



Pittsburg Presbyterian Church

May 15, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Prelude

Glorify Thy Name

Donna Adkins/Arr. Mark Hayes

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 fifth Sunday of Easter.

Guest Speaker Introduction

Trevor Elliott

For those of you who haven't met her, our guest speaker today is Julie Bernhardt. Some of you might recognize Julie since she was a youth leader at The Presbyterian Church a few years ago, where she led several confirmation classes and taught our children of all ages. Julie also happens to be the mother of my beautiful wife Abby! Julie and her husband Ben have been attending The First Christian Church with Julie's parents over the last few years and she's currently working as a kindergarten paraeducator at Westside Elementary School. Welcome Julie!

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: Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

People: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

Leader: Our opening hymn today is "In My Life Lord Be Glorified" ...Come, let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

Glory To God #468

In My Life Lord Be Glorified

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Verse 1

In my life, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord,
be glorified today.

Verse 2

In our song, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In our song, Lord,
be glorified today.

Verse 3

In your church, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord,
be glorified today.

Verse 4

In your world, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord,
be glorified today.

Please be seated

Announcements

Trevor Elliott

- *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.
- Fellowship: Following worship, please join together for Coffee & Cookies Fellowship in the Parlor, hosted by Barbara Rhodes.
* Please mention any last minute announcements.

Call to Confession

Trevor Elliott

*Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.*

Prayer of Confession

Trevor Elliott

Leader: God of mercy,

All: your command to love one another across all differences
opens us to new horizons,
yet we often respond with fear and judgment
that hinders your goal for humanity.
Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance
that leads to life for all creation.
We pray in Jesus’ name.

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: God’s promises are trustworthy and true; . . .
your sins are forgiven.*

Be at peace to serve the Lord,

. . . and may you always be known by your love.

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

Alleluia! For Christ the Lord is Risen

John Leavitt
Pitt Pres Choir

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 148:1-6 (NCV)* Trevor Elliott

Reader: A reading from Psalm chapter 148, verses 1 through 6.

Listen to the word of God:

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the skies.

Praise him high above the earth.

² *Praise him, all you angels.*

Praise him, all you armies of heaven.

³ *Praise him, sun and moon.*

Praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ *Praise him, highest heavens*

and you waters above the sky.

⁵ *Let them praise the Lord,*

because they were created by his command.

⁶ *He put them in place forever and ever;*

he made a law that will never change.

This is the word of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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New Testament Reading *John 13:31-35 (NCV)* Julie Bernhardt

*Reader: A reading from John, chapter 13, verses 31 through 35.*

*Listen to the word of God:*

*When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man receives his glory, and God receives glory through him. <sup>32</sup> If God receives glory through him, then God will give glory to the Son through himself. And God will give him glory quickly."*

<sup>33</sup> *Jesus said, "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and what I told the Jews, I tell you now: Where I am going you cannot come.*

<sup>34</sup> *"I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other as I have loved you. <sup>35</sup> All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other."*

*This is the word of God.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Love and God's Glory"

Julie Bernhardt

## Prayer Hymn

*Glory to God #469*

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Text © 1973 Hope Publishing Company Music © 1973 Hope Publishing Company  
(Sing 2 times)

Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Repeat

## Prayer of Intercession

Trevor Elliott

You may say your own words OR the following:

*Leader: In this season of Easter rejoicing,  
let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings  
for the church and the world saying,  
O God of love,  
Raise us to new life in Christ.*

*Leader: For the well-being of your creation,  
that we may promote its ability  
to offer praise to you through spacious skies,  
bountiful seas, verdant lands,  
and precious creatures great and small.  
. . . O God of love,*

*All: Raise us to new life in Christ.*

*Leader: For the life of the church,  
that our generous witness may broaden your table  
as all find a place to live and grow in love.  
. . . O God of love,*

*All: Raise us to new life in Christ.*

*Leader: For the welfare of your world,  
that all leaders and people young and old  
will strive to live together in harmony  
while serving the common good.  
. . . O God of love,*

*All: Raise us to new life in Christ.*

*Leader: For all who suffer any violence, pain, or grief,  
that they will know the comfort of your presence  
as you wipe every tear from their eyes.  
. . . O God of love,*

*All: Raise us to new life in Christ.*

*Leader: For the love made known to us in Jesus Christ*

*through this community,  
for this and all other blessings we give you thanks and praise.  
. . . O God of love,*

All: Raise us to new life in Christ.

*Leader: For all who have died,  
that you will bring them to the fullness of your joy,  
where mourning and pain will be no more.  
. . . O God of love,*

All: Raise us to new life in Christ.

*Leader: For so many blessings, and for answered prayers,  
we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.*

*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.*

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."  
Let us with gladness offer to God the gifts of our labor, life, and love.*

### Prayer for Offering

Trevor Elliott

*Let us pray:  
Loving God, we give you thanks  
for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us  
in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection.  
Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation.  
May they be a testament to your love for us  
as we share them in love for you;  
through Jesus Christ 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** *The Apostles' Creed Interpreted* Trevor Elliott  
Lines 22-34

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/bcr-115/>

**Leader:** *What do you affirm when you speak of "the life everlasting"?*

**People:** That communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself.  
In him we were chosen before the foundation of the world.  
By him the eternal covenant with Israel  
was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled.  
To him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith,  
and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God.  
Through him we are raised from death to new life.  
For him we shall live to all eternity.

## SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn** Trevor Elliott

*Our closing hymn today is "We Are One In the Spirit".*

**\*Closing Hymn**  
*Glory To God #300*

*We Are One In the Spirit*

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Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 2

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

Refrain

Verse 3

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,

and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

Refrain

Verse 4

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Refrain

**\*Blessing & Charge**

**Julie Bernhardt**

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

*Jesus has loved us so that we may love others.  
Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

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**

*Beautiful Savior*

From Schlesische

Volkslieder/Arr. John Innes

Taylor Jones, flute

Virginia Darling, piano