



# Pittsburg Presbyterian Church

April 24, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

## Second Sunday of Easter

### GATHERING

Prelude

*Easter Bells*

Based on hymntunes

Lasst Uns Erfreuen and Easter Hymn

Michael Ryan

Pitt Pres Ringers

Lay Leader: Preset your folder at your seat.

Bring in the Light of Christ during the Prelude.

Welcome

Ron Rhodes

*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 second Sunday of Easter.*

Guest Speaker Introduction

Ron Rhodes

*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 back Adah!*

Mission Statement

Ron Rhodes

*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**

**Ron Rhodes**

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

*People: And also with you.*

*Leader: Christ is risen!*

*People: Christ is risen indeed!*

*Leader: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!  
Celebrate God in all places under heaven!*

*People: Let everything with life and breath praise God!*

*Leader: Our opening hymn today is "Shall We Gather at the River" ...Come, let us worship God.*

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Glory To God #375*

*Shall We Gather at the River*

*(V 1, 2, 4)*

*Verse 1*

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

*Verse 2*

On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day.

*Refrain*

*Verse 4*

Soon we'll reach the shining river;  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace.

## Refrain

Please be seated

### Announcements

Ron Rhodes

- *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.*
- *Touching Lives: I would like to introduce Margaret Neil, who will be sharing our Touching Lives segment.*

\* **Please mention any last minute announcements.**

### Call to Confession

Ron Rhodes

*When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us,  
it is hard to be healed and receive new life.  
So let us open ourselves to God in confession,  
trusting the Lord’s desire to give us peace.*

### Prayer of Confession

Ron Rhodes

*Leader: God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,*

*All: when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,  
forgive us and help us to find our voice.*

*When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,  
forgive us and give us the power to forgive.*

*When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority,  
join with the weak to make us all strong.*

*When we are confined by our hurts,  
touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.*

*When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,  
pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.*

*Leader: Hear now our individual silent confessions:*

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

### Assurance of Pardon

Ron Rhodes

*Leader: Christ comes with healing light . . .*

*into our locked places and shadowy hurts,  
resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life.  
As God’s own forgiven people,*

*go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world  
. . . in the name of Jesus Christ.*

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**  
*Down in the River to Pray*  
Arr. Sheldon Curry  
Pitt Pres Choir

Old Testament Reading      *Psalm 150*  
(New American Standard Bible)

Ron Rhodes

Reader: *A reading from Psalm chapter 150.*

*Listen to the word of God:*

*Praise the Lord!*

*Praise God in His sanctuary;*

*Praise Him in His mighty expanse.*

2 *Praise Him for His mighty deeds;*

*Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.*

3 *Praise Him with trumpet sound;*

*Praise Him with harp and lyre.*

4 *Praise Him with tambourine and dancing;*

*Praise Him with stringed instruments and flute.*

5 *Praise Him with loud cymbals;*

*Praise Him with resounding cymbals.*

6 *Everything that has breath shall praise the Lord.*

*Praise the Lord!*

*This is the word of God.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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New Testament Reading      **Acts 5:27-32**      Adah Hutchcraft  
(New American Standard Bible)

*Reader: A reading from Acts, chapter 5, verses 27 through 32.  
Listen to the word of God:*

*When they had brought them, they had them stand before the Council. The high priest interrogated them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this Man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you put to death by hanging Him on a cross. <sup>31</sup> He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."*

*This is the word of God.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Message      "Unrestrained Grace"      Adah Hutchcraft

Prayer Hymn  
*Glory to God #840*  
*When Peace Like A River*  
(V 1, R)

Verse 1  
When peace like a river  
attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain  
It is well with my soul;  
it is well; it is well with my soul.

Prayer of Intercession      Ron Rhodes

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

*Leader: Holy One, you have made us and redeemed us through Christ  
to be your kingdom and your priests,  
serving you and your dominion forever and ever.  
Help us to be wounded healers who bring your peace into the world.  
. . . As you sent Christ,*

*All: now send us.*

*Leader: We pray for the church around the world in all its local expressions,*

*that we and our leaders may truly be your kingdom and your priests,  
serving not ourselves but your glory and your dominion.*

*. . . As you sent Christ*

**All:** now send us.

**Leader:** *We pray for those who cannot see you and yet desire to believe.*

*. . . As you sent Christ,*

**ALL:** now send us.

**Leader:** *We pray for religious and secular authorities who speak truth to power.*

*. . . As you sent Christ,*

**ALL:** now send us.

**Leader:** *We pray for those who need healing and hope,  
who cannot see the possibility of new life.*

*. . . As you sent Christ,*

**ALL:** now send us.

**Leader:** *We pray for those in our world who are wounded,  
those who suffer from war, oppression, famine, and disease.*

*. . . As you sent Christ,*

**ALL:** now send us.

**Leader:** *God who is and was and is to be, be for us the Alpha and Omega,  
the beginning and the end, the Almighty.*

*Grant that we might be your forgiveness,  
your peace, and your resurrecting good news,*

*through Jesus Christ, your faithful witness and our Lord,*

*the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all the kings of the earth.*

*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**

**Ron Rhodes**

*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.*

*God gives new life to all that is, including ourselves and all that sustains us.  
So let our tithes and offerings be our songs of praise and thanksgiving  
in response to the God who loves us and frees us!*

## **Prayer for Offering**

**Ron Rhodes**

*Let us pray:*

*Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them*

*into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened,  
courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness,  
the first resurrected, and ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. 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** *The Apostles' Creed Interpreted* Ron Rhodes  
Lines 1-4  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/bcr-115/>

**Leader:** *Believer, what do you believe  
when you confess your faith in "God the Father Almighty"?*  
**People:** That God is a God of love,  
and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.

## SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn** Ron Rhodes

*Our closing hymn today is "Will You Come and Follow Me?".*

**\*Closing Hymn**  
*Glory To God #726*

*Will You Come and Follow Me?*

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Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)  
(V 1, 2, 4)

Verse 1

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

Verse 2

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

Verse 4

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?"

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

**\*Blessing & Charge**

**Adah Hutchcraft**

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

*May you be filled with the grace and peace of the God  
who is and was and is to come, and with the Spirit of Jesus Christ,  
God's faithful witness, who loves us and sets us free.*

**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**

**We Will Glorify with "Our Great Savior"**

**Twila Paris/Arr. Marilyn Ham**

**Virginia Darling, piano**