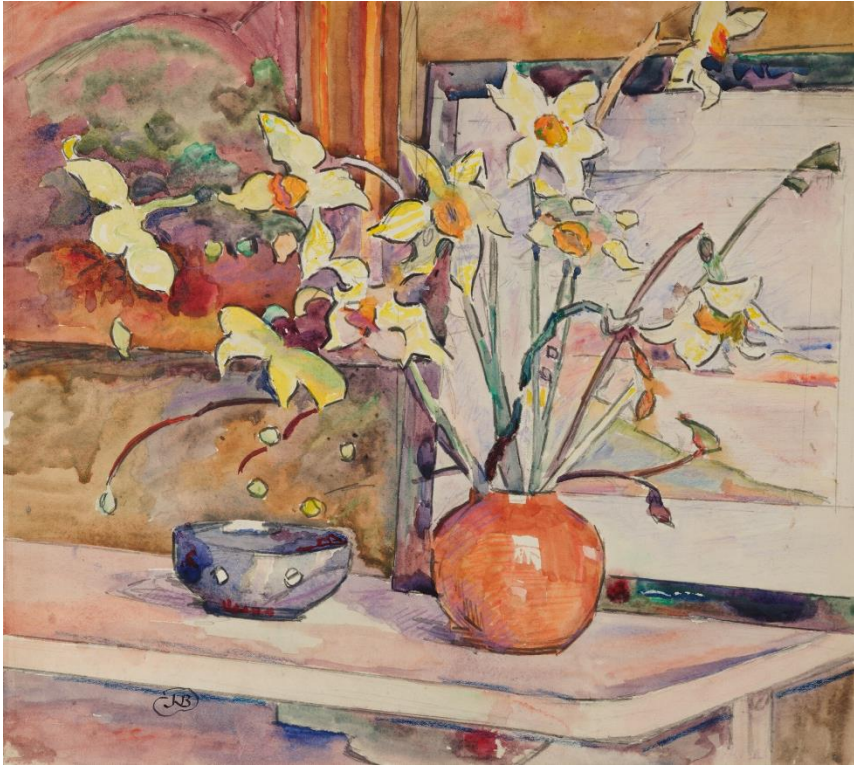




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Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025

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.

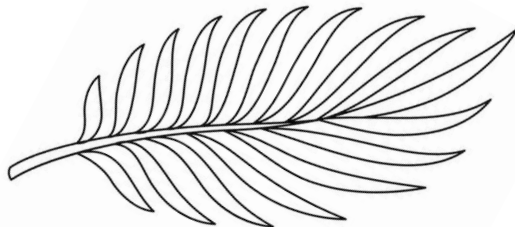
A **Nursery** for children age infant through 3 years old is provided in Room 110. Today's Nursery Workers are Vicki Gehron and Lauren Sanabria.

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 Paul Hepperle.

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), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Keith Dolon (sound), Peter Gibble (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals) David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Greg Moore (leading worship), Grace Salyards (French horn), Jared Salyards (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Ephraim Church and Brad Weaver.

Prelude



Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 24:7-10

*Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

⁸ *Who is this King of glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹ *Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

¹⁰ *Who is this King of glory?*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

***Response of Praise:**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent;
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!



Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Philippians 2:6-11

Today, as Passion week draws near, by faith, we remember and confess this classic description of the incarnation and true humanity of our Lord who suffered and died and then who was gloriously raised from the dead and exalted.

***[T]hough he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
8 And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.***

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. A-men, a-men.**

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

1 Peter 1:14-17

As we remember the Third Commandment this month to not take the name of the Lord our God in vain, (see Exodus 20:7 and Deuteronomy 5:11), we remember that it calls us to a reverent use of God's Name. Today we confess where we have used the Lord's name flippantly, casually, or without weight in our words and actions.

