



Pittsburg Presbyterian Church

June 26, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

Third Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
George N. Allen/Arr. Bill Wieszczeck
Terry Cox, bells
Jim Harris, guitar

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

Welcome

Blake 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 the third Sunday after Pentecost.

Mission Statement

Blake 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

Blake Benson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We gather to worship our God of wonder,

People: and we gather to meditate on God's works and mighty deeds.

Leader: Our God who is great and mighty, with arms stretched out,

People: welcomes us into the fold.

*Leader: Our opening hymn today is "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"
...Come, let us worship God.*

***Opening Hymn**

Glory To God #649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

(V 1, 2, 3)

Verse 1

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

Verse 3

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

Please be seated

Announcements

Blake 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.*
- *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

Blake Benson

*Christ Jesus did not call down destruction
upon those who rejected him.
How much more will he show mercy to those who seek forgiveness.
In faith, let us confess our sins.*

Prayer of Confession

Blake Benson

Leader: O God, Holy Trinity,

All: help us to confess our sins.

We confess that we abuse what you give us.

By our thoughts, actions, and the meditations of our hearts
we show how enslaved we are to life made corrupt by sin.

Far from walking in the Spirit, we stumble on paths that lead to death.

Rekindle our desire to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ,
whose passion for obeying you leads us to our inheritance,
which is your promised kingdom.

To you and the Son and the Spirit, One God,
be all worship and praise now and forever.

Leader: Hear now our individual silent confessions:

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

Assurance of Pardon

Blake Benson

Leader: Brothers and sisters . . .

The crucified Christ has set us free to live in the Spirit of life.

Hear the good news of the gospel.

. . . 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

Gospel Medley in Blue

Just a Closer Walk with Thee - Traditional

I'll Fly Away - Albert Brumley

Goodbye World, Goodbye - Mosie Lister

Improvised by J. A. Harris

Jim Harris, flugelhorn

New Testament Reading **Luke 9:51-62 (NIV)**

Blake Benson

Reader: A reading from Luke chapter 9, verses 51 through 62.

Listen to the word of God:

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him;⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?"⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them.⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village.

⁵⁷ *As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."*

⁵⁸ *Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."*

⁵⁹ *He said to another man, "Follow me."*

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ *Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."*

⁶¹ *Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."*

⁶² *Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

This is the word of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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**New Testament Reading**      **Mark 8:27-38 (NIV)**

**Mark Denton**

*Reader: A reading from Mark, chapter 8, verses 27 through 38*

*Listen to the word of God:*

*Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”*

<sup>28</sup> *They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”*

<sup>29</sup> *“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”*  
*Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”*

<sup>30</sup> *Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.*

<sup>31</sup> *He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.*

<sup>33</sup> *But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”*

<sup>34</sup> *Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”*

*This is the word of God.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Cost”

Mark Denton

Prayer Hymn  
*Glory to God #836*  
*Abide With Me*  
(V 1)

Verse 1

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Prayer of Intercession

Blake Benson

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

*Leader: God of the angels and the saints in light,  
head of the church catholic and apostolic,*

*midwife of the new creation,  
hear us as we pray for the coming of your kingdom.  
Cleanse the pollution of the world caused by human sin.  
Receive the body of the earth, and the bodies of your children  
into your holy presence.  
Dwell with us and be our light.  
. . . Lord in your mercy,*

**All:** hear our prayers.

**Leader:** *Hear us as we pray for the healing of the nations.  
Silence the wars and rumors of terror that plague the human family.  
Guide leaders of the world to the river and the tree of life.  
May the fruits of the Spirit feed the people of the earth.  
. . . Lord in your mercy,*

**All:** hear our prayers.

**Leader:** *Hear us as we pray for all who suffer.  
Lift the yoke of human pain from the sick, the hungry, and the grieving.  
Move the hearts of your people to serve all who are in need.  
. . . Lord in your mercy,*

**All:** hear our prayers.

**Leader:** *Hear us as we pray for the Church.  
Lay the mantle of Elijah on the shoulders of the people of God.  
Let the Spirit shine in the eyes of the body of Christ.  
With a mighty voice, let the church roar, "Justice!"  
With a tender kiss, let her pray, "Mercy."  
. . . Lord in your mercy,*

**All:** hear our prayers.

**Leader:** *With the sign of the cross, let her say,  
"Peace be with you," in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*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**

**Blake 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.*

*The blessings that come from God are rich like the fruits of summer.  
With our tithes and our offerings*

*let us give thanks and praise to the triune God:  
to the Son for our salvation, the Spirit for our rising,  
and the Creator of heaven and earth.*

## Prayer for Offering

Blake Benson

*Let us pray:  
God our maker, our Savior, our source of life,  
we thank you for your self-giving love.  
We present our offerings and commit ourselves to follow Jesus Christ,  
love our neighbors, and share the fruits of the Spirit,  
giving you thanks and praise, O holy, triune God. 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

Adapted from the French  
Confession of 1559, based on  
a translation of the original  
text by Dr. Ellen Babinsky,  
Austin Presbyterian  
Theological Seminary, and Dr.  
Joseph D. Small, Office of  
Theology and Worship,  
PC(USA)

Blake Benson

Lines 31-38

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

*Leader: Believer, what do you believe?*

**People:** As for the true Church  
we believe that it ought to be governed  
in accordance with the order established  
by our Lord Jesus Christ.  
In this way, pure doctrine can be maintained,  
the poor and afflicted can be helped in their need,  
assemblies can be gathered in the name of God,  
and both great and small can be edified.

# SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn**

**Blake Benson**

*Our closing hymn today is "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit".*

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Glory To God #408*

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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**Verse 1**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

**Refrain**

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.

**Verse 2**

There are blessings you cannot receive  
till you know him in his fullness and believe;  
you're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

**Refrain**

**\*Blessing & Charge**

**Mark Denton**

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

*God makes you free as an eagle riding the wind.*

*Christ gives you a home in the kingdom he is bringing.*

*The Holy Spirit fills your belly with fire, and your heart with joy.*

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**

*This Little Light of Mine*

Music attributed to Harry Dixon Loes/Arr. Mark Hayes

**Virginia Darling, piano**