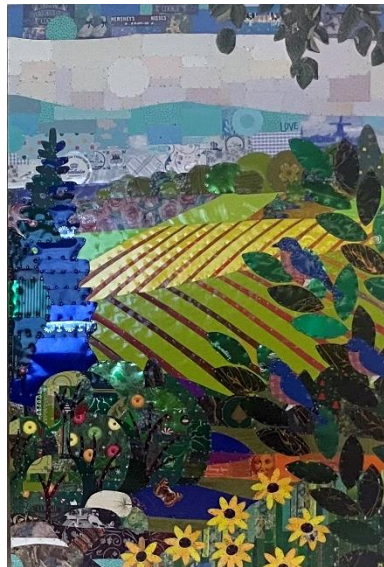
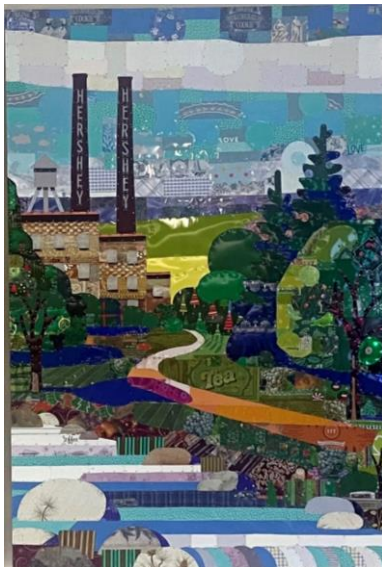




Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

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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): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Keith Dolon (sound), Peter Gible (viola), Paul Hepperle (preaching), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Grace Salyards (French horn), Jared Salyards (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

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.

Prelude

Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and grandmothers! While our worship service remains focused on the worship of our Sovereign God, we are grateful to Him for providing mothers who love and care for the covenant children of our worship site. Thank you for all that you do!

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 5:7-8

*But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.*

I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

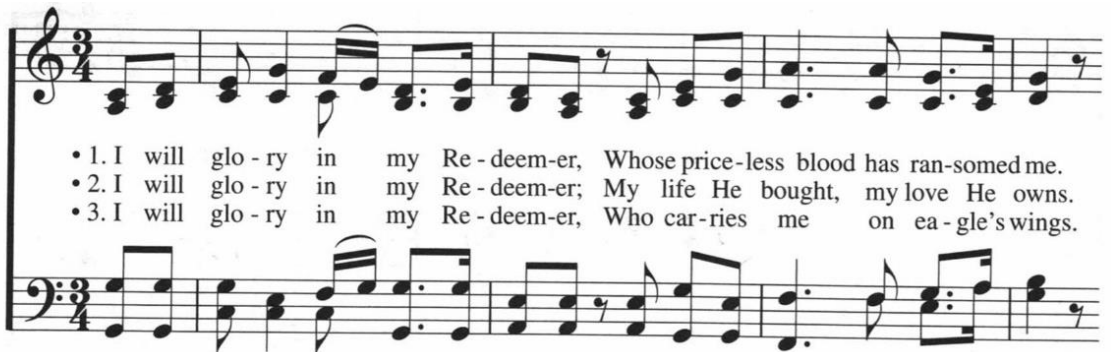
⁸ *Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.*

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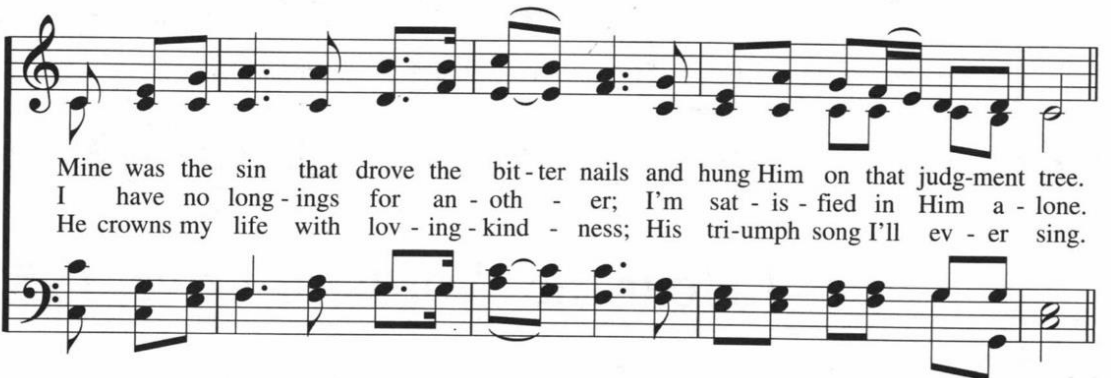
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*Response of Praise:

