

# Pilgrim Hill

REFORMED FELLOWSHIP



## SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

27 APRIL 2025

## **PRAYER**

### **“You Have Freed Us From the Fear of Death”**

(Gregory of Nyssa)

You, O Lord, have freed us from the fear of death.

You have made the end of this life the beginning to us of true life.

For a season, you rest our bodies in sleep, and awaken them again  
at the last trumpet call. You give our earth, which you fashioned with your hands,  
to the earth to keep in safety. One day you will take again what you have given,  
transfiguring with immortality and grace our mortal and unpleasant remains.  
You have saved us from the curse and from sin, having become both for our sakes.

You broke the head of the dragon that had seized us in his jaws,  
in the yawning gulf of disobedience. You have shown us the way of resurrection,  
having broken the gates of hell, and you brought to nothing  
the one who had the power of death—the devil.

You have given a sign to those who fear you—the cross, to destroy the adversary  
and save our lives.

Amen.

## **QUOTE**

“Out of the three first members of the Christian Church,  
one at least was brought to Jesus, by the private, quiet word of a relative.  
He seems to have heard no public preaching. He saw no mighty miracle wrought.

He was not convinced by any powerful reasoning.  
He only heard his brother telling him that he had found a Savior himself,  
and at once the work began in his soul.”

(JC Ryle)

## PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

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### For Preparation

“You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”  
(Psalm 16:11)

### 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 9

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
**I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**  
I will be glad and exult in you;  
**I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**  
The Lord sits enthroned forever;  
**He has established his throne for justice,**  
The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
**A stronghold in times of trouble.**  
And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
**For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**  
Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!  
**Tell among the peoples his deeds!**

### Hymn – “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (818)

# 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, to behold your victory**

**Risen Christ, rise anew in us, with forgiveness and resurrection power**

## Franklin Agnus Dei

The musical score for "Franklin Agnus Dei" is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the staves. The lyrics are written below the staves.

System 1: Chords: Dm, Am/D, Bb/D, Am/D, Bb/D, C/D, Am/D. Lyrics: Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on

System 2: Chords: D5, Dm, Am, Bb, Am, Bb, C. Lyrics: us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have

System 3: Chords: Am, D5, Dm, Am, Bb, C, Gm. Lyrics: mer-cy on us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the

System 4: Chords: Dm, Am, Bb, C, Bb, C, D5. Lyrics: 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 – 2 Corinthians 5:17

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

## 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

Chord markings: D, G, Asus, D, G, Asus, G, A, G, D, Asus, G, A D/F# G, D, A/G, G, Asus, G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D.

Lyrics:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly,  
God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry.  
Ho -  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who  
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho -  
Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the  
san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high-est. A - men.  
high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est. A - men.

## 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.*

## The Westminster Shorter Catechism: #33-34

Q. 33. What is justification?

**A. Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.**

Q. 34. What is adoption?

**A. Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of, the sons of God.**

## Hymn – “This Joyful Eastertide” (986)

### Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Acts 5:12-20

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

Second Reading: John 20:19–31

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

## Hymn – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” (972)

### Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

## Sermon – “We Have Found the Christ”

**John 1:35-42**  
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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Generous and loving God,  
We bring you our tithes and offerings  
With glad and grateful hearts.  
Guide us as stewards of your abundance,

**For the glory of Christ and the good of our neighbor.  
Amen.**

**Hymn – “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (974)**

**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.*

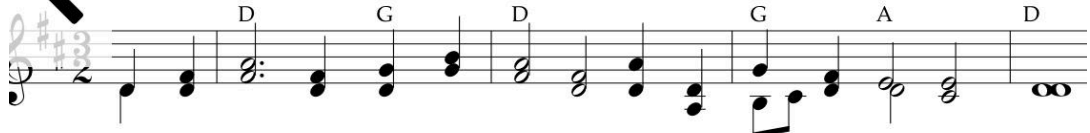
**THE BREAD – “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah” (see next page)**

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

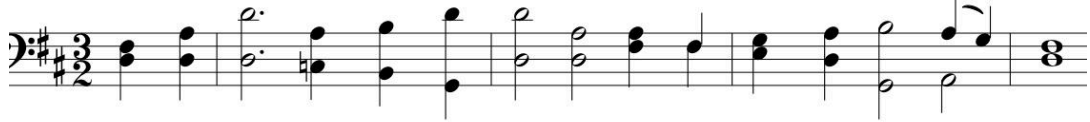
# Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Based on Psalm 146

