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Front Cover Artwork

Albrecht Dürer, *Young Hare*, 1502, watercolor, 9.8 in. × 8.8 in., Albertina Museum, Vienna.

About the Artist: Albrecht Dürer was a German painter, printmaker, and theorist of the German Renaissance. Born in Nuremberg, Dürer established his reputation and influence across Europe in his twenties due to his high-quality woodcut prints. He was in contact with the major Italian artists of his time, including Raphael, Giovanni Bellini, and Leonardo da Vinci, and from 1512 was patronized by Emperor Maximilian I.

Dürer's vast body of work includes engravings, his preferred technique in his later prints, altarpieces, portraits and self-portraits, watercolors and books. The woodcuts series are more Gothic than the rest of his work. His well-known engravings include [his] three Meisterstiche [Master Prints] *Knight, Death and the Devil*, *Saint Jerome in his Study*, and *Melencolia I*. His watercolors mark him as one of the first European landscape artists, while his woodcuts revolutionized the potential of that medium.

artsandculture.google.com/entity/albrechtdürer/m0z6n?categoryId=artist&h=en

About the Cover Artwork: Dürer's most popular image and certainly his most commercial today is a watercolor of *A Young Hare*. It was painted for the sheer enjoyment that Dürer experienced in creating images and it is this pleasure that we experience when looking at it. The life and vitality of the creature is a testament to Dürer's skill as an artist as it was probably drawn from a stuffed model. This is a virtuoso piece of watercolor painting that demonstrates the intensity of an artist's vision when executed with a total control of his medium.

To begin the work, Dürer lightly sketched the image and underpainted it with some brown washes. Then he patiently built up the texture of the fur with a variety of dark and light brushstrokes in both watercolor and gouache. Gradually, the painting is brought to completion with the addition of a few refined details such as the whiskers and the meticulous reflection of a window in the creature's eye. Finally, the artist dated and signed the work with his famous monogram—a mark of his approval and a sign that he thought of this work as a finished artwork in its own right.

artyfactory.com/art_appreciation/animals_in_art/albrecht_durer.htm



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), Keith Dolon (sound), Peter Gible (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Anita Wood (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 2 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 Dave Eakin and Nick Yingst.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-14

*I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice
and my pleas for mercy.*

***² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.***

***³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.***

What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Father, Father of All Things

Unison **D** **Asus** **A**

1. Fa - ther, Fa - ther of all things, we bless you.
 2. Je - sus, on - ly Son of the liv - ing God,
 3. Spir - it, sent by the Son to dwell in us,

F# **Bm** **G** **D**

Fa - ther, we love and a - dore you. O Fa - ther, your chil - dren
 Je - sus, you will - ing - ly suf - fered that thro' you we might know his
 liv - ing and work - ing with - in us to make us more like

A **F# D**

praise you. Fa - ther, Fa - ther of light and
 love. Je - sus, cleanse us, your peo - ple, and
 Je - sus; Spir - it, fall down up - on us as

A7 **A** **F#** **Bm** **Bm/A**

pow - er, Fa - ther, your great - ness sur - rounds the earth and
 fill us. Pour down your Spir - it up - on us that
 fi - re. Fill and e - quip us with pow - er and

all of your chil - dren de - clare you are Lord.
 we as your bod - y may and show forth your love.
 draw from us love and praise to the Lord.

Lyn Riley, 1979

FATHER OF ALL THINGS Irreg.
 Neil Riley, 1979

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***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Psalm 107:1-9

***Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good
 for his steadfast love endures forever!
 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
 whom he has redeemed from trouble
 and gathered in from the lands,
 from the east and from the west,
 from the north and from the south.***

***Some wandered in desert wastes,
 finding no way to a city to dwell in;
 hungry and thirsty,
 their soul fainted within them.***

***Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
 and he delivered them from their distress.***

***He led them by a straight way
 till they reached a city to dwell in.***

***Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
 for his wondrous works to the children of man!***

***For he satisfies the longing soul,
 and the hungry soul he fills with good things.***

***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

Matthew 5:21-22

Today's reading continues to explore in Scripture the Sixth Commandment, "Thou shall not murder."

