



Pittsburg Presbyterian Church

May 1, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

Third Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Prelude

In the Presence of Jehovah with Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place

Geron and Becky Davis/Lanny Wolfe/Arr. Mark Hayes
Virginia Darling, piano

Lay Leader: Preset your folder at your seat.
Bring in the Light of Christ during the Prelude.

Welcome

Mason Benson

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 third Sunday of Easter.

Mission Statement

Mason Benson

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

Mason Benson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: O Lord our God, we praise you.

People: We cried to you for help and you answered us.

Leader: You have restored our lives;

People: you have rescued us from the grave.

Leader: Our opening hymn today is "When in Our Music God is Glorified" ...Come, let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn**

Glory To God #641

When in Our Music God is Glorified

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(V 1, 2, 5)

Verse 1

When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

Verse 2

How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

Verse 5

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

Please be seated

Announcements

Mason Benson

- *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.*
- *The rose and cross on the pulpit is in honor of Margaret Neil's new granddaughter born April 22nd.*
- *Fellowship: Following worship, please join together for Coffee & Cookies Fellowship in the Parlor, hosted by Joanna Rhodes*
 - * **Please mention any last minute announcements.**

Call to Confession

Mason Benson

When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God,

*who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit
and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin.*

Prayer of Confession

Mason Benson

Leader: Lord God, in the light of your glory

All: we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied.
Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy,
and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way
and tell the good news of the gospel.

Leader: Hear now our individual silent confessions:

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

Assurance of Pardon

Mason Benson

Leader: Rise up from the dust! . . .

Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord.

. . . In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Arr. by Jay Althouse

Pitt Pres Choir

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 30 (NIV)*

Mason Benson

Reader: A reading from Psalm chapter 30.

Listen to the word of God:

*I will exalt you, Lord,
for you lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
2 Lord my God, I called to you for help,
and you healed me.
3 You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead;
you spared me from going down to the pit.
4 Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;
praise his holy name.
5 For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may stay for the night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.
6 When I felt secure, I said,
"I will never be shaken."
7 Lord, when you favored me,
you made my royal mountain stand firm;
but when you hid your face,
I was dismayed.
8 To you, Lord, I called;
to the Lord I cried for mercy:
9 "What is gained if I am silenced,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it proclaim your faithfulness?
10 Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me;
Lord, be my help."
11 You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
12 that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.
Lord my God, I will praise you forever.
This is the word of God.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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**New Testament Reading      Revelation 5:11-14 (NIV)      Blake Benson**  
*Reader: A reading from Revelation, chapter 5, verses 11 through 14.*  
*Listen to the word of God:*

<sup>11</sup> *Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they were saying:*  
*"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,*

*to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”*

<sup>13</sup> *Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and  
on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:*

*“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!”*

<sup>14</sup> *The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and  
worshiped.*

*This is the word of God.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Message

“A Community of Christians”

Blake Benson

Video: <https://youtu.be/uWoz7K3Va5U>

Prayer Hymn

*Glory to God #306*

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

(V 1)

Verse 1

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

Prayer of Intercession

Mason Benson

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

*Leader: . . . O Lord our God,  
All: we cry to you for help.*

*Leader: We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith;  
give them freedom, peace, and safety.*

*. . . O Lord our God,  
All: we cry to you for help.*

*Leader: We pray for those who breathe curses and threats;  
give them new hearts and new lives to glorify you.*

*. . . O Lord our God,  
All: we cry to you for help.*

*Leader: We pray for those who work by day and night;  
give them satisfaction and rest from their labors.*

*. . . O Lord our God,  
All: we cry to you for help.*

**Leader:** *We pray for those who fear their efforts are in vain;  
fill their lives with your providence and grace.*

*. . . O Lord our God,*

**All:** we cry to you for help.

**Leader:** *We pray for all who suffer in sickness and grief;  
give them healing, hope, and joy.*

*. . . O Lord our God,*

**All:** we cry to you for help.

**Leader:** *We pray for the faithful in every nation of the earth;  
give them voices to praise your name forever.*

*. . . O Lord our God,*

**All:** we cry to you for help.

**Leader:** *We ask all these things in the name of Jesus,  
who loves us, who feeds us, who saves us.*

*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**

**Mason Benson**

*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.*

*Jesus calls us to feed his lambs and tend his sheep.*

*Let us show and share his love through the offering of our lives.*

### **Prayer for Offering**

**Mason Benson**

*Let us pray:*

*Worthy are you, O God, to receive power and wealth  
and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.*

*Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise*

*and use them for your glory and the good of your people;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. 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*    **Mason Benson**  
Lines 5-12  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/bcr-115/>

**Leader:** *What do you affirm  
when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "our Lord"?*

**People:** That having been raised from the dead  
he reigns with compassion and justice  
over all things in heaven and on earth,  
especially over those who confess him by faith;  
and that by loving and serving him above all else,  
we give glory and honor to God.

## SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn**    **Mason Benson**  
*Our closing hymn today is "Where Charity and Love Prevail".*

**\*Closing Hymn**  
*Glory To God #316*

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

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(V 1, 2, 5)

Verse 1

Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love we thus are bound.

Verse 2

Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells Christ, God's holy Son.  
As members of each body joined,  
in him we are made one.

Verse 5

Love can exclude no race or creed  
if honored be God's name;  
our common life embraces all  
whose Maker is the same.

## \*Blessing & Charge

Blake Benson

You may prepare your own OR the following:

*Jesus said: Feed my lambs; tend my sheep.  
Follow me.*

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

*Great Is the Lord*

Michael and Deborah Smith/Arr. Mark Hayes

Virginia Darling, piano