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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 Paige Eickelberg and Natalie Otto.

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 Amylea Yingst.

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 (leading worship)(violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals); David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Ushers are Keith Dolon, Kentaro Minagawa, and Nick Yingst.

Counters are Brad Weaver and Donna Kreiss.

Prelude

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Habakkuk 2:20

*the LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him*

***Response of Praise:**

God Himself is With Us

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has four measures with chords G, D, Em, and B. The second system has eight measures with chords C, G, Em, D, G, D, G, and D. The third system has five measures with chords Em, B, C, G, and Em. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different vocal parts or verses.

System 1:

1. God him - self is with us: let us now a - dore him,
 2. God him - self is with us: hear the harps re - sound - ing!
 3. O thou fount of bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it;

System 2:

and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his tem - ple—
 See the crowds the throne sur - round - ing! “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly”—
 trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, like the ho - ly an - gels

System 3:

all with - in keep si - lence, pros - trate lie with
 hear the hymn as - cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their
 who be - hold thy glo - ry, may I cease - less -

deep - est rev - 'rence. Him a - lone God we own,
 voic - es blend - ing! Bow thine ear to us here:
 ly a - dore thee, and in all, great and small,

him, our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er.
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that thy church now rais - es.
 seek to do most near - ly what thou lov - est dear - ly.

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729
 Tr. by Frederick W. Foster and John Miller, 1789; alt.

WUNDERBARER KÖNIG 6.6.8.6.6.8.3.3.6.6.
 Joachim Neander, 1680; alt. 1990

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

***Confession of Faith:**

Based on Romans 10:4-13

In today's Confession of Faith, we confess that our righteousness is not based on our own performance of the Law (which we have failed to do) but is a righteousness based on faith—because through faith in Christ we stand in Christ's own righteousness which is imputed, or given, to us by God.

Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.

But the righteousness based on faith says,

***“The word is near us, in our mouths and in our hearts”
(that is, the word of faith that the gospel proclaims);
because, if we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord
and believe in our heart that God raised him from the
dead, we will be saved.***

***For with the heart we believe and are justified,
and with the mouth we confess and are saved.***

***For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will
not be put to shame.”***

***For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
for the same Lord is Lord of all,
bestowing his riches on all who call on him.***

***For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be
saved.”***

***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

Ephesians 4:28

In God's Standard this month we are considering the 8th Commandment, "you shall not steal," and related texts which remind us not to put our trust in ourselves or the things of this world, but in God.

"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need."

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Galatians 1:3-5

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of September 28 – October 4

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Director of Parks and Recreation Amy Walker
- **Civil Government:** PA Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis
- **Unreached People Group:** Bentong, of Indonesia
Population: 32,000; Language: Bentong; 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:** Lois K.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Elder Joe Kearns
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Mission to North America (MNA)

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:

Arise, My Soul, Arise



1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;

the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears:
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;

be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I

Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

LENOX 6.6.6.8.8.8.
 Louis Edson, 1782

Charles Wesley, 1742
 Alt. 1961; 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**

Isaiah 45:5-7

*I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶ that people may know,
from the rising of the sun and from the west,
that there is none besides me;*

*I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness;
I make well-being and create calamity;
I am the LORD, who does all these things.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

We Believe: *The Faith We Confess* (Week 1)

A six-week series recognizing the foundational biblical truths we confess
in the Nicene Creed, on its 1,700th anniversary.

Sermon: “*We believe in one God*”

Today’s Text: Isaiah 45:5-7

Pastor David Kertland

1. There is only _____

2. The one God is _____

Preparing for the Lord’s Supper

Believe

Confess

Remember

Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:9-10; Ecclesiastes 12:1a

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

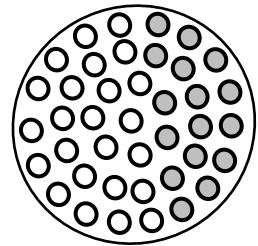
Words of Institution:

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:**

A Triune Prayer

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a part of the Trinity. The second system contains three lines of lyrics, continuing the prayer. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with some words hyphenated across lines.

1. Bless-ed Fa - ther, hear our cry. Cast out sin, but draw us nigh.
2. Bless-ed Je - sus, make our plea. In Your name to God we flee;
3. Bless-ed Spir - it meet our need; In our si - lence in - ter-cede.
4. Tri - une God, please grant our prayer As Your glo - ry we de-clare.

Not for mer - it we have none; For Your mer - cy, for Your Son.
Thru Your blood we seek His face, By Your priest - hood claim His grace.
Trans-late groans we can - not speak; Heal the bro - ken, help the weak.
May Your prom - ised king-dom come; May Your will on earth be done.

Words: Chris Anderson

Music: Molly Ijames

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Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

“The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

*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. We encourage you to look for others you don’t know and welcome them in the name of Christ! The time after worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ!

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:** “God Himself is With Us” (382) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). “Arise, My Soul, Arise” (275) is reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture (OPC & URCNA), Willow Grove, PA, 2018). “A Triune Prayer” (330) 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: <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). 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).

* Congregation standing, as personal ability allows.



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