



Pittsburg Presbyterian Church

April 17, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

Easter Day

Communion Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude

Easter Song

Anne Herring/Arr. by John F. Wilson

Virginia Darling, organ

Janis Saket, piano

Lay Leader: Preset your folder at your seat.

Bring in the Light of Christ during the Prelude.

Welcome

Mark Denton

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 Easter Sunday.

Mission Statement

Mark Denton

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**

Mark Denton

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Leader: *Rejoice and be glad:*

People: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Leader: *Rejoice and be glad:*

People: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

Leader: *Rejoice and be glad:*

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Our opening hymn today is "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"...Come, let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn**

Glory To God #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

(V 1, 2, 4)

Verse 1

Jesus Christ is risen today,
Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day,
Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss.
Alleluia!

Verse 2

Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia!

Verse 4

Sing we to our God above,
Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love.
Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host,
Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia!

Please be seated

Announcements

Mark Denton

- *Good morning and thank you for worshiping with us today!*
- *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.*
 * **Please mention any last minute announcements.**

Call to Confession

Mark Denton

*We know that God shows no partiality,
 but welcomes and forgives all those who repent and believe.
 Let us confess our sin.*

Prayer of Confession

Mark Denton

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

All: Teach us to trust your promise
 and to believe the good news of salvation:
 Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead.

Leader: Hear now our individual silent confessions:

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

Assurance of Pardon

Mark Denton

*Leader: Beloved hear the good news . . .
 Hear what the prophets have spoken:
 that everyone who believes in Christ
 receives forgiveness of sins through his name.
 . . . Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

[Virginia offers intro to *Gloria*]

***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.

WORD

Special Music
 “Comfort ye, my people” and “Every valley shall be exalted”
 from *The Messiah*
 G.F. Handel
 Brock Willard, tenor

Virginia Darling, piano

New Testament Reading Acts 10:34-43 (NIV) Zadie Rhodes

Reader: A reading from Acts chapter 10, verses 34 through 43.

Listen to the word of God:

³⁴ *Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*

³⁹ *"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading John 20:1-18 (NIV) Zadie Rhodes

Reader: A reading from John chapter 20, verses 1 through 18.

Listen to the word of God:

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ *So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.*

¹¹ *Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.*

¹³ *They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"*

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ *He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"*

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ *Jesus said to her, "Mary."*

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ *Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"*

¹⁸ *Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.*

This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"The Surprise of a Lifetime."

Trevor Elliott

Prayer Hymn

Glory To God #240

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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(R, V 1, R, V 2, R, V 4, R)

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

Verse 1

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Refrain

Verse 2

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

Verse 4

Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain

Invitation to Offering

Mark Denton

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.

We belong to Christ Jesus; all things are his, for he is Lord of all.

Prayer for Offering

Mark Denton

Let us pray:

*We praise you, O God, and give you thanks
that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope,
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Let our lives be proof of that good news.

*Let all our words and actions, our love and service
bear witness to your resurrection power;
for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. 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

Apostle's Creed

Mark
Denton

Leader: Believer, what do you believe?

*People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead;
On the third day he rose again;*

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*catholic does not mean the Roman Catholic Church. It means the church of Jesus Christ, everywhere.

EUCCHARIST

Invite the Serving Elders to come forward.

Invitation to the Lord's Table (COVID Precautions) Roger McCune

During this time of COVID, there will be two Serving Elders. Please come forward, one at a time, to gather the Communion elements. Please maintain physical distancing as you come forward and return to your seat.

Everyone is welcome to this table. Scripture reminds us to take the time to prepare ourselves for the Lord's Table. Remember God's goodness and turn your heart in gratitude to God.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (see screen)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon this bread and cup.*

*Make us one in the body and blood
of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*As we have been buried with Christ by baptism into death,
raise us up, by the power of your Spirit, to walk in new life.
Let us be dead to sin and alive to you in Christ Jesus.*

*As grains of wheat are gathered from the land
to become the one bread we share,
gather up your church from the ends of the earth*

into the glory of your new creation.

*Through the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory,
now and forever.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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.

Communion Hymn

We Come to Your Feast

Michael Joncas/Arr. K. Lange

(R, V 1, R)

Refrain

We come to Your feast, we come to Your feast:
The young and the old, the frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least.
We come to Your feast, we come to Your feast:
With the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands,
We come to Your feast.

Verse 1

We place upon Your table, a gleaming cloth of white:
The weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives.
The dreams of those before us; the ancient hopeful cries,
The promise of our future, our needing and our nurture
Lie here before our eyes.

Refrain

Words of Institution (Bread and Cup)

Roger McCune

Instructions: As you come forward to receive the elements, please observe social distancing. The elements will be stacked in two cups, with the wafer on the bottom and the juice on the top. Please take both, return to your seat, and wait to partake together. Cup holders are behind the pews.

Communion Music
Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Doris Akers/Arr. John F. Wilson
Virginia Darling, organ
Janis Saket, piano

Preacher, you may say your own words here, OR the following:

The presider lifts and breaks the bread, saying:

Leader: *The Lord Jesus,
on the night of his arrest,
took bread, and after giving thanks to God,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.*

The presider lifts the cup, saying:

Leader: *In the same way he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me.
Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,
until he comes.*

Then, holding out both the bread and the cup to the people, the presider says:

Leader: *The gifts of God for the people of God.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: *The body of Christ, given for you.*

The blood of Christ shed for you.

People: Thanks be to God.

Everyone partakes of the elements.

Prayer after Communion

Roger McCune

You may prepare your own, OR the following:

Leader: *Let us pray:
Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.
As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.
As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry.
As we have been loved, help us to love the world-
because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.*

SENDING

***Closing Hymn**

Mark Denton

Our closing hymn today is "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

***Closing Hymn**

Glory To God #363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

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(V 1, 3, 4)

Verse 1

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Verse 3

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Verse 4

Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints
to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

***Blessing & Charge**

Trevor Elliott

You may prepare your own OR the following:

Grace and peace to all

who have an undying love for our living Lord, Jesus Christ.

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
Hallelujah Chorus
George Frederick Handel
Pitt Pres Choir