

# Pilgrim Hill

REFORMED FELLOWSHIP



## SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

03 MAY 2026

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYER FOR UNITY IN THE FAITH (John Calvin, 1509-1564)**

Almighty God, since at the coming of Christ, your Son,  
you really did what your servants, the prophets, had previously foretold,  
and since you invite us daily to the unity of faith so that with a unified effort  
we may truly serve you, grant that we may not continue in disunity,  
everyone pursuing their own perverse inclinations at a time when Christ is gathering us to you.  
Nor let us only profess with our mouths, only in words, that we are under your government,  
but let us prove that we believe this with real sincerity. And may we then  
add brotherly love for each other to the true and lawful worship of your name so that,  
with those united efforts, we may promote each other's good  
and so that our adoption may be proven and be constantly reconfirmed.  
May we always be able to call on you as our Father  
with full confidence through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE**

“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this:  
that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live  
might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.  
From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh.  
Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.  
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”  
(2 Corinthians 5:14–17a)

## PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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*“And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” (Genesis 17:7)*

- **Daisy Ann Haymes** - daughter of Joshua and Madison

#### **Congregation Response – “I Bind unto Myself Today,” v. 9 (for music, see #794)**

9. I bind unto myself today,  
The strong name of the Trinity:  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One and One in Three,  
Of Whom all nature hath creation,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

## PREPARATION

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### **For Preparation**

“For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.  
(Psalm 84:10)

\*At points in the worship service annotated (†), please stand if able.

#### **† The Gloria Patri –with uplifted hands–**

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.

## THE LORD CALLS US

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### **† The Call to Worship**

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed!**

† **From Psalm 136**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

to him who alone does great wonders,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

and rescued us from our foes,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

he who gives food to all flesh,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**for his steadfast love endures forever!**

† **Psalm – “From Heaven, O Praise the LORD” (474)**

**WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED**

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**Corporate Prayer of Confession** (from Psalm 32)

Lord our God, your Word pronounces a blessing on those who are assured of the forgiveness of their sins through confession; Yet, often we are slow to confess our sins, causing our spirits to groan, and making us susceptible to Satan’s accusations.

**We walk into the light now**

**and confess that we have sinned against you this week.**

**We have left undone certain good works you have called us to do,  
and have done that which you have forbidden.**

**We have lied through half-truths and vague dodges.**

**We have dishonored our parents and others in authority.**

**We have harbored bitterness, and have gossiped.**

**We have envied others, believing Your grace towards us is meager and lacking.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

## Franklin Agnus Dei

Dm Am/D Bb/D Am/D Bb/D C/D Am/D  
 Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on

8 D5 Dm Am Bb Am Bb C  
 us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have

16 Am D5 Dm Am Bb C Gm  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the

24 Dm Am Bb C Bb C D5  
 world, Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009 © wilburmusic.com  
 Text: Traditional; based on John 1:29

### Silent Prayers of Confession –*kneeling, if able*–

#### ✠ Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 103:10-12

“He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
 as far as the east is from the west,  
 so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

#### ✠ Sursum Corda

So, lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

## THE LORD CONSECRATES US

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**Franklin Sanctus** (for music, see #1102)  
(Men / Women / **Together**)

Holy, Holy,  
*Holy, Holy,*

**Holy Lord.**

Holy, Holy,  
*Holy, Holy,*

**God of power and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed is he,  
*Blessed is he*

**Who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, Amen.

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, Amen.*

### ✠ **Profession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hades. On the third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*catholic refers to the universal collection of God's people throughout all time and from all places.

### ✠ **Heidelberg Catechism, Question 45**

45. Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.**

† Hymn – “Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted” (565)

**Scripture Readings:**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

New Testament Reading: John 14:1-14

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

† Hymn – “Who Shall the Lord’s Elect Condemn?” (664)

**Prayer of Adoration and Intercession**

*When you hear, “Lord, in your mercy,” please respond with: “Hear our prayer.”*

**Sermon – “Sin’s Destruction in the Lifting Up of the Son”**

**John 8:21-30**  
Pastor Brooks Potteiger

**The Lord’s Prayer** (see #1108 for music)

Our Father, which 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.

**TITHES AND TRIBUTE OFFERINGS**

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God of all provision–  
from Whom all things were created  
and for Whom all things were created  
we recognize in this moment that all we have is from you.

**We are honored to be the King’s stewards.**

You have blessed us richly,  
and we ask for wisdom in all of our financial dealings,  
both personally and corporately.