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,¹⁶ since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile.¹

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 Peter 1:18-21

[Y]ou were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

¹ By "exile" here, Peter is speaking about our life as we remain in a world that is corrupted by sin where we are "grieved by various trials" as we wait for our inheritance that is "kept in heaven" for us. (See 1 Peter 1:3-9.)

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of April 13-19, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **Hershey Community:** Derry Township Chief of Police Garth Warner
- **Civil Government:** US Representative Scott Perry
- **Unreached People Group:** Suafa Bedouin of Algeria

Population: 138,000; 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:** Catherine S.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Children's Ministry Leaders
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** New Life 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: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

arr. Molly Ijames

(See lyrics on page 15.)

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:

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

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1. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty as
 2. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty, in
 3. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty the
 4. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty, the

all the crowds 'Ho - san - na! cry: through wav - ing bran - ches
 low - ly pomp ride on to die: O Christ, your tri - umph
 an - gel ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
 last and fier - cest foe de - fy: the Fa - ther on his

slow - ly ride, O Sa - viour, to be cru - ci - fied.
 now be - gin with cap - tured death, and con - quered sin!
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on in ma-jes-ty,
 in low-ly pomp ride on to die:
 bow your meek head to mor-tal pain,
 then take, O God, your power and reign!

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 12:12-16

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

*¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”*

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: Why Celebrate Palm Sunday?

Today's Text: John 12:12-16

Pastor David Kertland

1. Recognizing Jesus to be God's _____

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor to thee Redeemer, King"

Psalm 118:25-26

2. Recognizing Jesus's _____

"in lowly pomp ride on to die."

Zechariah 9:9-10

3. Responding with _____

"I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art"

_____ and _____ your King.

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

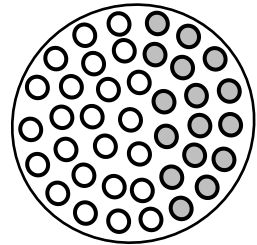
"[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

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

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.

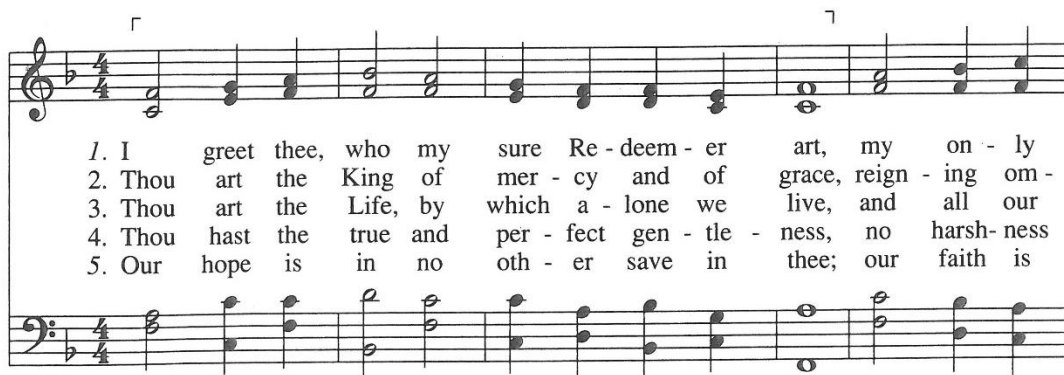
If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but ask that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, 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."

