

Pilgrim Hill

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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PRAYER

PRAYER FOR DIVINE ASSISTANCE*

(Henry Bull, died circa 1577)

You know, O Lord, what is most profitable and expedient for me.

Therefore, do with me in all things as it seems best to you,
for, despite the way things might seem to me, what is best for me is that you do
whatever is most just and blessed according to your godly wisdom.

Thus, whether it be by prosperity or adversity, loss or gain, sickness or health,
life or death, your will be done. Cast out of my heart all unprofitable cares of worldly things.

Suffer me not to be led with the unstable desires of earthly vanities.

Rather, give me grace that all worldly and carnal affections may be mortified and may die in me.

Grant unto me the strength of your Holy Spirit to subdue this body of sin
with the whole lusts thereof so that it might be obedient both in will, in mind, and in members
—that it might do your holy will. Assist me with your grace, O Lord, so that

I may be strengthened internally and be armed with your holy armor

—the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the hope of salvation for a helmet,
and the sword of the Spirit, which is your holy word. With that I may stand perfect in all that is your will

and be found worthy through Christ to receive the crown of life that you have promised
to all them who love you. Give me grace that I may esteem all things in this world as they are,
temporary and soon vanishing away, and let me see myself also with them drawing toward my end,
for nothing under the sun may long abide, but all is vanity and affliction of spirit.

*retrieved from “Cloud of Witnesses: A Treasury of Prayers and Petitions through the Ages.”
(compiled by Jonathan Arnold and Zachariah Carter)

PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“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)

- **Yona Wilder Abrams**, daughter of Hunter and Colby

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

For Preparation

“Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!”
(Psalm 99:5)

*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

Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed!

† From Psalm 118

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
**that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

† Hymn – “O Worship the King” (528)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Father, forgive my sins.
Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten.

**Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation,
and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.**

Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others,
and the leniency I have shown myself.

**Forgive me for rebelling against the authority structures You've set up in my life.
Jesus, have mercy on me and make me thankful for Your rule and reign in my life.**

Franklin Kyrie

The musical score for "Franklin Kyrie" is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a guitar line in bass clef. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy; have mer-cy, Lord." and "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy; have mer - cy, Lord." The guitar chords are: Dm, C, Bb, Dm, C, Bb, Dm, C, Bb, Gm, Am, Dm.

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

Silent Prayers of Confession –kneeling, if able–

✦ Assurance of Pardon – Romans 6:22-23

“[N]ow that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

✦ 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

Sanctus

with vigor
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are
full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the High - est! Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

✦ 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 46-49

46. Q. What do you confess when you say, he ascended into heaven?

A. That Christ, before the eyes of his disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven, and that he is there for our benefit until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

47. Q. Is Christ, then, not with us until the end of the world, as he has promised us?

A. Christ is true man and true God. With respect to his human nature he is no longer on earth, but with respect to his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

48. Q. But are the two natures in Christ not separated from each other if his human nature is not present wherever his divinity is?

A. Not at all, for his divinity has no limits and is present everywhere. So it must follow that his divinity is indeed beyond the human nature which he has taken on and nevertheless is within this human nature and remains personally united with it.

49. Q. How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our Advocate in heaven before his Father. Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, our Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends us his Spirit as a counter-pledge, by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.

✠ Hymn – “Holy, Holy, Holy!” (510)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 66:8-20

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

New Testament Reading: John 14:15-21

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

✠ Hymn – “Arise, My Soul, Arise” (768)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “The Affliction and Security of the King”

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 – “**This Joyful Eastertide**” (986)

† Hymn – “**Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns**” (816)

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

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

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,

Music: *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739

EASTER HYMN

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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 Hymn – “See, What a Morning” (978)

✦ 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–

Psalm 134

A Song of Ascents.

3-part canon

¹ Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

² Lift up your hands in the sanc-tu-ar-y, And bless the LORD.

³ The LORD who made heav'n and earth Bless you from Zi-on!

G G D Em G/D C G/D D G

Music: David R. Erb, 2007 © derb@nsa.edu

Text: *Holy Bible, New King James Version*, 1982 © 1983, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Inc.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #46-49 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- Praise for the safe arrival of Yona Abrams!
- For Kimberly Hodges' father who is battling cancer. Prayers for healing and for peace and comfort amidst the battle.
- For a friend of the DeVault family (Duane Cline) who lost his daughter in a car accident this week.
- 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.

- **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

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

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**

Officers:

The Session:

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

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Shelyv 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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