



Pittsburg Presbyterian Church

March 6, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

First Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

Prelude

Moonlight Sonata

Ludwig van Beethoven

Virginia Darling, piano

Lay Leader: Preset your folder at your seat.

Bring in the Light of Christ during the Prelude.

Welcome

Trevor Elliott

Good Morning, we are glad you are here with us today at Pittsburg Presbyterian Church. We are truly blessed to gather together for worship on this first Sunday in Lent.

Guest Speaker Introduction

Trevor Elliott

Today, we have a guest speaker, Adah Hutchcraft. Chaplain Hutchcraft is originally from the Chicago area. She moved to Joplin with her family in 1992 where she met Jason Hutchcraft. They were married in July of 1999, and in the same week moved to East TN to pursue their seminary education and pastor together. Adah initially served in leadership ministries to youth, children and women. She and Jason moved to Southern California in 2007, where Adah pursued training in clinical chaplaincy. As a chaplain, she served in urban ministry to the homeless and vulnerable in downtown San Diego, and later became a hospice chaplain (also in San Diego). Jason and Adah returned to Joplin in January of 2013 where Adah was soon hired as a staff chaplain for Via Christi Hospital and Via Christi Village. Adah was promoted to Lead Chaplain in 2015, and she continues to gratefully serve the Pittsburg community through her vocation. Welcome Adah!

Mission Statement

Trevor Elliott

Our Mission at Pittsburg Presbyterian Church is to love God, know Christ, care for one another, and to joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ!

Please remain seated and join together in singing our Missional Song.

Missional Song

Susan Laushman

Love God, care for one another;

Know Christ, care for one another;

Joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ!

Joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ!

Please stand for the Opening Sentences.

***Opening Sentences**

Trevor Elliott

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Remember the story of our faith.

People: We are the people God has delivered.

Leader: Rejoice in the hope of our faith.

People: God goes with us, step by step.

Leader: Cling to the promise of our faith.

People: Our God will not abandon us.

Leader: Our opening hymn today is "This is My Song" ...Come, let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn**

Glory To God #340

This is My Song

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Verse 1

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

Verse 2

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Verse 3

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Please be seated

Announcements

Trevor Elliott

- *Good morning and thank you for worshiping with us today!*
- *As part of COVID precautions, please be respectful of those that wish to social distance.*

- *Please Check-in on Social Media to share the peace of Christ with your friends and loved ones online!*
- (Explain & show the Yellow Cards.) *Please fill out the front and write any information/prayer concerns, etc. on the back and place it in one of the white boxes at the back of the Sanctuary, as you leave.*
- *“Kids Following Jesus” (KFJ) is available online. Please access the KFJ video through “The Sower”, Facebook page, or YouTube channel.*
- (Show the Announcement flyer): *Please refer to the Announcement flyer for important information and take it home with you.*
- Fellowship: *Following worship, please join together for Coffee & Cookies Fellowship in the Parlor, hosted by Debbie Walker.*
 - * **Please mention any last minute announcements.**

Call to Confession

Trevor Elliott

*God is faithful, leading us into freedom,
but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin.
Comfortable with the way things are,
we lose sight of the way God intends them to be.
We bring our confession before the One
who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt,
mightier than the devil in the wilderness.*

Prayer of Confession

Trevor Elliott

*Leader: O God, our refuge and fortress,
All: forgive us when we fail to trust in you.
We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words;
we speak false words of our own.
We choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.
In turning from you,
we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.
Forgive us, we pray.
Do not let us be put to shame, O God.
Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.
In Christ’s name we pray.*

Leader: Hear now our individual silent confessions:

Wait a minute and say “Amen”, then proceed into the Assurance of Pardon.

Assurance of Pardon

Trevor Elliott

*Leader: Scripture declares, . . .
The Lord is generous to all who call on God’s name.
Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us,
but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ.
. . . Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

People: Thanks be to God!

[Virginia offers intro to *Gloria*]

Please stand

***Gloria Patri**

Glory to God #581

Meineke

*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.*

Please be seated

WORD

Special Music

On the Via Dolorosa

Douglas Wagner

Pitt Pres Choir

Taylor Jones, flute

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Trevor Elliott

(New American Standard Bible)

Reader: A reading from Deuteronomy chapter 26, verses 1 through 11.

Listen to the word of God:

“Then it shall be, when you enter the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you take possession of it and live in it,² that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground which you bring in from your land that the Lord your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place where the Lord your God chooses to establish His name.³ And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord my God that I have entered the land which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it before the altar of the Lord your God.⁵ And you shall respond and say before the Lord your God, ‘My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down to Egypt and resided there, few in number; but there he became a great, mighty, and populous nation.⁶ And the Egyptians treated us badly and oppressed us, and imposed hard labor on us.⁷ Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our wretched condition, our trouble, and our oppression;⁸ and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand, an outstretched arm, and with great terror, and with signs and wonders;⁹ and He has brought us to this place, and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.¹⁰ And now behold, I have brought the first of the produce of the ground which You, Lord have given me.’ Then you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God;¹¹ and you, the

Levite, and the stranger who is among you shall rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given you and your household.

