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Today's Front Cover

Makoto Fujimura, *Golden Countenance*, 2005. Mineral pigments, gold on Kumohada paper. This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 United States License.

"Countenance is an example of Nihonga, a traditional Medieval Japanese painting technique. Pigments are created by grinding minerals, shells, corals and even semi-precious stones. These organic pigments are washed onto handmade papers. The crystalline paint reflects and refracts light, dynamically changing the color and texture of the work. This interplay between light and organic materials is a metaphor for the Holy Spirit, that illuminates and animates God's physical creation. Countenance captures the reflection of the Creator's gaze on His creation

http://byfor.org/project_countenance.html

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About the Artist:

Makoto Fujimura is a leading contemporary artist whose work has been featured in galleries and museums around the world, including The Museum of Contemporary Art in Tokyo, The Huntington Library in California, the Tikotin Museum in Israel, Belvedere Museum in Vienna, C3M North Bund Art Museum in Shanghai, and Pola Museum in Japan. His process-driven, refractive "slow art" has been described by David Brooks of the *New York Times* as "a small rebellion against the quickening of time."

Fujimura is the author of 4 books: *Art+Faith: A Theology of Making, Silence and Beauty, Refractions*, and *Culture Care*. He is also the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2023 Kuyper Prize for Excellence in Reformed Theology and Public Life and the American Academy of Religion's 2014 Religion and the Arts award. From 2003 to 2009, he served as a Presidential appointee to the National Council on the Arts. He is also a celebrated speaker and advocate for the arts.



Makoto Fujimura



Countenance Three, 2008



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 Eve Dolon and Remy Waybright.

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 Asahel Church.

Thank you to all who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order: Emily Church (vocals), Ephraim Church (leading worship, violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Peter Gobble (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Kentaro Minagawa (greeter), Jared Salyards (piano), Brad Weaver (sound), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet).

Today's Ushers are David Eakin, Michael Kitchens, and Chris Wagner.

Counters are Nora Dolon and Conner Waybright.

Throughout the service: the light face type is read by the leader; the **bold face type** is read by the congregation.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 34:1-3

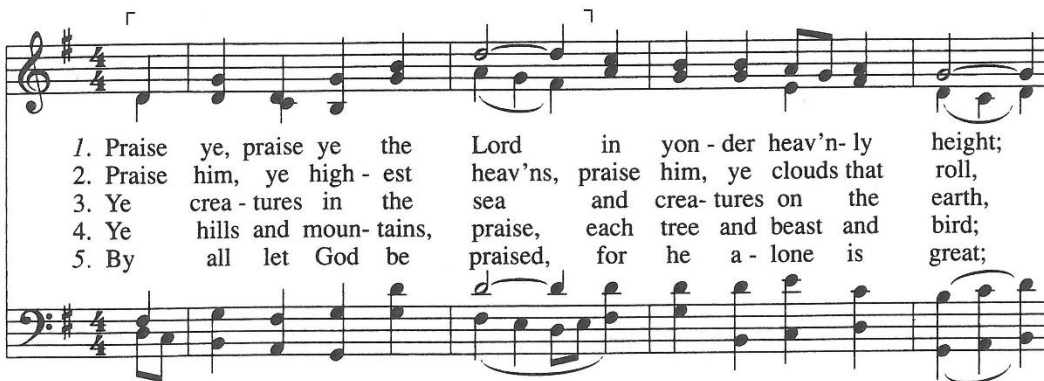
*I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

*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!*

*Response of Praise:

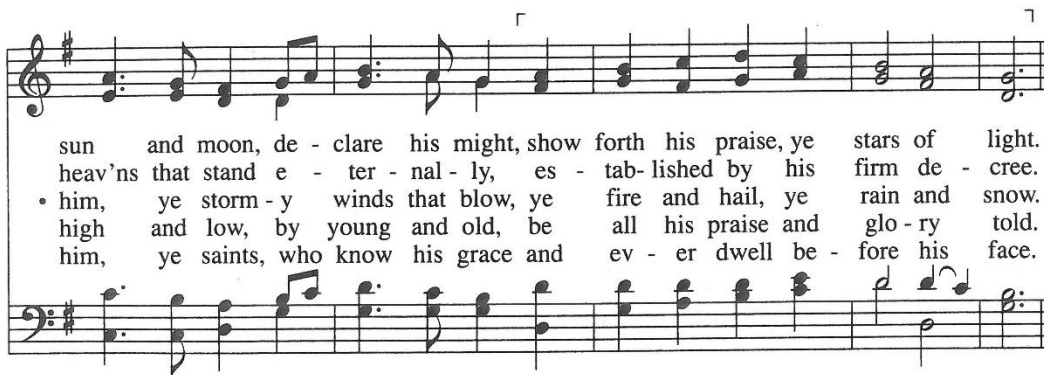
Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord



