



Pittsburg Presbyterian Church

May 8, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Prelude
Day Of Joy
Franklin Ritter
Virginia Darling, organ

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 today on the fourth Sunday of Easter.

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 risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Leader: Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

People: Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

Leader: Our opening hymn today is "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ...Come, let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn**
Glory To God #366
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(V 1, 2, 4)

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Verse 2

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 4

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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.*

- Choir Practices: *Bell Choir and Pitt Pres Choir practices are on Wednesday evenings, with Bell Choir at 6 pm and the Pitt Pres Choir at 7 pm. Please contact Brock Willard at bwillard@gus.pittstate.edu for more information.*

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

Call to Confession

Trevor Elliott

*God is present to guide our journey
and eager to forgive us when we go astray;
therefore, in humility and faith,
let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.*

Prayer of Confession

Trevor Elliott

Leader: Holy God,

All: we confess that we have strayed
from your paths of right relationship and peace,
and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation;
we repent of these hurtful ways.
Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others,
and guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 mercy overflows as a healing spring . . .
to cleanse us of our offenses;*

. . . therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in 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

Untitled Hymn

Chris Rice/Arr. Patti Drennan

Pitt Pres Choir

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 7:6-14 (NIV)* Trevor Elliott

Reader: *A reading from Deuteronomy chapter 7, verses 6 through 14.*

Listen to the word of God:

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

⁷ *The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. ¹⁰ But*

those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him.

¹¹ *Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today.*

¹² *If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors.*

¹³ *He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and olive oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.*

¹⁴ *You will be blessed more than any other people; none of your men or women will be childless, nor will any of your livestock be without young.*

This is the word of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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New Testament Reading     *1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NIV)*     Trevor Elliott

Reader: *A reading from first Corinthians, chapter 13 verses 1 through 13.*

*Listen to the word of God:*

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

<sup>4</sup> *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.* <sup>5</sup> *It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.* <sup>6</sup> *Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.* <sup>7</sup> *It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

<sup>8</sup> *Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.* <sup>9</sup> *For we know in part and we prophesy in part,* <sup>10</sup> *but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.* <sup>11</sup> *When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.* <sup>12</sup> *For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.*

<sup>13</sup> *And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

*This is the word of God.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Love”

Trevor Elliott

**Prayer Hymn**  
*Glory to God #626*  
*As the Deer*

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As the deer pants for water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield;  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

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 saying,  
O Risen Christ,  
Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.*

*Leader: For the goodness of the earth,  
that it may flourish with flowing waters,  
verdant pastures, and paths that lead us  
to protect and care for your creation.  
. . . O Risen Christ,*

**All:** Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

*Leader: For the peace and welfare of the world,  
that all our tables of work and worship*

*promote the understanding and dignity  
that transform enemies into friends.*

*. . . O Risen Christ,*

**All:** *Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.*

**Leader:** *For all who suffer with sickness, need, or danger,  
that all our afflictions and fears are met with healing  
and the comforting presence of your voice.*

*. . . O Risen Christ,*

**All:** *Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.*

**Leader:** *For the blessings we receive and share,  
that we may live a life of ceaseless praise  
for the salvation that is ours through you.*

*. . . O Risen Christ,*

**All:** *Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.*

**Leader:** *For the saints in light,  
that you will wipe every tear from their eyes  
as they dwell with you eternally.*

*. . . O Risen Christ,*

**All:** *Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.*

**Leader:** *Holy God,  
you are our hope and our strength,  
our light and our sovereign,  
our shepherd and our savior.  
With all the saints in heaven and on earth,  
we praise your holy name  
and entrust every care to you;  
through Jesus Christ 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.*

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."*

*Trusting in divine care,*

*let us present our tithes and offerings to God*

*who restores our lives eternally.*

**Prayer for Offering**

**Trevor Elliott**

*Let us pray:  
Holy God, Divine Shepherd,  
you anoint us with the oil of gladness;  
your love overflows our hearts.  
Accept our offering for the good of the world  
as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you.  
In Jesus' 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**

*The Apostles' Creed Interpreted  
Lines 13-21*

**Trevor Elliott**

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

**Leader:** *What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?*

**People:** That apart from the Holy Spirit,  
our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served.  
The Holy Spirit is the personal bond  
by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself,  
the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ,  
and the comforter who leads us to repentance,  
empowering us to live in Christ's service.

**SENDING**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**Trevor Elliott**

*Our closing hymn today is "I Love to Tell the Story."*

**\*Closing Hymn**  
*Glory To God #462*  
*I Love to Tell the Story*

Verse 1

I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,

because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else could do.

**Refrain**

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

**Verse 2**

I love to tell the story;  
'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word.

**Refrain**

**Verse 3**

I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long.

**Refrain**

**\*Blessing & Charge**

**Trevor Elliott**

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

*May Christ the Good Shepherd  
bless and guide you this day and always.*

**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**

*The Joyful Trumpet*  
Patricia Lou Harris

**Virginia Darling, organ**