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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 Bev Cox and Abby Stefanow.

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 Laura Church.

Thank you to all 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), Peter Gible (viola), Rick Hivner (preaching), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (leading worship), Michael Kitchens (greeter), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet), and Nick Yingst (piano).

Today's Ushers are Keith Dolon, Joe Kearns, and Greg Moore.

Counters are Keith Dolon and Nora Dolon.

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 107:1-3

*"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!"*

² *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble*

³ ***and gathered in from the lands,***

from the east and from the west,

from the north and from the south."

*Response of Praise:

All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm- wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;



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5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith: Adapted from Hebrews 12:22-25, 28-29**

We have come to Mount Zion

**and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,
and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,
and to God, the judge of all,
and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than
the blood of Abel.**

We do not refuse him who is speaking

**for if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them
on earth,
much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.**

**We are grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
and so we offer to God acceptable worship,
with reverence and awe,
for our God is a consuming fire.**

***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

Lamentations 3:19-24

*"Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall!
20 My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. 21 But
this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: 22 The steadfast love of the
LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every
morning; great is your faithfulness. 24 'The LORD is my portion,' says my
soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'"*

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Romans 8:1

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of January 11 - 18

Intercession for the World:

- **In the Local Community:** Local Public, Private & Homeschools
- **Civil Government:** PA Supreme Court Justices
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhadela of India
Population: 8,300; Language: Gujarati; 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:** RE Nick Yingst
- **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 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: O God, Show Mercy to Us (from Psalm 67)**

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column corresponding to the Soprano part and the second column to the Bass part. The lyrics are: 1. O God, show mer - cy to us, And bless us with Your grace; And cause to shine up - on us The ty; To na - tions of the whole earth A bright - ness of Your face; 2 So that the whole world gov - er - nor You'll be. 5 O God, let peo - ples o - ver May tru - ly know Your way, And praise You; Let all the peo - ples praise. 6 The

1. ¹O God, show mer - cy to us, And bless us with Your
2. For You will judge the peo - ples With per - fect eq - ui -

grace; And cause to shine up - on us The
ty; To na - tions of the whole earth A

bright - ness of Your face; ²So that the whole world
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so that Your sal - va - tion All na - tions see dis -
earth has brought its boun - ty Through - out its har - vest

played. days. ³O God, let peo - ples praise You; Let
Since God, our God, will bless us. ⁷Yes,

all the peo - ples praise. ⁴Let na - tions come re -
God will bless - ing send, That all the earth may

joic - ing And songs of glad - ness raise.
fear Him To its re - mot - est end.

Gustav Holst, 1918; arr. Brian E. Coombs, 2003

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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

Luke 13:18-30

He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? ¹⁹ It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

²⁰ And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹ It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."

²² He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Teaching Elder Rick Hivner

Today's Text is Luke 13:18-30.

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

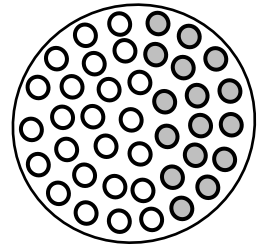
Words of Institution:

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 Commitment:

Jesus Shall Reign

Chords: F D A⁷ D G C^{#dim} D A E⁷ A 7 D

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

Chords: G D Em D A D A⁷ D G D A⁷ D

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

Chords: A F D G C^{#dim} D Em⁷ D Em D A⁷ D 7

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

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.

Amen.

*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

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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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