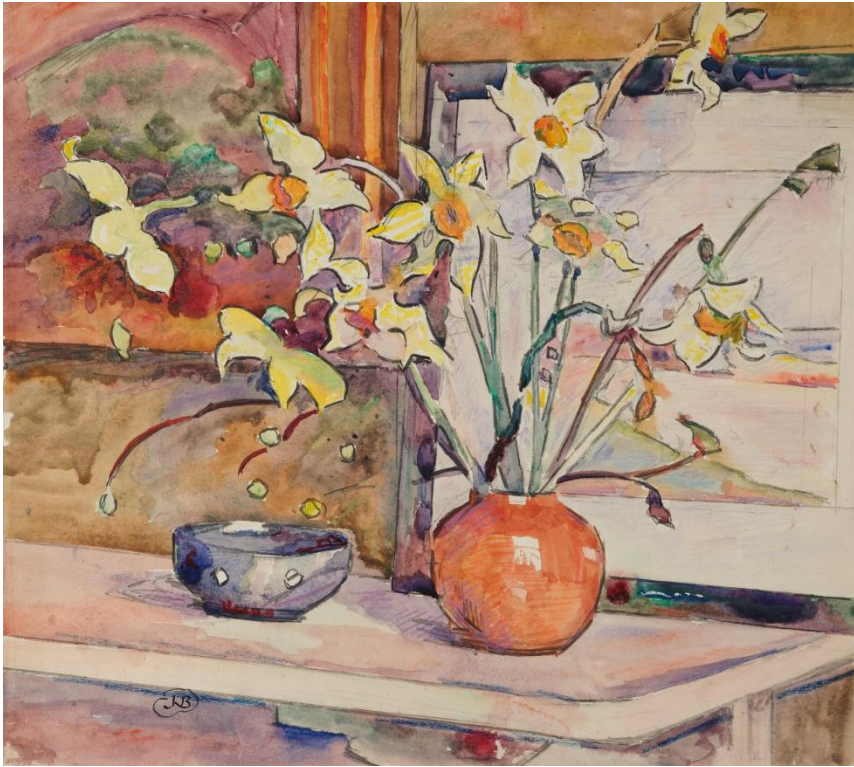




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Front Cover Artwork

James Brown (1863-1943), *Daffodils*, watercolor with crayon and graphite, 1912-1943, 27.8 cm. x 31 cm., signed in black ink at lower left: "JB" (encircled). Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford, Presented by Sebastien Brown, 1984. On location in the Western Art Print Room (not on display), Accession No. WA1984.140. Image © Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford. A special thank you to Amy Taylor, Picture Library Manager, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, for specific permission for use. www.ashmolean.org/collections-online#/item/ash-object-93220

James Brown (1863-1943) was born in London. He was both a painter and a musician. As a musician, he was an authority on string music and the originator of the Polychordia String Melodies (1920s), a teaching method and repertory for young string players. It was not until late in life that he began to paint seriously.

He was already in his fiftieth year when in 1912, his work was noticed by the distinguished critic Frank Rutter in an exhibition in Richmond. Rutter sought him out and took him to meet Lucien Pissaro. A close friendship developed between Pissaro and Brown and on many occasions the two went painting together. As a result of Pissaro's help and encouragement, coupled with the stimulus of meeting J. B. Manson, Ludovic Rodo Pissaro and Maurice Asselin, Brown became fired with an immense enthusiasm for painting. He endeavored to understand the principles of impressionism and developed his own interpretation of it.

Apart from one or two early attempts, Brown never showed his work in public. Hence it has been...known only to a small circle of friends. Many of the paintings are signed with the pseudonym "P. Conway" which Brown used for some years, but later he returned to his own name.

The Ashmolean is the University of Oxford's museum of art and archaeology, founded in 1683. It holds a wide-ranging collection from Egyptian mummies to contemporary art, telling human stories across cultures and across time. You can browse their collection online, as well as explore the Ashmolean from home. Home learning activities can also be found on their website at <https://www.ashmolean.org>.



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 you have come to worship God with us as we come to him through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 3 years old is provided in Room 110. Today's Nursery Workers are Nancy Eakin and Grace Salyards.

A **Junior Church** for children aged 4-Grade 2 is offered in Room 111 during the sermon and communion time for our young worshippers. This time begins during the hymn before the sermon. Children participating in Junior church will return to their parents during the final hymn. Today's Junior Church Teacher is Asahel Church.