**Receive this portion of our harvest which we bring to You  
in faith, obedience, and with joy.**

✦ Psalm – “Psalm 121” (385)

✦ Hymn – “See, What a Morning” (978)

## THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

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### **The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

The Words of Institution and the Lord’s Table

*The Lord’s Supper is a sacramental family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians, who are in good standing at a church that proclaims the gospel, to the table. By coming, you acknowledge that you have trusted in Christ alone for your justification before God, that you are currently at peace with God and neighbor, and that you are seeking to grow daily in holiness. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Brooks.*

**THE BREAD – “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”** (see next page)

*To display our unity, please wait to eat the bread until instructed.*

## And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Guitar chords are for unison singing only

G C D7 G C D G

1. And can it be that I should gain An in - t'rest in the  
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'im - mor - tal dies: Who can ex - plore His  
 3. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove - So free, so in - fi -  
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay Fast bound in sin and  
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in

7 D/A A D G/D D G D C

Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who  
 strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph tries To sound the  
 nite His grace! Hum - bled Him - self, so great His love, And bled for  
 na - ture's night. Thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning ray; I woke, the  
 Him, is mine! A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head, And clothed in

14 G Am7 G/D D7 G D G C A D

Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it be  
 depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a - dore,  
 all His cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free,  
 dun - geon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
 right - eous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne

20 G C D G D

That Thou, my Lord, shouldst die for me?  
 Let an - gel minds in - quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How  
 For, O my God, it found out me.  
 I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed Thee. A - maz - ing love!  
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

27 D7 G C G C G/D D7 G

can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 How can it be That Thou, my God,

## THE WINE

We pass the wine with "the peace of Christ." You are welcome to drink the wine immediately and to fellowship freely during this time. If juice is desired, it will be the lighter liquid in the tray.

# THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

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## ✠ Commissioning Psalm – “Let God Arise in All His Might” (211)

### ✠ Charge

### ✠ Benediction

“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”

(Jude 24-25)

### ✠ Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

## Doxology

The musical score is written for a piano or organ. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the treble staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;". The second system continues the melody and bass line. Chords are indicated above the treble staff. The lyrics are: "Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The score ends with a double bar line.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551  
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

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Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

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## For Family Worship

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### *Daily Catechesis*

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #45 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” (see liturgy, pg. 8)
- **Verse of the Week:** “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

## Prayer Requests

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### **Current**

- For Kimberly Hodges' father who is battling cancer. Prayers for healing and for peace and comfort amidst the battle.
  - For Jacob Allen, who suffers with significant vertigo. That the Lord would heal this affliction, and give the Allens patience and strength to endure well.
  - Healing for Joshua Haymes and the stomach issues he's suffered with.
  - Peace for Charlee Martin as she grieves the passing of her aunt.
  - For Sydney VanHowegen's aunt Kerri, who is battling brain cancer. Praise for a successful surgery, and prayer that they were able to remove all the cancer.
  - For Seth Miller, healing for his tumor and comfort from the Lord.
  - For Sydney Boyd's uncle Dan, who is fighting bladder cancer. For healing and peace.
  - Salvation for our unbelieving family members - thinking especially of Ryan Heft's cousin (Connor), and Becky's sister (Laura), brother (Orly) and his wife (Amanda) and daughters (Rose, Evey, and Arya).
  - For the folks who are newer to our community. That they would get established quickly.
  - For our own place in God's timing.
  - For the mothers who are with child. Safety for all the mommas and babies.
- **Colby Abrams** - April
  - **Emily Wright** - May
  - **Kimberly Hodges** - June
  - **Tay Hoeks** - July
  - **Paige Llewellyn** - Aug
  - **Addyson Frymoyer** - Aug
  - **Holly Carter** - Aug
  - **Jordan Grubbs** - Aug
  - **Pauline Heft** - Sept
  - **Amanda Kitchen** - Oct

*If you become with child and want to be added to the prayer list, please email [naomi@pilgrimhill.church](mailto:naomi@pilgrimhill.church)*

### **Ongoing**

- For peace and provision for our church as we look ahead to pastor Brooks' transition to DC
- For Caleb Haymes, and his ongoing physical issues.
- For a teaching elder for the new CREC plant in Columbia, King's Cross Reformed Church
- Favor and wisdom for those who have businesses, or are dreaming of starting one.
- Provision, peace, wisdom, and diligence for those feeling the financial pinch
- Great wisdom for Pete in his role as SecDef and continued protection - both spiritual and physical - for the Hegseths
- For the ministries we financially support:
  - Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy: Provision, protection, and wisdom
  - The Joint Eastern European Project (J.E.E.P.): See their website for current prayer requests
  - Recovery Refuge House in Ridgetop

## Upcoming Events

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### LADIES' FELLOWSHIP - Tuesday, May 5th

- 6-8pm at Holly Carter's house

### MID-WEEK THURSDAY GATHERING

- 6:00-6:40pm Food | 6:45-7:15 Bible Study | 7:15-7:30 Singing
- MAY 7th

### SEMINAR WITH DR. GEORGE GRANT - Saturday, June 13th

- 9-11:30am
- Lunch to follow

### MEN'S WEEKLY BOOK STUDY

- Fridays at 6:15 am on Pastor Brooks's back porch

### MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

- First Sunday of every month
- Immediately following the service at the church
- No Sunday School on these days
- **If you would like to serve on the fellowship team, email Sharon Haney at [daylily1980@comcast.net](mailto:daylily1980@comcast.net)**

### Officers:

#### The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – [pastor@pilgrimhill.church](mailto:pastor@pilgrimhill.church)
- Associate Pastor Clint Lum – [pastorclint@pilgrimhill.church](mailto:pastorclint@pilgrimhill.church)
- Josh Boyd (Ruling Elder)

#### The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Shelvy Huffman
- Scotty Rowlett

Submit a question for Pastor Brooks  
for an upcoming Q&A:



Church-wide Signal Thread  
for Announcements:



Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:



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