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DAY OF PENTECOST

24 MAY 2026

POEM

WHITSUNDAY* (George Herbert)

Listen sweet Dove unto my song,
And spread thy golden wings in me;
Hatching my tender heart so long,
Till it get wing, and flie away with thee.

Where is that fire which once descended
On thy Apostles? thou didst then
Keep open house, richly attended,
Feasting all comers by twelve chosen men.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow,
That th' earth did like a heav'n appeare;
The starres were coming down to know
If they might mend their wages, and serve here.

The sunne, which once did shine alone,
Hung down his head, and wisht for night,
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one
Going about the world, and giving light.

But since those pipes of gold, which brought
That cordiall water to our ground,
Were cut and martyr'd by the fault
Of those, who did themselves through their side wound,

Thou shutt'st the doore, and keep'st within;
Scarce a good joy creeps through the chink:
And if the braves of conqu'ring sinne
Did not excite thee, we should wholly sink.

Lord, though we change, thou art the same;
The same sweet God of love and light:
Restore this day, for thy great name,
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

*Whitsunday (as in *wit* meaning knowledge, wisdom), today called Pentecost (as in *50 days* from Easter), celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit, represented by a dove, on the Apostles, who received the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire.

For a commentary on the poem:



PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.”
(Psalm 47:1-2)

*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

† **The Call to Worship**

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

† **From Psalm 104**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
**covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.**
He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;
he makes the clouds his chariot;
he rides on the wings of the wind;
he makes his messengers winds,
his ministers a flaming fire.
O Lord, how manifold are your works!
**In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works,
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

† Hymn – “Lo! He Comes” (522)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Father, we now come before you, the King of Heaven and Earth,
whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that:

**we have sinned in thought and word and deed;
we have not loved you with all our heart and soul,
we have not loved you with all our mind and strength;
we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.
Father, forgive us.**

In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone,
so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.

**Holy Spirit, sanctify us more into the image of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we might resist
the temptations of Satan and delight to do the Father’s will.**

Franklin Kyrie

The musical score for "Franklin Kyrie" is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system includes a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy; have mer-cy, Lord. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy; have mer - cy, Lord. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy; have mer - cy, Lord." The guitar chords are: Dm C Bb Dm C Bb Dm C Bb Gm Am Dm (repeated for each system).

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009 © wilburmusic.com
Text: Traditional

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

† Assurance of Pardon – Ezekiel 36:25-27

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses... A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you... I will put my spirit within you...”

† 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

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.

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† 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 53

53. Q. What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

A. First, he is, together with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God. Second, he is also given to me, to make me by true faith share in Christ and all his benefits, to comfort me, and to remain with me forever.

† Hymn – “Be Still, My Soul” (648)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

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

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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

† Hymn – “When the Enemy Comes In (845)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “You Cannot Live By Lies and Love Jesus”

John 8:37-47
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

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.**

† Hymn – “Trust and Obey” (640)

† Psalm – “Jehovah to My Lord Has Said” (337)

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

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 – “Glory Be to God the Father” (see next page)

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

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Glory Be to God the Father

Capo 1: D Bm G D/F# G Bm Bm/A G

1. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son,
 2. Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain!
 3. Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the church - 's King,
 4. "Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the choir of an - gels sings;

Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it, Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One!
 Glo - ry be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
 Glo - ry to the King of na - tions! Heav'n and earth, Your prais - es bring;
 "Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!" Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings;

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!"

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2011 © wilburmusic.com
 Text: Horatius Bonar, 1868

[Glory be to God the Father]
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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

✦ Commissioning Psalm – "Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD" (298)

✦ Charge

✠ Benediction

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.”
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

✠ Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

Psalm 117

4-part canon

1 Praise the LORD, all ye na - tions: praise Him, all ye peo - ple.

5 * 2 For His mer - ci - ful kind - ness is great toward us: and the

9 * truth of the LORD en - dur - eth for ev - - - er.

13 * Praise ye the LORD! Praise ye the LORD! Praise ye the LORD!

Music: David R. Erb, 2005 © derb@nsa.edu
Text: *Holy Bible, King James Version*, 1611; alt.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #53 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Glory Be to God the Father” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- Praise for the safe arrival of Elijah Wright!
- For Scotty and the Rowletts as he prepares to deploy to the southern border for 9 months
- For the Lord's blessings to flow down upon our graduates: Jocelyn, Sam, and Dawson
- For pastor Brooks and family as they take the first Uhaul up to DC this week.
- For favor and wisdom for our men concerning vocational decisions.
- 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.
- 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.

- **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

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

“THE LORD GOES BEFORE” SEMINAR WITH DR. GEORGE GRANT

- Saturday, June 13th, from 9-11:30am
- Fellowship, singing, and some seasoned wisdom from our friend, Dr. George Grant
- Lunch to follow

LADIES’ WREATH-MAKING DAY

- Saturday, June 20th, from 10am-noon
- Bring your favorite brunch item & \$10 per wreath maker
- 3600 US 31E, Bethpage, TN, 37022

A FELLOWSHIP TIME TO BLESS THE POTTEIGERS

- Thursday, June 25th, from 6-8pm
- At the church
- Food, fellowship, and a chance to commission the Potteigers with a hearty Pilgrim Hill blessing

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**

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – pastor@pilgrimhill.church
- Associate Pastor Clint Lum – 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:



WE AT PILGRIM HILL are striving to cultivate sturdy, maturing Christians across generations for the glory of the Lord and the gladdening expansion of His Kingdom.