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

Confession of Sin

from Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

***Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.***

***Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.***

***Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.***

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 Timothy 1:15a

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of July 14-20, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
Doctors, Nurses, Staff, and Board of Directors
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** South Korea
- **Unreached People Group:** Bauti of India
Population: 1,700; Language: Odia; 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:** Assistant Treasurer
Jessica Buckwalter
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Providence Presbyterian Church, York, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Covenant Theological Seminary

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

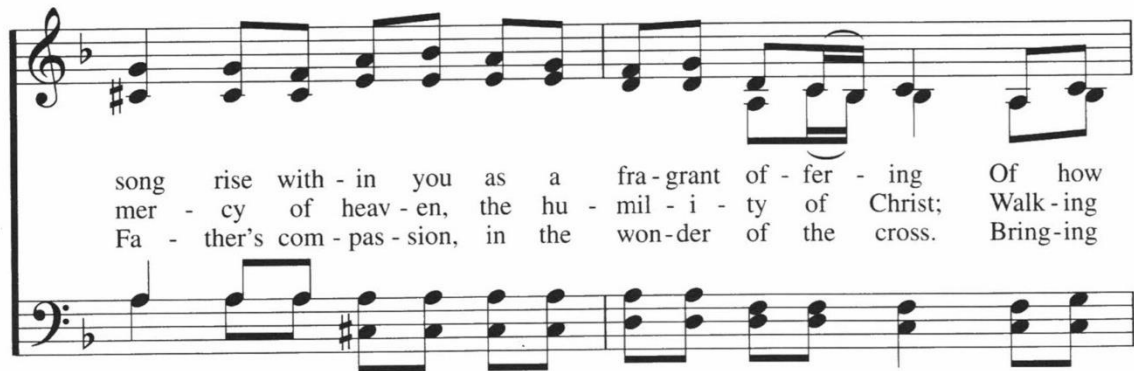
*During this song, children from 4 years old to 3rd grade are dismissed
to attend Junior Church in Room 111.*

***Song of Preparation:**

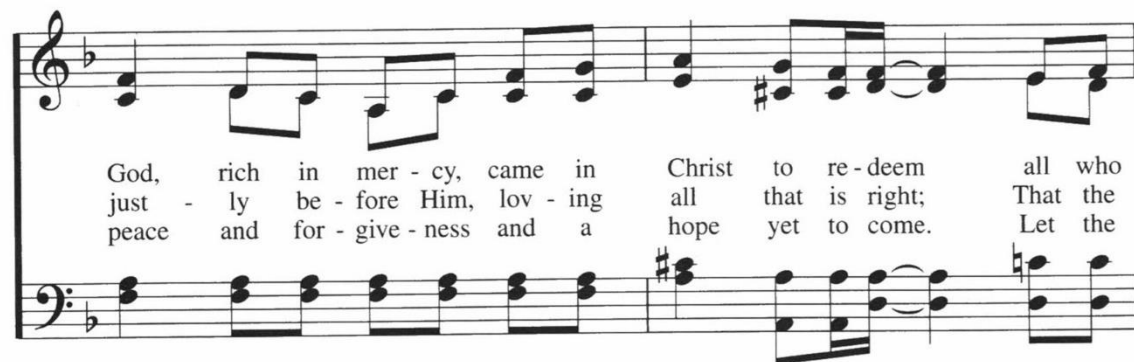
Hear the Call of the Kingdom



1. Hear the call of the King-dom, lift your eyes to the King. Let His
2. Hear the call of the King-dom to be chil - dren of light, With the
3. Hear the call of the King-dom to reach out to the lost; With the



song rise with - in you as a fra - grant of - fer - ing Of how
mer - cy of heav - en, the hu - mil - i - ty of Christ; Walk - ing
Fa - ther's com - pas - sion, in the won - der of the cross. Bring - ing



God, rich in mer - cy, came in Christ to re - deem all who
just - ly be - fore Him, lov - ing all that is right; That the
peace and for - give - ness and a hope yet to come. Let the

trust in His un-fail-ing grace.
light of Christ may shine through us. King of heav-en, we will an-swer the
na-tions put their trust in Him.

call; We will fol-low, bring-ing hope to the world, filled with

pas-sion, filled with pow-er to pro-claim sal-va-tion in Je-sus' name.

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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 8:56-58

"Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."

⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?"

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

"One with the Father" (17)

Sermon:

"I Am."

Today's Text: John 8:56-58

Pastor David Kertland

1. " _____ do you make yourself out to be?"

2. _____ does it matter?

a. The Lord _____

b. The Lord _____

c. The Lord _____ fellowship

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.'

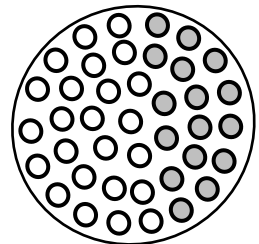
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.