This is the word of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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**New Testament Reading**                      **Luke 4:1-13**                      **Adah Hutchcraft**  
(New American Standard Bible)

*Reader: A reading from Luke, chapter 4, verses 1 through 13.*

*Listen to the word of God:*

*Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness<sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He was hungry.<sup>3</sup> And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"*

<sup>5</sup> *And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.<sup>6</sup> And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory, for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I want.<sup>7</sup> Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."<sup>8</sup> Jesus replied to him, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'"*

<sup>9</sup> *And he brought Him into Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here;<sup>10</sup> for it is written:*

*'He will give His angels orders concerning You, to protect You,'*

<sup>11</sup> *and,*

*'On their hands they will lift You up,  
So that You do not strike Your foot against a stone.'"*

<sup>12</sup> *And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been stated, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"*

<sup>13</sup> *And so when the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.*

*This is the word of God.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

**Message**                      **"The First Fruits of Reliance"**                      **Adah Hutchcraft**

**Prayer Hymn**

*Glory to God #166*

***Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days***

**(V 1)**

**Verse 1**

**Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins**

and close by you to stay.

## Prayer of Intercession

Trevor Elliott

**You may say your own words OR the following:**

**Leader:** *Almighty God, we pray for all who live in places of threat and danger.  
We trust in you, for you are able to make peace in the midst of warfare  
and turn rough places into level ground.  
Teach us to prepare a table where enemies may feast instead of fight.  
. . . Hear our prayer, O God,*

**All:** our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

**Leader:** *We pray for those who do not have enough—  
enough to eat, enough to wear, or enough justice.  
We trust in you, for you fill the empty with good things and lift up the lowly.  
Help us to share the abundance we enjoy  
and to work for the freedom and dignity of all your children.  
. . . Hear our prayer, O God,*

**All:** our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

**Leader:** *We pray for all who are chronically homeless,  
wandering our streets and sleeping unprotected;  
and for those who are homeless for a season  
because of natural disaster or economic trouble.  
We trust in you,  
for you give even to the sparrow a nest where she may lay her young.  
Make us more determined to assist those who need a place to live.  
. . . Hear our prayer, O God,*

**All:** our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

**Leader:** *We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or heart.  
We trust in you, for you are able to heal  
and to make whole in this life and the next.  
Make us tender caregivers,  
that your healing power may be at work in us and through us.  
. . . Hear our prayer, O God,*

**All:** our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

**Leader:** *We pray for the church, dividing and uniting, wavering and witnessing.  
We trust in you, for you called the church into being  
and have made us your body in and for the world.  
Keep your church from being both uncertain and too certain.  
Help us to joyfully trust that the Spirit is leading us  
into new opportunities of faith and service.  
O God, our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade,  
we pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who is generous to all who call upon him.*

*Please join together as Jesus taught us to pray . . .*

## The Lord's Prayer

People: 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.

## Invitation to Offering

Trevor Elliott

*As we prepare for our offering today, there are various ways that you may give. You may place your offering and Yellow Card in the white box, at the back, as you leave or contact the office for other options.*

*Israel came out of the wilderness and into a land flowing with milk and honey.*

*There they were finally able to offer to God baskets full, in joyful celebration. We, too, bring the first fruits of all that God has so generously given us, with joy and thanksgiving.*

## Prayer for Offering

Trevor Elliott

*Let us pray:  
Gracious and Generous God,  
we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance.  
Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey.  
Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined.  
Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth.  
We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received,  
setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift,  
Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

Please stand

## \*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*Affirmation of Faith

*A Humble Creed*  
(For the season of Lent)  
lines 1-12

Trevor Elliott

<https://modernliturgist.org/project/seasonal-creeds/>

Leader: *Believer, what do you believe?*

People: I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth,  
Who gave man and woman free will  
And entrusted this precious world to us.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord,

Who was born in a manger by Mary,  
A woman of humble beginnings.  
Refusing to seek power,  
And turning away the sword,  
He died for us, the Lamb of God.  
He descended into the darkest of all places,  
But rose again on the third day,  
Bringing life and hope to all.

**\*Closing Hymn**

**Trevor Elliott**

*Our closing hymn today is "Lord Jesus, Think on Me".*

**\*Closing Hymn  
Glory To God #417**

***Lord Jesus, Think on Me***

**Verse 1**

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin.  
From earth-born passions set me free,  
and make me pure within.

**Verse 2**

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
amid the battle's strife.  
In all my pain and misery  
be thou my health and life.

**Verse 3**

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray.  
Through darkness and perplexity  
point thou the heavenly way.

**Verse 4**

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that, when this life is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see,  
and share thy joy at last.

**\*Blessing & Charge**

**Adah Hutchcraft**

**You may prepare your own OR the following:**

*These Lenten days will take us to the cross of Christ.  
Go forward, knowing that you do not go this way alone.  
Nor do we have to be afraid,  
for the Word of God strengthens us and the Holy Spirit sustains us.*

**Lay Leader: After the blessing, begin to take the light of Christ into the world:**

- 1. Light the candle lighter with one of the candles on the communion table.**
- 2. Extinguish both candles on the communion table.**

3. Stand with the light, facing the congregation.
4. Walk out with the light through the East aisle, in front of Pastor, to the back of the sanctuary.
5. Extinguish the light and stow the candle lighter.

**Postlude**

*Just As I Am*

William B. Bradbury/Arr. James A. Harris

James A. Harris, classical guitar