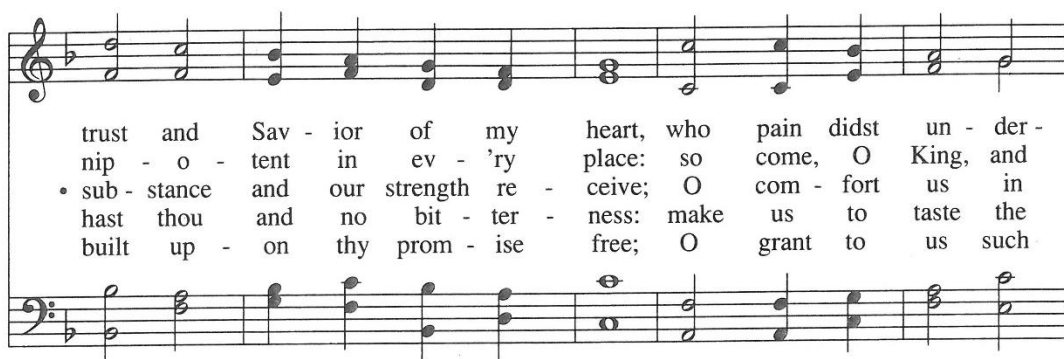
Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk with our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Receiving God's Blessing

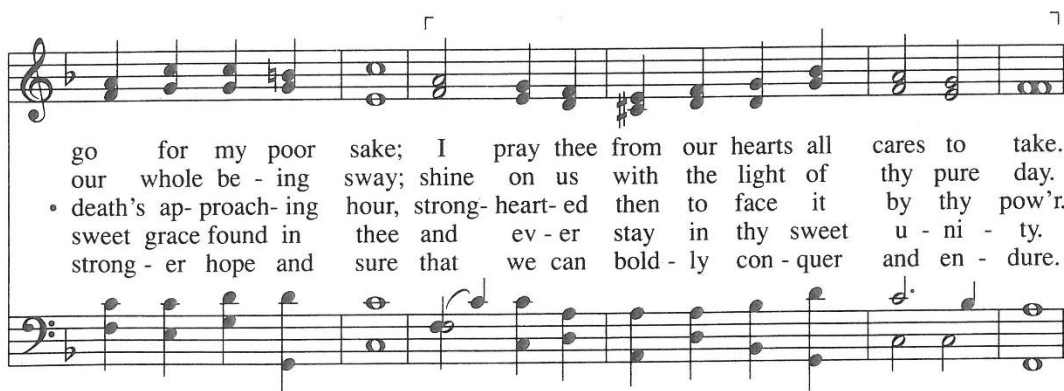
***Song of Dedication & Service: I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art**



1. I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art, my on - ly
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace, reign - ing om -
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a - lone we live, and all our
 4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness, no harsh - ness
 5. Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee; our faith is



trust and Sav - ior of my heart, who pain didst un - der -
 nip - o - tent in ev - 'ry place: so come, O King, and
 • sub - stance and our strength re - ceive; O com - fort us in
 hast thou and no bit - ter - ness: make us to taste the
 built up - on thy prom - ise free; O grant to us such



go for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 our whole be - ing sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 • death's ap - proach - ing hour, strong - heart - ed then to face it by thy pow'r.
 sweet grace found in thee and ev - er stay in thy sweet u - ni - ty.
 strong - er hope and sure that we can bold - ly con - quer and en - dure.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

These verses, known as the Aaronic blessing, were given by God to Aaron and his sons with this explanation: "Thus you shall bless the people of Israel." (Numbers 6:23) and "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." (Numbers 6:27)

*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

***When exiting the building today,
please feel free to take a palm frond.***

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 you2000) ***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.
- 2) **Music:** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (235) and "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" (168) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA,. "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" is reprinted from Jubilate Hymns, the Jubilate Group. Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: about the artist: <https://www.parkinfineart.co.uk/james-brown>; about The Ashmolean Museum www.ashmolean.org. Both descriptions with slight modifications. Some of the 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) **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).
- 5) **Note from the Pastor:** Along with the Greek and English texts, a variety of commentaries and other study aids may 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.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best!
Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
Tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee!

2025 Vacation Bible School Is Coming!

“UPWARD BOUND”

“FURTHER UP & FURTHER IN!”

Dates: Monday, June 30 - Thursday, July 3

Place: 850 Hill Church Road!

Time: 5:30 -7:30 PM

For: age 3 through completed Grade 5

Activities: Bible stories, crafts, games, & snacks





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