Session.

The Tsai children are now also received as non-communing members by right of the covenant. Because they have a believing parent(s), they belong here and are welcome here as part of the church family.

Non-communicant members do not yet take communion, waiting until the time they are ready to profess their own personal faith in Jesus Christ to our elders. We look forward to that day! Until then, we make a promise to the family that we will assist the parents in raising their children in the Lord.

New members

**Anthony Tsai
Rachel Ballach**

New non-communicant members

**Sadie Tsai
Zoey Tsai
Zander Tsai**

To join Hershey PCA, communing members have taken the following vows (from *The Book of Church Order of the PCA*, 57-5) after attending the *Introduction to Hershey PCA* class and giving a credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ to our Session:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners, in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

If you are interested in pursuing membership at Hershey PCA,
please talk to Pastor Kertland or one of our Ruling Elders (see back cover).

The Sacrament of Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today are the covenant children of Anthony Tsai and Rachel Ballach:

Sadie Kay Tsai

Zoey Rae Tsai

Zander George Tsai

Baptism was instituted by Christ. As this sign and seal is applied, we remember that “the promise is made to believers and their children; and that children of believers have an interest in the covenant, and right to the seal of it, and to the outward privileges of the Church, under the Gospel....”*

Exhortation to the parents:*

Reading the covenant promises:*

Genesis 17:7: “And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

Acts 2:39: “For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Acts 16:31: “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Questions for the parents:*

1. Do you acknowledge your children’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question for the congregation:*

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

Prayer for Blessing

Baptism in the Triune Name

Concluding Prayer

*From the PCA’s Book of Church Order, 56-4, 5, & 6.

***Song of the Covenant: In Your Arms, Lord Jesus Christ**

Unison

1. In your arms, Lord Je - sus Christ, chil - dren have a
 2. Sav - ior, on these lit - tle ones place your Fa - ther's
 3. Wash them at the foun - tain, Lord, o - pened for our
 4. Yours they are, our her - i - tage, grant - ed in your
 5. Teach us, Lord, to teach your child; guide us as we

place: brought to you to feel your touch, Lord,
 claim; seal them as his chil - dren, Je - sus,
 • sin; we bap - tize with wa - ter's sym - bol:
 love: chil - dren of your prom - ise, Sav - ior,
 guide. Lead this lit - tle one to know you,

st. 1-4 *st. 5*

bless them with your grace.
 give to them your name.
 • yours to cleanse with - in.
 send your Spir - it's dove.
 joy - ful at your side.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Exodus 20:8-11

As we listen to this reading of Scripture today we remember that our God is a holy God, "a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29), and so we are to "see that [we] do not refuse him who is speaking" (Hebrews 12:25).

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Q. 54. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.

Q. 54. Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

Q. 61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment forbids the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Hebrews 4:9-10

The Declaration of Pardon announces that the Scriptures promise forgiveness to all those who repent, confessing their sins to God and putting their faith in Jesus Christ.

[T]here remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of April 28-May 4, 2024

Intercession for the World:

- **The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Carter Wyckoff
- **Civil Government:** PA Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Honduras
- **Unreached People Group:** Batgama of Sri Lanka
Population: 390,000; Language: Sinhala; Religion: Buddhism

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:** Darlene K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Retired Teaching Elder Mark Tedford
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
(A sister 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: "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

Church Family Children

*The congregation is asked to join in for the final verse.
See music on next page.*

*Song of Preparation:

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah



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:**

Isaiah 55:6-7

*Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Compassion and Pardon

Today's Text: Isaiah 55:6-7

Pastor David Kertland

1. An urgent _____

2. An urgent _____

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.'

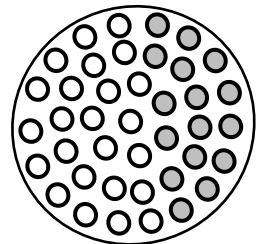
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.