I Will Glory in My Redeemer



• 1. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, Whose price - less blood has ran - somed me.
• 2. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er; My life He bought, my love He owns.
• 3. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, Who car - ries me on ea - gle's wings.



Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails and hung Him on that judg - ment tree.
I have no long - ings for an - oth - er; I'm sat - is - fied in Him a - lone.
He crowns my life with lov - ing - kind - ness; His tri - umph song I'll ev - er sing.

I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, Who crushed the pow'r of sin and
 I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, His faith - ful - ness, my stand - ing
 I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, Who waits for me at gates of

death; My on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the Ho - ly Judge, The
 place. Though foes are might - y and rush up - on me, My
 gold. And when He calls me, it will be par - a - dise, His

Lamb who is my right - eous - ness, The Lamb who is my right - eous - ness.
 feet are firm, held by His grace, My feet are firm, held by His grace.
 face for - ev - er to be - hold, His face for - ev - er to be - hold.

Words and Music: Steve Cook and Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

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*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

***Confession of Faith:**

Psalm 119:9-16

*Today we confess our faith in God's Holy Word using a portion of Psalm 119,
a psalm that extols God's Word.*

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

I have stored up your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes!

With my lips I declare

all the rules of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies I delight

as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts

and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

***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.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Isaiah 58:12-14

Today's reading continues to explore in Scripture the Fourth Commandment about the Sabbath.

*And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to dwell in.*

*¹³ "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath,
from doing your pleasure on my holy day,
and call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;*

*¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Colossians 2:13-14

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.

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of May 12-18, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Richard Zmuda
- **Civil Government:** PA Supreme Court Justices
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** India
- **Unreached People Group:** Bathada of India

Population: 3,600; Language: Kannada; 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:** Trudy K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Pastor David Kertland

Our Denomination (PCA): Wheatland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)

- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Susquehanna Valley Presbytery

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: "When Peace Like a River"

arr. Paul S. Jones

Words to this hymn are on the back of the Missions Focus insert in this booklet.

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

*Song of Preparation: The Spirit Breathes upon the Word

1. The Spir - it breathes up - on the Word, and brings the truth to
 2. A glo - ry gilds the sa - cred page, ma - jes - tic, like the
 3. The Hand that gave it still sup - plies the gra - cious light and
 4. Let ev - er - last - ing thanks be thine for such a bright dis -
 5. My soul re - joic - es to pur - sue the steps of him I

sight; pre - cepts and prom - is - es af - ford a
 sun: it gives a light to ev - ery age; it
 • heat: his truths up - on the na - tions rise; they
 play as makes a world of dark - ness shine with
 love, till glo - ry breaks up - on my view in

sanc - ti - fy - ing light, a sanc - ti - fy - ing light.
 gives, but bor - rows none, it gives, but bor - rows none.
 • rise, but nev - er set, they rise, but nev - er set.
 beams of heav'n - ly day, with beams of heav'n - ly day.
 bright - er worlds a - bove, in bright - er worlds a - bove.

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 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

The Firm Faith of Timothy

Today's Text: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Paul Hepperle

1. A _____ faith
2. A _____ faith
3. A faith _____

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 God's Blessing

*Song of Dedication & Service:

How Firm a Foundation

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.

J. Funk's A Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832.

G C G D G C

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

G D⁷ G F D/F# Em Am⁷ C

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

G D G C G D⁷ G 7

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

God's Blessing

*Closing Prayer

*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

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* Congregation standing



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