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This Month's Front Cover

El Anatsui, *A Desire To Get Away*, 2024, Wall hanging; Aluminum and copper wire, 345 x 460 cm. Photo: *A Desire To Get Away*, 2024, Photo courtesy, Alex Vervoordt Gallery, Antwerp, Hong Kong.

<https://elanatsui.art/artworks/el-anatsui-a-desire-to-get-away-2022>

“Celebrated for his innovative use of materials, El Anatsui is among the most influential artists working today. The themes central to his work include waste, consumption, and recycling. At Art Basel Hong Kong, we captured the installation of *A Desire to Get Away* (2024). This installation, hanging like a three-dimensional tapestry, is crafted from aluminum bottle caps and ... bottle labels, all intricately joined with copper wire. The process and form of his works hark back to his childhood, when he watched his father, a master weaver of Kente cloth, tie fish nets. Each time one of his hanging sculptures is displayed, it is installed with unique folds and shapes. This idea of presenting the work a little differently each time, is an integral part of El Anatsui's philosophy. He once told Art Basel, ‘If art is about life, then life is not a fixed thing. The artwork should be in a form that is capable of changing.’”

<https://www.artbasel.com/news/art-basel-hong-kong-el-anatsui>



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 on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. Today's Nursery Workers are Paul Hepperle and Rachel Ballach.

A **Junior Church** for children aged 4-Grade 2 is offered on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. beginning during the hymn before the sermon. Today's Junior Church Teacher is Eve Dolon.

Thank you to all who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order: Ruth Adams (greeter), Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Dave Eakin (vocals), Peter Gible (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Jeb Yingst (sound), and Nick Yingst (piano).

Today's Ushers are Asahel Church, David Eakin, and Brad Weaver.

Counters are Jessica Buckwalter and Nora Dolon.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² *My soul makes its boast in the LORD;*
let the humble hear and be glad.

³ *Oh, magnify the LORD with me,*
and let us exalt his name together!

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

*Response of Praise:

For All the Saints

Unison

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3. O may thy sol - diers faith - ful, true, and bold,
 4. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
 5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day;
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,

who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old,
 soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;
 the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
 through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.al.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

William Walsham How, 1864, 1875
 Tune from the English Hymnal by permission of Oxford University Press.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith: from 1 Peter 1:3-9 (in unison)**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**According to his great mercy, he has caused us
to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,
and unfading, kept in heaven for us,
who by God's power are being guarded through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary,
we have been grieved by various trials,
so that the tested genuineness of our faith—
more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—
may be found to result in praise and glory and honor
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

Though we have not seen him, we love him.

**Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and rejoice
with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,
obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

***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

Deuteronomy 5:6, 19

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Confession of Sin from Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12 (in unison)

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!
For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you only, have we 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 us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit
from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a
willing spirit.
We ask this because of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and for your glory.
Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 Corinthians 6:11

⁵ *"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"*
... ⁸ *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."*

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of September 14 – 20

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Hershey Volunteer Fire Department Chief Patrick Leonard
- **Civil Government:** PA State Senator Patty Kim
- **Unreached People Group:** Bengali, Sylhetti, of Europe
Population: 118,000; Language: Sylhetti; 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:** Elmer and Pat Cope
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Pastor Emeritus Mark Tedford
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Covenant Theological Seminary

The Lord's Prayer:

We will close our prayer 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 the Song of Preparation, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in the lower level of the education building. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the front in the narthex.

*Song of Preparation:

How Firm a Foundation

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 -

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

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."

FOUNDATION 11, 11, 11, 11.
 Traditional American melody
 J. Funk's A Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.
 Mod.

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 17:6-19

"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

United to Christ (11): *The Gospel of John* chapters 14-17

Sermon: *Our Lord at Prayer (2): Praying for us*

Today's Text: John 17:6-19

Pastor David Kertland

1. __G_____ : *"Keep them in your name"*

2. __P_____ : *"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth"*

3. __C_____ : *"I have sent them into the world"*

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

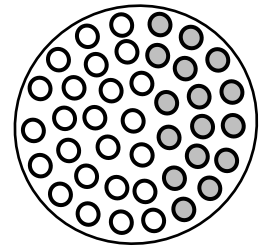
Words of Institution:

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 to our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Song of Dedication & Service: Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, while the Tenor and Bass parts provide harmonic support with sustained chords. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of the score. The lyrics are: 1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save; 3. Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne! 4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right, and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name; and still he is nigh— his pres - ence we have. Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son. all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might, the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol; The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing, The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim, all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
3. Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!
4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,
and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;
and still he is nigh— his pres - ence we have.
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all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,



Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

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Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

Arr. in William Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction:

Jude 24-25

*“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,
²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever.
Amen.”*

*Postlude

* Congregation standing, as personal ability allows.

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:** El Anatsui, *A Desire To Get Away*, 2024, Wall hanging; Aluminum and copper wire, 345 x 460 cm. Photo: *A Desire To Get Away*, 2024, Photo courtesy, Alex Vervoordt Gallery, Antwerp, Hong Kong. Downloaded from : <https://elanatsui.art/> (9/5/2025).
- 2) **Music:** "For All the Saints" (358), "How Firm A Foundation" (94), and "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" (165) are 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: <https://www.artbasel.com/news/art-basel-hong-kong-el-anatsui>. Some of the quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). Page 18: Information on the Heidelberg Catechism from *Ecumenical Creeds and Reformed Confessions*, CRC Publications, Grand Rapids, MI, 1988, 12; catechism quote from page 44. 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 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, Herman Bavinck, John Calvin, D. A. Carson, John Chrysostom, Kevin DeYoung, Sinclair Ferguson, William Hendriksen, Matthew Henry, Timothy Keller, Leon Morris, 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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