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This Month's Front Cover Artwork

Albrecht Durer, German, 1471-1528, *Feldhase (Young Hare)*, 1502. Watercolor and body color, heightened with white body color. 9.8 in. x 8.8 in. (25 x 22.5 cm). The Albertina Museum, Vienna, Austria. Object Number: 3073. In the public domain.

About the painting:

"The work at the very heart of the Albertina, Dürer's famous 'Hase', can only be shown every few years. Duke Albert of Saxe-Teschen received it in 1796 as part of an exchange of artworks with Emperor Francis II. 'Hare' is still regarded as one of the most important artworks of the collection on account of its extraordinarily realistic depiction. Remarkable, too, that the provenance of the drawing can be followed back without interruption to Dürer's workshop, the windows of which can be seen upon closer examination reflected in the eyes of the depicted hare."

https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/wd/1QHEnzUGYMDG_w

To explore further:

An article on the artist and painting: <https://artincontext.org/young-hare-by-albrecht-durer/>

A 2-minute video with German commentary with English subtitles:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3xPmxPkNmY&t=9s>

About the artist:

"Albrecht Dürer's technically groundbreaking body of drawings and prints had a profound and lasting influence on the development of European art. Initially trained as a goldsmith by his father, Dürer was schooled in painting by Michael Wolgemut and began making works on paper in the 1490s. Born in the German town of Nuremberg—a prosperous free city of the Holy Roman Empire and a center of commerce, book printing, and humanist learning—Dürer grew up in a culturally and artistically stimulating environment. He further expanded his intellectual horizons by traveling twice to Italy in his youth and once to the Netherlands as a mature artist. In addition to ...paintings, Dürer produced works on paper of unparalleled sophistication. He worked in drawing, woodcut, and engraving—even briefly trying his hand at the less common techniques of etching and drypoint.

<https://www.artic.edu/artists/40561/albrecht-durer>

"The last dozen years of Dürer's life coincided with the...advent of the Protestant Reformation in Germany. Although Dürer did not create polemical art that was intended to discredit the Church of Rome, he was a self-avowed supporter of Martin Luther's effort to provide a new German Bible and a new path to salvation that did not depend on non-biblical traditions, rituals, or institutions. Already in March 1518, less than five months after Luther had publicized his 95 *Theses*, the Wittenberg theologian received a gift from Dürer as a token of his admiration. By 1520 the artist had collected many of Luther's writings, and in 1521 he wrote a lament upon hearing (falsely) that the reformer had been captured and killed. Although other German artists would play more decisive roles in the theological and social upheaval of the Reformation, the art that Dürer produced between 1517 and his death in 1528 was "Protestant" in that it abandoned the depiction of popular saints, it portrayed the leading reformers and their supporters in a heroic light, and it emphasized the exclusive authority of the Bible in personal and civic worship." From "Durer and the Reformation":

<https://bridwell.omeka.net/exhibits/show/durer/durerreformation>



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 aged infant through 3 years old is provided on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. Today's Nursery Workers are Kumi Minagawa 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 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), Jericho Church (vocals), Laura Church (vocals), David Eakin (vocals), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Kentaro Minagawa (greeter), Jared Salyards (piano), Brad Weaver (sound), Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Ushers are Michael Kitchens, Chris Wagner, and Nick Yingst.

Counters are Brad Weaver and Nora Dolon.

Throughout today's service: the light face type is read by the leader; the bold face type is to be read or sung by the congregation.

We welcome the Messiah University Student Horn Quartet to our service today. The MU Student Horn Studio includes Abbie Linebarier, Oliver Paris, Mimi Weller, and Nate Winton, and is under the direction of Dr. Michael Harcow. Thank you for joining us today!

Prelude:

"Lord, Thy Glorious Name"

Walter Bond Gilbert, arr. Mike Harcrow

"O, Zion Haste"

James Walch, arr. Mike Harcrow

Welcome

Greeting of Peace:

Revelation 1:4b-6

*Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.*

*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood
⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Hebrews 12:1-2

*[S]ince we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with
endurance the race that is set before us,*

***² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.***

*Response of Praise:

The God of Abraham Praise

1. The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
2. The God of A-braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand
3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de - pend;
4. The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest,

The image shows a musical score for a four-part vocal or instrumental setting. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are a four-line response of praise for the God of Abraham.

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.
 I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest.

Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,

I bow and bless the sa - cred name, for - ev - er blest.
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.

5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
 triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
 On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
 and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.
6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
 Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
 all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith: From the Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q&A 21: Who is the Redeemer of God's Elect?

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Q&A 29: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by the Holy Spirit.

***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. Amen, amen.**

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

From Psalm 51:6

For the reading of God's Standard this month, we are reading the 9th commandment and related Scripture passages.

"Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being...."

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Acts 10:43

"To him [Jesus Christ] all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Choral Response

Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 25 – November 1

Intercession for the World:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Rob Myers
- **Civil Government:** Derry Township PA State Representative Thomas Mehaffie
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhumij of Asia
Population: 1,216,000; 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:** Children's Ministry Leaders
- **Supported Missionary:** Rick & Clare Hivner (Frontier Ventures, CA)

The Lord's Prayer:

We close our prayer in unison with this version of the Lord's Prayer.