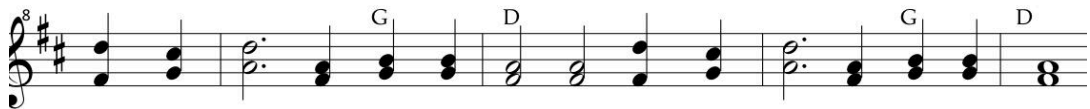
Guitar chords for unison singing only



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise  
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;  
 3. Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry, Sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,



2. I will sing the glo - rious prais - es Of my God through all my days.  
 He is blest whose hope of bless - ing On the LORD his God is stayed  
 8. Rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, Makes the sight - less eyes to see.



3. Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, Nor for help on man de - pend;  
 6. Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, Seas and all that they con - tain;  
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous, 9. And the stran - ger He be - friends



4. 10. O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, Through all ag - es He is King;



4. He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, And his pur - pos - es shall end.  
 7. He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, Right - eous - ness He will main - tain.  
 Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, Judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.



Un - to Him, thy God, O Zi - on, Joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Music: Lowell Mason, 1839

Text: The Psalter, 1912

RIPLE

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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

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## Commissioning Hymn – “Oh, Sing a New Song to the Lord” (298)

### Exhortation: Refreshing the Bones

### 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–

#### Doxology

The musical score for the Doxology is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble staff and a bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em, D, G, C, D, G, D, Am, G, D, G, C, G. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men." The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass 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 Westminster Shorter Catechism:** #33-34 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “**Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah**” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Proverb of the Week:** “The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the bones.” (Proverbs 15:30)

## Prayer Requests

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### *Current*

- Health for all the pregnant mothers
- For physical recovery for the Hays after sickness
- For marriages that are having challenges. Humility, perseverance, and faithfulness
- For the folks who are newer to our community. That they would get established quickly
- For healing for Brooke Stanifer amidst a prolonged physical affliction, and a clear diagnosis
- For Sondra Rowlett, that her cancer stays in remission and no new concerns arise
- Prayer for the Haymes family as they look towards Caleb’s kidney transplant in May. Peace, provision, and logistical grace
- For our own place in God’s timing
- Provision, peace, wisdom, and diligence for those feeling the financial pinch
- For Sydney Boyd and the physical challenges she had this week

### *Ongoing*

- 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.
- For those who are waiting to hear back about job promotions, and the opening of other vocational doors. May the Lord bless us with productive plows and fruitful fields.
- Great wisdom for Pete in his role as SecDef and continued protection - both spiritual and physical - for the Hegseths
- For salvation for extended family members who have not turned to Christ.
- For healing for all who are suffering from physical ailments.
- 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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### PARISH GROUPS

- **The 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. Contact group for specifics.**
- Purpose: to facilitate greater fellowship amongst geographically-connected saints
- Accomplished primarily through bi-weekly meetings for table fellowship, prayer, singing, and typically sermon-based questions or a series-guided study
- Groups
  - **Goodlettsville - the Potteigers**
  - **Ridgetop - the Lums**
  - **Whites Creek/S. Goodlettsville - the Tawlks/Coppers**
  - **North - hosted by the Pitts**
- \*days subject to change for some groups

### SUNDAY SCHOOL – A Study Through Ecclesiastes

- Sundays, at 9am (except the 1st Sunday of the Month)
- Hot coffee, warm fellowship, rich teaching and discussion!

### Summer Marriage Book Study (Zoom):

- *For a Glory and a Covering* by Doug Wilson
- On Tuesdays from 8:30-9:15pm
- Beginning Tuesday, May 13th

### Men's Weekly Book Study - *Holiness* by JC Ryle

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

### OTHER

#### ***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 – [brooks@pilgrimhill.church](mailto:brooks@pilgrimhill.church)
- The Session of St. Mark Reformed (pro tempore) – [stmarkreformed.com/contact](http://stmarkreformed.com/contact)

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Nathan Haney
- Shelvy Huffman

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



Volunteer to help with  
Fellowship Meals:



Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:



## Sermon Notes

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*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.*