1. Praise ye, praise ye the Lord in yon - der heav'n - ly height;
 2. Praise him, ye high - est heav'ns, praise him, ye clouds that roll,
 3. Ye crea - tures in the sea and crea - tures on the earth,
 4. Ye hills and moun - tains, praise, each tree and beast and bird;
 5. By all let God be praised, for he a - lone is great;



ye an - gels, all his hosts, in joy - ful praise u - nite; O
 cre - a - ted by his pow'r and un - der his con - trol, ye
 • your might - y Mak - er praise and tell his match - less worth; praise
 ye kings and realms of earth, now let your praise be heard; by
 a - bove the earth and heav'n he reigns in glo - rious state; praise



sun and moon, de - clare his might, show forth his praise, ye stars of light.
 heav'ns that stand e - ter - nal - ly, es - tab - lished by his firm de - cree.
 • him, ye storm - y winds that blow, ye fire and hail, ye rain and snow.
 high and low, by young and old, be all his praise and glo - ry told.
 him, ye saints, who know his grace and ev - er dwell be - fore his face.

From Psalm 148
The Psalter, 1912
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 Leonard Cooper Blanton, 1951; alt.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith: From Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-16**

**There is one body and one Spirit...one hope...
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.**

**But grace was given to each one of us
according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

...

**And he gave the apostles, the prophets,
the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,
until we all attain
to the unity of the faith and
of the knowledge of the Son of God,
to mature manhood,
to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
so that we may no longer be children,
tossed to and fro by the waves
and carried about by every wind of doctrine,
by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.**

**Rather, speaking the truth in love,
we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head,
into Christ,
from whom the whole body,
joined and held together by every joint
with which it is equipped,
when each part is working properly,
makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.**

***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 4:18-20

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

John 15:9

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of January 25 – February 1

Intercession for the World:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Director of Community Development Charles Emerick
- **Civil Government:** US Senator Dave McCormick
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhakat of India
Population: 2,800; Language: Bengali; Religion: Hinduism
"...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:** Ken K.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Deacon Brad Weaver
- **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 this hymn, 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 in the narthex.

*Song of Preparation:

And Can It Be

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth adore, let an - gel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

die for me?
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love! How
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love!
 Christ, my own. own.

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be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

Charles Wesley, 1738
 Alt. 1990

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 Thomas Campbell, 1825

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**

Colossians 2:6-15

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

We Believe: The Faith We Confess (Week 9)
*An eleven-week series recognizing the foundational biblical truths
we confess in the Nicene Creed, on its 1,700th year anniversary.*

Sermon: “We acknowledge one baptism”

Today’s Text is Colossians 2:11-14

Pastor David Kertland

1) _____ to Christ

2) A _____ record of debt

Preparing for the Lord’s Supper

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

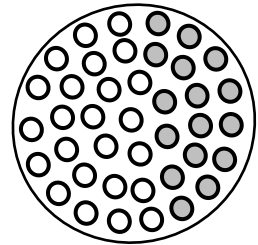
Words of Institution:

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.