**"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:

"Intermezzo" from *Cavalleria Rusticana*

Pietro Mascagni,
arr. Andrea Bonaldo

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:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

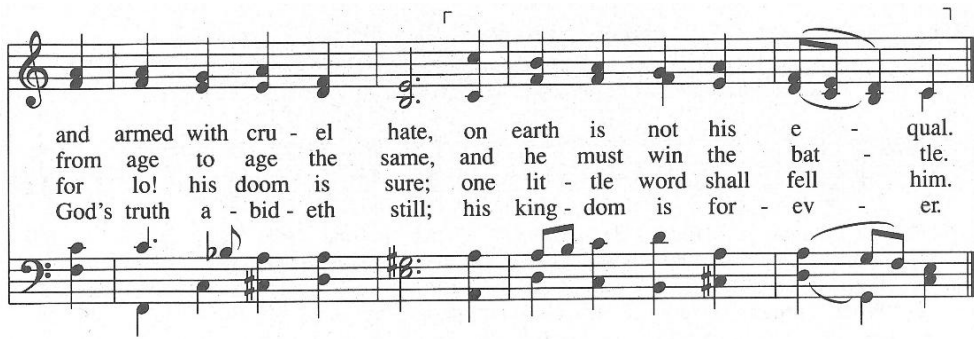
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.
 Martin Luther, 1529



Based on Psalm 46
Martin Luther, 1529
Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

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

From Ruth 4 & Matthew 1

Ruth 4:18-22: *"Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron,
¹⁹ Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, ²⁰ Amminadab fathered
 Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, ²¹ Salmon fathered **Boaz**, **Boaz** fathered
 Obed, ²² Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered **David**."*

Matthew 1:1-16: *"The book of the genealogy of **Jesus Christ**, the son of **David**,
 the son of **Abraham**."*

² **Abraham** was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the
 father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by
 Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ and Ram
 the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon
 the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of **Boaz** by Rahab, and **Boaz** the
 father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of
David the king.

And **David** was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷ and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸ and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, **at the time of the deportation to Babylon.**

¹² **And after the deportation to Babylon:** Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom **Jesus** was born, who is called **Christ**.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Ruth: Not Without a Redeemer (13)

Sermon: “The Bigger Picture”

Today’s Texts: Ruth 4:18-22 & Matthew 1:1-16; Pastor David Kertland

1) God’s Plan Unfolds Through _____

2) God’s Plan Unfolds Through _____

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

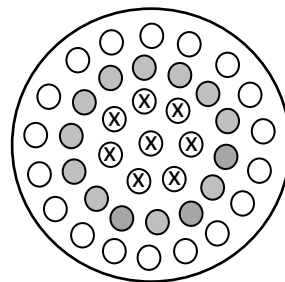
Words of Institution:

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 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.

Announcing God to be Our Help and Hope

***Song of Commitment:**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Chords: C, F, C, Am, Dm, G, C, F, Am, Em, Am, D, G

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

Chords: C, F, Dm, G, C, F, E, C, F, C, Dm, G, C, F

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

From Psalm 90
 Isaac Watts, 1719
 Alt. 1990, mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.
 Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727
 Tate and Brady's *Supplement to the New Version*, 1708

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.
Amen.*

*Postlude:

“The God of Abr’am Praise”

trad. Jewish, arr. Mike Harcrow
with Grace Salyards

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 pastors and other Hershey PCA members and friends.

After the service, greet someone you don’t know. The time following the worship service is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ! We encourage you to look for others you don’t know, introduce yourself, and welcome them in the name of Jesus Christ!

Today’s Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** cover: Albrecht Durer, German, 1471-1528, *Feldhase (Young Hare)*, 1502. Watercolor and body color, heightened with white body color. 9.8 in. x 8.8 in. (25 x 22.5 cm). The Albertina Museum, Vienna, Austria. Object Number: 3073. <https://sammlungenonline.albertina.at/objects/39222>. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** “The God of Abraham Praise” (234) is reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Willow Grove, PA: Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture, 2018). “Gloria Patri” (735), “Doxology” (731), “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (92) and “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (30) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commissions Publications, Suwannee, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** Comments from various sources, including: artsandculture.google.com/asset/wd/1QHEnzUGYMDG_w,artincontext.org/young-hare-by-albrecht-durer, www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3xPmxPkNmY&t=9s, www.artic.edu/artists/40561/albrecht-durer, and <https://bridwell.omeka.net/exhibits/show/durer/durerreformation>. Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **On the Sermon:** Along with the Hebrew and English texts, a variety of commentaries and other study aids may have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the book of Ruth, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of Eric Alexander, David Atkinson, Christopher Ash, Daniel I. Block, John Calvin, Iain M. Duguid, Sinclair Ferguson, Mary Wilson Hannah, Matthew Henry, Adam J. Howell, Robert Jamieson, C. F. Keil, Peter H. W. Lau and Gregory Goswell, André LaCocque, Leon Morris, Jonathan Prime, and Barry G. Webb. 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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