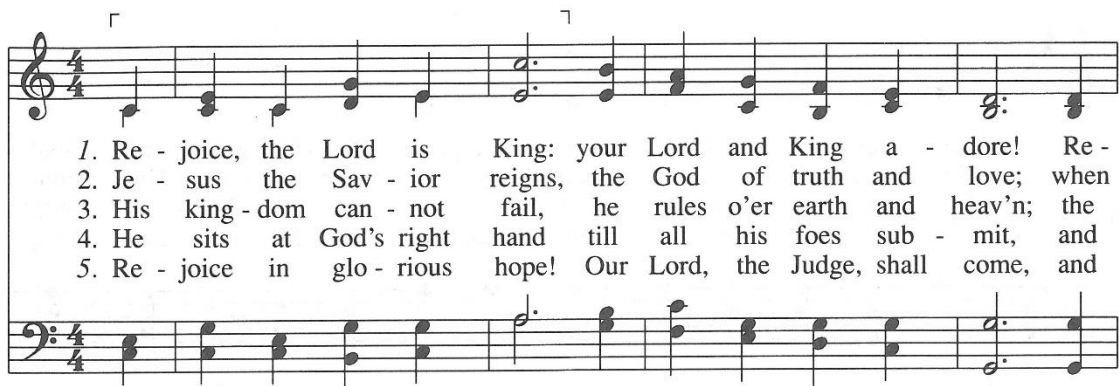


white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

Prayer

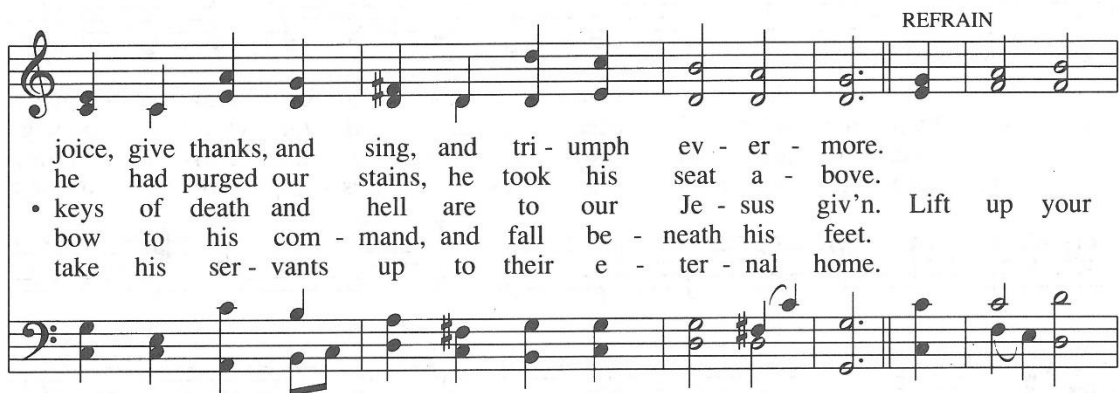
Receiving God's Blessing

*Song of Dedication & Service: Rejoice, the Lord Is King

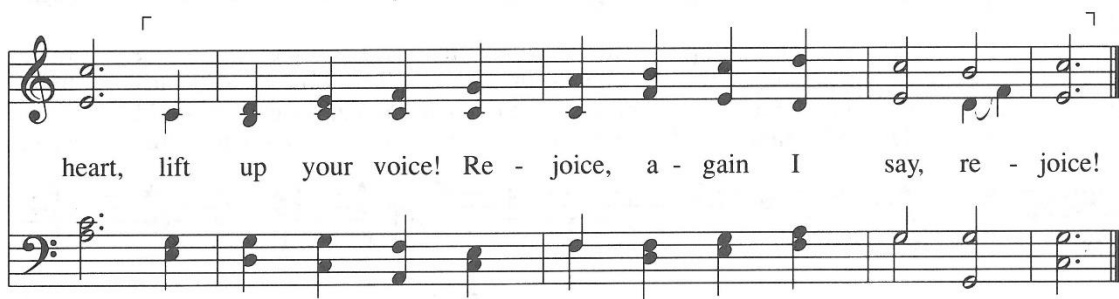


1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

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joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Receiving 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.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Albrecht Dürer, *Young Hare*, 1502, watercolor, 9.8 in. x 8.8 in., Albertina Museum, Vienna.
- 2) **Music:** "Father, Father of All Things" (106) and "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" (310) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Hear the Call of the Kingdom" (419) is reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (Los Angeles, CA: The Master's Seminary Press, 2015). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: about the artist: artsandculture.google.com/entity/albrechtdurer/m0z6n?categoryId=artist&h=en, about the artwork: artyfactory.com/art_appreciation/animals_in_art/albrecht_durer.htm. 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 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 Eric Alexander, 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).

* Congregation standing



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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.



Covenant College (www.covenant.edu):

our denominational college on Lookout Mountain, GA (overlooking Chattanooga, TN)



Covenant Theological Seminary

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



PCA Administrative Committee (www.pcaac.org): promotes the unity, purity, and mission of the PCA.



Reformed Universities Ministries (www.ruf.org): the PCA college campus ministry



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



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