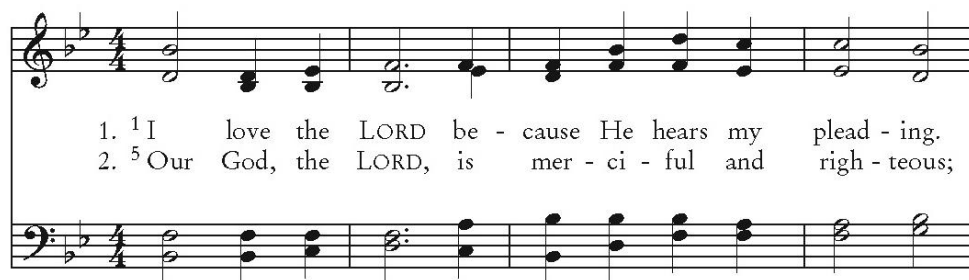


white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

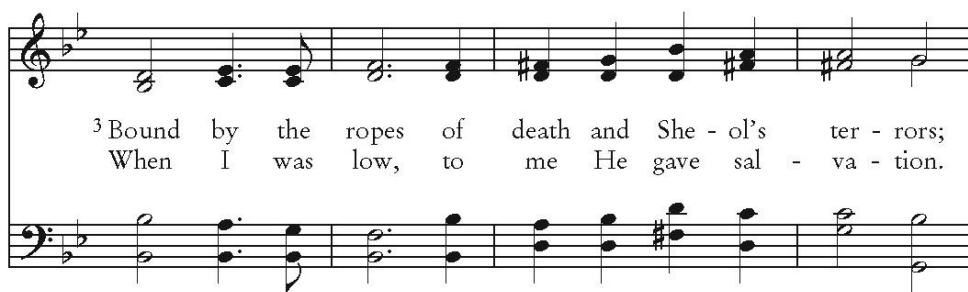
***Song of Dedication & Service: I Love the Lord (Psalm 116:1-8a)**



1. ¹ I love the LORD be - cause He hears my plead - ing.
2. ⁵ Our God, the LORD, is mer - ci - ful and righ - teous;



² He's heed - ed me; through life I'll call on Him.
⁶ Gra - cious, the LORD pre - serves the sim - ple ones.



³ Bound by the ropes of death and She - ol's ter - rors;
When I was low, to me He gave sal - va - tion.



In deep dis - tress I grief and trou - ble found.
⁷ Turn back a - gain, my soul, and be at rest;

TIDINGS 11, 10, 11, 10, 9, 11

James Walch, 1889

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4 Then on the LORD's name in prayer I called:
Rest, for the LORD has dealt well with you.

8 "O LORD, I pray to You, de - liv - er my soul!"
My help - less soul You have de - liv - ered from death.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction:

Philippians 4:23

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

*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.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Michael J. Sweere, *Untitled*. Tin mosaic tryptic. Currently hanging in the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Emergency Department Waiting Room. Personal photo from 04/25/2024. Used with permission of the artist.
- 2) **Music:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (32) and "In Your Arms, Lord Jesus Christ" (419) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music for "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah," originally sung by Judy Rogers, was notated by Anita Wood. "I Love the Lord" (116C) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Pittsburgh, PA: Crown & Covenant Publications, 2013). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **Note from the Pastor:** Along with the Hebrew and English texts, a variety of commentaries and study aids have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the book of Isaiah, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of John Calvin, Bob Fyall, Matthew Henry, J. Alec Motyer, Graham S. Ogden, Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr., Shalom M. Paul, Gary V. Smith, Jan Sterk, Barry G. Webb, Edward J. Young, 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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Our Supported Missions and Missionaries:

As a congregation, Hershey PCA supports a variety of people and agencies seeking to advance the gospel and build up the church, including:

John & Kathy Clow (MTW Honduras)
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Chris & Kelsey Peter (RUF at Millersville)
Cam & Kaela Smith (RUF at PSU)
Richard & Lynne Smith (RUF-I at PSU)
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