Prayer

white circles = grape juice in clear cups
gray circles = wine in purple cups

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):

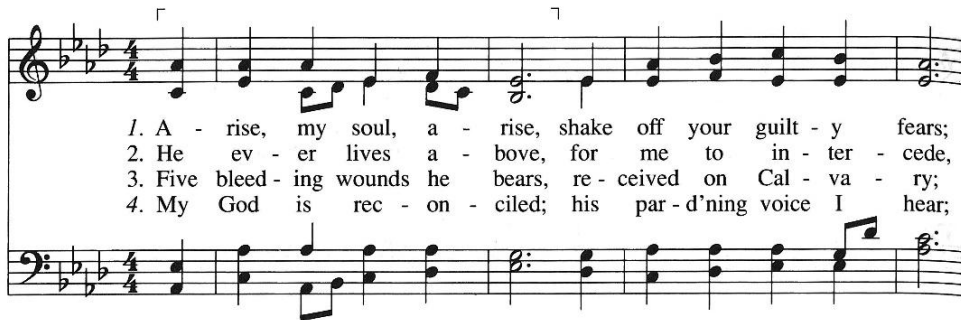
Prayer of Belief: "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you 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.

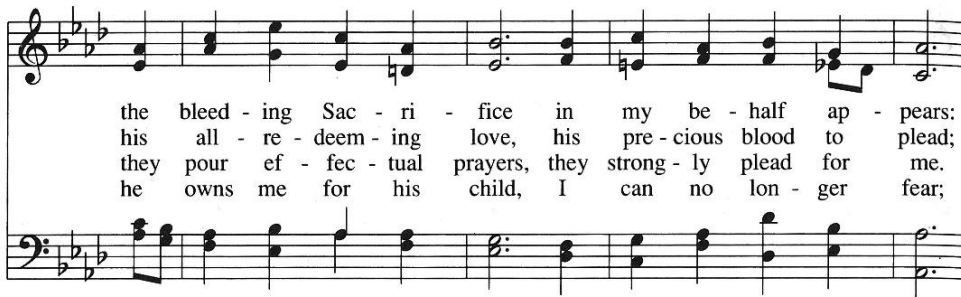
Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Commitment:**

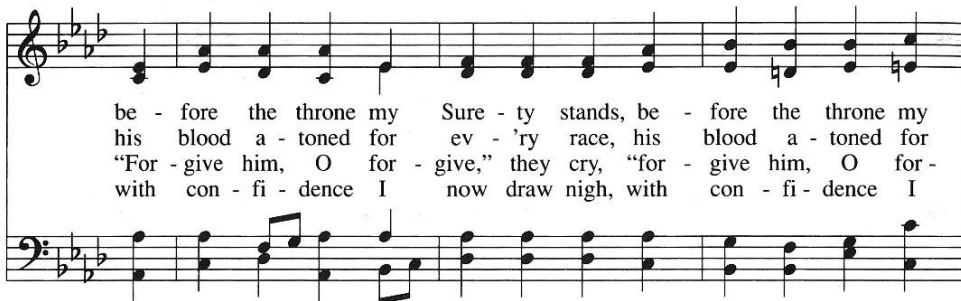
Arise, My Soul, Arise



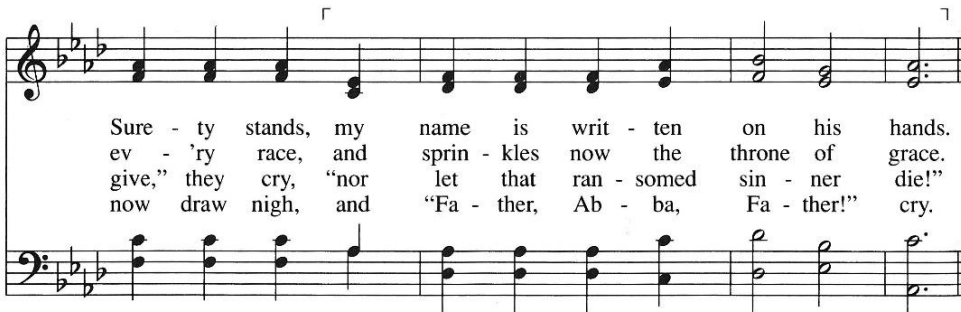
1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;



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.

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 Louis Edson, 1782

Charles Wesley, 1742
 Alt. 1961, mod.

Being Sent to Serve God

*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. 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:** Cover: Makoto Fujimura, *Golden Countenance*, 2005. Mineral pigments, gold on Kumohada paper. Llicensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 United States License.
- 2) **Music:** "Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord" (112) and "And Can It Be" (455) and "Arise, My Soul, Arise" (305) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
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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.



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