

# Pilgrim Hill

REFORMED FELLOWSHIP



SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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## PRAYER

O GOD OF MY EXODUS,  
Great was the joy of Israel's sons  
when Egypt died upon the shore,  
Far greater the joy  
when the Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the dust.  
Jesus strides forth as the victor,  
conqueror of death, hell, and all opposing might;  
He bursts the bands of death,  
tramples the powers of darkness down,  
and lives for ever.  
He, my gracious surety,  
apprehended for payment of my debt,  
comes forth from the prison house of the grave  
free, and triumphant over sin, Satan, and death.  
Show me herein the proof that his vicarious offering is accepted,  
that the claims of justice are satisfied,  
that the devil's sceptre is shivered,  
that his wrongful throne is levelled.  
Give me the assurance that in Christ I died, in Him I rose,  
in His life I live, in His victory I triumph,  
in His ascension I shall be glorified.  
Adorable Redeemer,  
Thou who wast lifted up upon a cross  
art ascended to highest heaven.  
Thou, who as man of sorrows wast crowned with thorns,  
art now as Lord of life wreathed with glory.  
Once, no shame more deep than Thine,  
no agony more bitter, no death more cruel.  
Now, no exaltation more high,  
no life more glorious, no advocate more effective.  
Thou art in the triumph car leading captive Thine enemies behind  
Thee.  
What more could be done than Thou hast done!  
Thy death is my life, Thy resurrection my peace,  
Thy ascension my hope, Thy prayers my comfort.

## PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

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### For Preparation

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

(1 Corinthians 15:54b)

\*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

He is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

He is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

### † From Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

**and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

**and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

**and give thanks to his holy name.**

Weeping may tarry for the night,

**but joy comes with the morning.**

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**you have loosed my sackcloth**

**and clothed me with gladness,**

that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

### † Hymn – “Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound” (975)

# WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, we often like Peter  
Do not rightly judge our spiritual maturity.  
We think ourselves unflinching and faithful,  
A disciple Jesus can trust if ever there was one.

**Yet, our ongoing struggle with sin reveals how poor and needy we still are.**

**Risen Christ, rise anew in us, with forgiveness and spiritual resolve.**

We have envied and lusted.  
We have been proud and judgemental.  
We see many specks in our family and church  
While strangely blind to the beams in our own eyes.

**We hide nothing now.**

**Rather, we sprint to the cross and plead your precious blood,**

**And we run to the empty tomb, trusting in your resurrection power.**

**Risen Christ, rise anew in us, with forgiveness and cleansing.**

## Franklin Kyrie

The musical score for 'Franklin Kyrie' is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system has 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 – 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

## ✠ 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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### Sanctus

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with the instruction "with vigor" and a dynamic marking of "fff". The lyrics are: "Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are". The second staff continues the lyrics: "full of Your glo-ry! Ho - san-na in the High - est! Bless-ed is he who". The third staff concludes the lyrics: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the High - est." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, along with a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure of each staff.

## ✠ 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 33-34**

33. Q. Why is he called God's only-begotten Son, since we also are children of God?

**A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are children of God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's sake.**

34. Q. Why do you call him our Lord?

**A. Because he has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with his precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us his own possession.**

† **Hymn – “This Joyful Eastertide” (986)**

**Scripture Readings:**

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

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

New Testament Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

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

† **Hymn – “Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem” (825)**

**Prayer of Adoration and Intercession**

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

**Sermon – “A Victorious and Very Physical Resurrection”**

**1 Corinthians 15:19-28**

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.**

† Hymn – “He’s Risen, He’s Risen, Christ Jesus the Lord” (989)

† 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 – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”** (see next page)

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

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Guitar chords are for unison singing only

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,  
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,  
 3. *Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,*  
 4. *Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,* Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5. Soar we now where Christ hath led,  
 6. Hymns of praise then let us sing,

5 Sons of men and an - gels say,  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
 Christ hath burst the gates of Hell,  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed head,  
 Un - to Christ, our Heav'n - ly King,

9 Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
 Now a - bove the sky He's king,  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise,  
 Once He died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise,  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave,

13 Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply,  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing,  
 Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise,  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save,

Guitar chords: C, F, C, Dm7, C, G, C, F, D7, C, G, C, Dm7, C, G, C, G, C, G7, C, G, D7, G, D, G, C, F, C, F, C, G, C

Music: *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708  
 Text: Charles Wesley, 1739

EASTER HYMN  
 7 7 . 7 7 . w/ alleluias

## 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 Hymn – “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (725)

### ✠ Charge

### ✠ Benediction (Hebrews 13:20-21)

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

### ✠ Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

## Psalm 117

4-part canon

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

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<sup>2</sup>For His mer - ci - ful kind - ness is great toward us: and the

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

<sup>13</sup>\*  
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.**

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## For Family Worship

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### *Daily Catechesis*

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #33-34 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” (Romans 6:5)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

## Prayer Requests

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### **Current**

- Praise for the safe arrival of Julie Beth Tingle!
- For full healing for Daisy Anne Haymes.
- Comfort for the Woodards as they grieve their miscarriage.
- For Sydney VanHowegen's aunt Kerri, who is battling brain cancer and who will have another surgery this month. Pray for healing, and that the Lord would use this affliction to bring salvation to her children.
- For Seth Miller, healing for his tumor, comfort from the Lord, and wisdom for the doctors as he has another scan on April 8th.
- Comfort for the Prieskorns as they grieve the passing of Caitlin's grandma.
- For Kimberly Hodges' father who is battling cancer. Prayers for healing and for peace and comfort amidst the battle.
- For Claire Wilbur who has battled chronic illness. For answers and effective treatment.
- Healing for Justice Haupt after a nasty bike accident.
- 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

### **NEW in 2026 - MID-WEEK THURSDAY GATHERINGS**

- 6:00-6:40pm Food | 6:45-7:15 Bible Study | 7:15-7:30 Singing
- APRIL 9th/23rd | MAY 7th

### **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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