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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): Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Peter Gible (viola), Paul Hepperle (leading worship) Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (piano).

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 Ephraim Church and Josh Franklin.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 62:1-2, 8

*For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.*

*² He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.*

*⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.*

Light Text = Read by Leader
Bold Text = Read by All

Response of Praise:*My Soul Find Rest in God Alone**

1. ¹ My soul finds rest in God a - lone; Sal - va - tion comes from Him.
2. ⁴ They plot to bring him top - pling down, In lies they take de - light;
3. ⁷ On God a - lone my glo - ry rests, And my sal - va - tion sure.



² He's my sal - va - tion, for - tress, rock; Un - shak - en I'll re - main.
And as they bless him with their mouth, In heart they curse with spite.
God is my might - y rock of strength, My ref - uge most se - cure.



³ How long will you at - tack a man, By mur - der make him fall,
⁵ Find rest, my soul, in God a - lone, For my hope comes from Him.
⁸ In Him, O peo - ple, at all times Re - ly with con - fi - dence;



As though he were a tot - t'ring fence, Or like a lean - ing wall?
⁶ He's my sal - va - tion, for - tress, rock; Un - shak - en I'll re - main.
Be - fore Him, now, pour out your heart, For God is our de - fense.



***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Nicene Creed

We confess our common faith today with the Nicene Creed, a summary of the Bible's teaching about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of the Spirit. From the Trinity Hymnal: "The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ."

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,*
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

* The term "very God of very God" means that our Lord Jesus Christ is "true God from true God."

** "'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.**

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

1 John 3:11-16

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

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 John 4:14-16a

[We] have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of July 21-27, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Hershey Medical Center Emergency Department
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner Justion Douglas
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Taiwan
- **Unreached People Group:** Bavcha of India
Population: 5,600; Language: Gujarati; 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):** New Life Presbyterian Church, York, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Lebanon Valley Presbyterian Church
(A church plant in the 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

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

*Song of Preparation:

Grace

C C C/E F C Am

1. Your grace, that leads the sin - ner home from death to life for - ev -
2. Your grace, that rea - ches far and wide to ev - ery tribe and na -
3. Your grace that I can - not ex - plain not by my earth - ly wis -
4. Let praise rise up and o - ver - flow, my song re-sound for - ev -

G C C/E F C G

er and sings the song of right - eous - ness by blood and not by mer -
tion, has called my heart to en - ter in the joy of Your sal - va -
dom the prince of life, with - out a stain was trad - ed for this sin -
er; for grace will see me wel - comed home to walk be - side my sav -

1. C Am G C 2,3,4. C Refrain

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grace I am re-deemed, by grace I am re-stored; and now I free-ly

walk in - to the arms of Christ, my Lord.

3. Your Lord. By Lord.

4. Let

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 9

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight."¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.²¹ But how he

now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”²² (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.”²⁵ He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.”²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”³⁰ The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.”³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.”³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.”³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴ They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.”³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

“One with the Father” (18)

Sermon:

“The Light of the World”

Today’s Text: John 9
Pastor David Kertland

1. The _____

2. Persevering _____

3. Confident _____

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.'

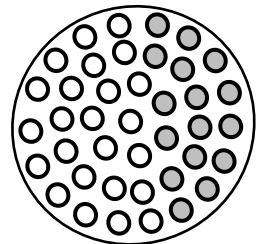
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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: O God beyond All Praising**

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The first system includes two verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are: '1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day / 2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay; / that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King; for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send, and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,'

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless- ings with - out num - ber and mer- cies with - out end:
we'll tri- umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Michael Perry, 1982

THAXTED 13.13.13.13.13.13.
From Gustav Holst, *The Planets*, 1918

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Receiving God's Blessing

***Benediction:**

1 Peter 5:14b

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

***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:** "My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone" (62B) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). "Grace" in hymnal form was purchased at www.gettymusic.com. "O God beyond All Praising" (660) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). 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).

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

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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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