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), Jericho Church (vocals), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Peter Gible (viola), Paul Hepperle (preaching), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), David Kertland (leading worship), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (communion pianist).

Today's Communion Servers are Michael Kitchens and Greg Moore.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

from Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

...

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

***Response of Praise:**

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225
 Tr. by William H. Draper, 1926
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Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

*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.

***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.**

* "‘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*.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Deuteronomy 5:6, 11

⁶ *"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."*

...

¹¹ *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."*

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

A. The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

Q. 55. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment forbids all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of April 6-12, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **Hershey Community:** Derry Township Director of Community Development
Charles Emerick
- **Civil Government:** US Senator Dave McCormick
- **Unreached People Group:** Soliman Bedouin of Chad

Population: 44,000; Language: Arabic; Religion: Islam

"...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:** Peter M.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Women's Ministry Leadership Team
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Providence Presbyterian Church, York
(A sister church 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: "Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord)"

Mozart, arr.by Jgcuaz

(See lyrics on page 16.)

During this song, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in Room 111. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the door to the right when facing the stage.

*Song of Preparation:

O for a Closer Walk with God

What does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Mic. 6:8

1. O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heav'n - ly frame,
 2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;
 3. The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,
 4. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
 help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper, 1779

BEATITUDO C.M.
 John B. Dykes, 1875

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**

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

*Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.*

*² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.*

*³ "O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!*

*⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.*

*⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."*

*⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?*

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

*⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?*

*Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"*

*⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: ***“What Does the Lord Require?”***

Today’s Text: Micah 6:1-8

Paul Hepperle

1. The Case _____

2. The Response _____

3. The Verdict:

Act _____

Love _____

Walk _____

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 (see below)

Prayer

Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

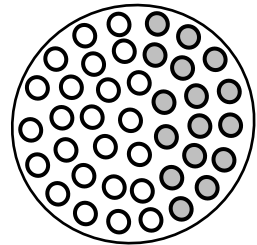
"[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

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."

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 in clear cups
gray circles = wine in purple cups

Musical Meditation:

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"
(See lyrics on page 16.)

Sherwin with Bach Prelude in C, arr. Berry arr.

Prayer

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.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Song of Dedication & Service: My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

G C G C Am G D G

1. My faith has found a rest - ing place, from guilt my soul is freed;
 2. E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
 3. My heart is lean - ing on the Word, the writ - ten Word of God;
 4. My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save;

C G C Am G D G

I trust the ev - er - liv - ing One, his wounds for me shall plead.
 a sin - ful soul I come to him, he'll nev - er cast me out.
 sal - va - tion by my Sav - ior's name, sal - va - tion thro' his blood.
 for me his pre - cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

REFRAIN
G D G C Am G D

I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea,

D7 G C G C Am G D G

it is e - nough that Je - sus died, and that he died for me.

Receiving 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 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:** James Brown, *Daffodils*, WA1984.140, Image © Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford, specific permission for use given by Amy Taylor, Picture Library Manager, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford on 04/02/2025.
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- 4) **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, as personal ability allows.

Community Welcome!



Children's Easter Devotion & Egg Hunt – April 12

Children from age 1 through Grade 5 are invited to participate in our annual Easter devotion and egg hunt on Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. The event will be held outside. After a short devotion, children will take turns “hunting” to allow for age differences. Invite your friends! Sign up for this event by emailing our church office: office@hersheypca.com.

2025 Vacation Bible School Is Coming!

“UPWARD BOUND”

“FURTHER UP & FURTHER IN!”



Mark your calendars for our mountain-themed Vacation Bible School this summer! Children aged 3 through completed Grade 5 will participate in Bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks.

When: Monday, June 30 through Thursday, July 3

5:30 -7:30 PM

Where: at our new location at 850 Hill Church Road

Today's Offertory Music (Ephraim Church and Anita Wood):

"Laudate Dominum" (Praise the Lord)

Mozart, arr. Jgcuaaz

The text is based upon Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
and for generations of generations.

Amen.

Today's Communion Meditation (Cooper Yingst):

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

set in J.S. Bach's Prelude in C
comp. Sherwin, arr. Berry

Break Thou the Bread of Life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O Living Word.

Thou art the Bread of Life,
O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth
That saveth me;
Give me to eat and live
With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth,
For Thou art Love.



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