



Pittsburg Presbyterian Church

July 31, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

Eight Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Divine Love and Faithfulness

GATHERING

Prelude

There's Something About That Name
William J. & Gloria Gaither/Arr. John Purifoy
Cyndi Moore, piano

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 the eight Sunday after Pentecost.

Guest Speaker Introduction

Ron Rhodes

Today, we welcome back 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 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: We are children of God, learning to walk.

People: Day by day, we are learning to be the church.

Leader: God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

People: God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.

Leader: Our opening hymn today is "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" ...Come, let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn**

Glory To God #418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

(V 1, R, 3, R)

Verse 1

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain

"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Verse 3

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

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

Call to Confession

Ron Rhodes

*Let us return to our God in confession,
considering God's steadfast love.*

Prayer of Confession

Ron Rhodes

Leader: Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways

All: on account of your love for us.

*Yet we do not always follow your call;
we turn away from you and go our own way.
Forgive us, and return us to our rightful home in you,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

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: Hear these words from our God: . . .

I cannot give up on you—

my compassion grows warm and tender.

When my children come trembling, I will bring them home.

Believe the gospel.

. . . In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

[Cyndi 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

Love Divine

Words Charles Wesley/Music John Zundel/Arr. James Harris
Jim Harris, voice and instrumental

Old Testament Reading *Hosea 11:1-11 (NASB)*

Ron Rhodes

Reader: A reading from Hosea chapter 11, verses 1 through 11.

Listen to the word of God:

*When Israel was a youth I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called My son.
2 The more they called them,
The more they went away from them;
They kept sacrificing to the Baals
And burning incense to idols.
3 Yet it is I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them in My arms;
But they did not know that I healed them.
4 I pulled them along with cords of a man, with ropes of love,
And I became to them as one who lifts the yoke from their jaws;
And I bent down and fed them.
5 They will not return to the land of Egypt;
But Assyria—he will be their king
Because they refused to return to Me.
6 And the sword will whirl against their cities,
And will destroy their oracle priests
And consume them, because of their counsels.
7 So My people are determined to turn from Me.
Though they call them to the One on high,
None at all exalts Him.
8 How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I surrender you, Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart is turned over within Me,
All My compassions are kindled.
9 I will not carry out My fierce anger;
I will not destroy Ephraim again.
For I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst,
And I will not come in wrath.
10 They will walk after the Lord,
He will roar like a lion;
Indeed He will roar,*

*11 And His sons will come trembling from the west.
They will come trembling like birds from Egypt,
And like doves from the land of Assyria;
And I will settle them in their houses, declares the Lord.*

This is the word of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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**New Testament Reading Colossians 3:1-11 (NASB) Adah Hutchcraft**

*Reader: A reading from Colossians chapter 3, verses 1 through 11.*

*Listen to the word of God:*

*Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.<sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth.<sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.<sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.*

*<sup>5</sup> Therefore, treat the parts of your earthly body as dead to sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.<sup>6</sup> For it is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,<sup>7</sup> and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.<sup>8</sup> But now you also, rid yourselves of all of them: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene speech from your mouth.<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you stripped off the old self with its evil practices,<sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created it—<sup>11</sup> a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, and free, but Christ is all, and in all.*

*This is the word of God.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

**Message**

**“Blood is Thicker Than Water”**

**Adah Hutchcraft**

**Prayer Hymn**

***Glory to God #701***

***Lord, Prepare Me***

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**(V 1, Repeat)**

**Verse 1**

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.**

**With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.**

**Repeat**

## Prayer of Intercession

Ron Rhodes

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

**Leader:** *Loving God, we are much in need of your guidance.  
When we wobble and fall, stand us up and help us walk again  
with cords of human kindness and bands of love.  
I am to them like those who lift their infants to their cheeks.*

*We pray for the church and for all who teach others  
with kindness, firm guidance, and love.*

*. . . I am to them like those who lift their infants to their cheeks.*

**All:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Leader:** *We pray for peace among nations and peace between people.  
. . . I am to them like those who lift their infants to their cheeks.*

**All:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Leader:** *We pray for those suffering the scourge of war and  
the calamities of nature.  
. . . I am to them like those who lift their infants to their cheeks.*

**All:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Leader:** *We pray for all those in need,  
especially women and children who suffer domestic  
violence and homelessness.  
. . . I am to them like those who lift their infants to their cheeks.*

**All:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Leader:** *We pray for those who are ill, their families, and their caregivers.  
. . . I am to them like those who lift their infants to their cheeks.*

**All:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Leader:** *We pray for those who refuse to give, who have more than enough  
but choose to build new barns in which to hoard instead of help.  
. . . I am to them like those who lift their infants to their cheeks.*

**All:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Leader:** *Loving God, through Jesus Christ you nurture and nourish us.  
You love us with a steadfast love: low and high, rich and poor together.  
Renew in us your call and release us from all fear,  
that we may heed these things and consider your steadfast love for all.*

**Leader:** *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.*

*Through Jesus Christ, God cautions us against storing up riches for ourselves.*

*Let us consider these things and give as our conscience directs us.*

## Prayer for Offering

Ron Rhodes

*Let us pray:*

*Holy One, we give you thanks for the richness of our lives.*

*Bless these tithes and offerings,*

*that they might be used as expressions of your steadfast love for those in need near and far. 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)

Ron Rhodes

Lines 25-30

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

*Leader: Believer, what do you believe?*

*People: The holy Supper of our Lord is a testimony of our unity with Jesus Christ, who died only once and was raised for our sake. The body and blood of Jesus Christ are food and drink for the soul just as bread and wine are nourishment for the body.*

## SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn**

Ron Rhodes

*Our closing hymn today is "Just a Closer Walk with Thee".*

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Glory To God #835*

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Hope

(R, 1, R, 3, R)

**Refrain**

Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee:  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

**Verse 1**

I am weak, but thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

**Refrain**

**Verse 3**

When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

**Refrain**

**\*Blessing & Charge**

Adah Hutchcraft

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

*Remember, you never know when your life will be demanded of you.  
So do not be a fool who stores up riches for yourself,  
but is poor toward God.*

**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**

*Blessed Assurance*

Mark Hayes

Cyndi Moore, piano