

Pilgrim Hill

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SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

30 AUGUST 2026

POEM

("The Anointing at Bethany" by Malcom Guite)

Come close with Mary, Martha, Lazarus,
So close the candles stir with their soft breath
And kindle heart and soul to flame within us,
Lit by these mysteries of life and death.
For beauty now begins the final movement
In quietness and intimate encounter
The alabaster jar of precious ointment
Is broken open for the world's true lover.

The whole room richly fills to feast the senses
With all the yearning such a fragrance brings,
The heart is mourning but the spirit dances,
Here at the very centre of all things,
Here at the meeting place of love and loss
We all foresee, and see beyond the cross.

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!”
(Psalm 100:1-2)

*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 Isaiah 9

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

† Hymn – “O Worship the King” (528)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession - based on Hebrews 12

Lord Jesus, you are the Author and Perfecter of our faith, and the perfect example of joyful perseverance.

You beckon us to lay aside our sins which still cling so closely.

Yet, we have often taken our eyes off of you, and have grown slothful in our fight against our indwelling sin. Even more, we have carelessly indulged and inflamed them.

Forgive us, O Lord. May we never make peace with our sin.

We have often presumed upon the cross, and not felt with sufficient weight the horror of offending your holy law.

Forgive us, O Lord. May we see our sin as you do.

We lift our eyes again to you, Lord Jesus. In repentance for our sins, in awe of your endurance and sacrifice, and in gratitude for your grace.

Help us this coming week to run with endurance and holiness the race set before us.

Kyrie Eleison

The musical score for "Kyrie Eleison" is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal lines.

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

† Assurance of Pardon – Titus 3:4-6

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.”

✠ 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
ff 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 88-91

88. Q. What is the true repentance or conversion of man?

A. It is the dying of the old nature and the coming to life of the new.

89. Q. What is the dying of the old nature?

A. It is to grieve with heartfelt sorrow that we have offended God by our sin, and more and more to hate it and flee from it.

90. Q. What is the coming to life of the new nature?

A. It is a heartfelt joy in God through Christ, and a love and delight to live according to the will of God in all good works.

91. Q. But what are good works?

A. Only those which are done out of true faith, in accordance with the law of God, and to his glory, and not those based on our own opinion or on precepts of men.

† Hymn – “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” (726)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

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

New Testament Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

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

† Hymn – “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (486)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “Jesus’ Dramatic Return to Bethany: Mary’s Submission, Judas’ Avarice, and Lazarus’ Danger”

John 12:1-11

Pastor Clint Lum

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 Is My Father’s World” (554)

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 Clint.

THE BREAD – “How Firm a Foundation” (see next page)

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

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How Firm a Foundation

Guitar chords for unison singing only

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed, For I am thy
 3. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie, My grace, all suf -
 4. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, The riv - ers of
 5. "Ev'n down to old age all My peo - ple shall prove My sov - 'reign, e -
 6. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose, I will not, I

faith in His ex - cel - lent Word! What more can He say than to
 God and will still give thee aid. I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and
 fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply: The flame shall not hurt thee; I
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; For I will be with thee, thy
 ter - nal, un-change - a - ble love; And when hoar - y hairs shall their
 will not de - sert to its foes; That soul, though all Hell should en -

you He hath said, To you who, for re - fuge, to Je - sus hath fled.
 cause thee to stand, Up - held by My right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 on - ly de - sign Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 trou - bles to bless, And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 tem - ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall still in My bos - om be borne.
 deav - or to shake, I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

Music: Caldwell's Union Harmony, 1837

Text: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; attr. George Keith or Robert Keene

FOUNDATION

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

✠ Charge

✠ Benediction

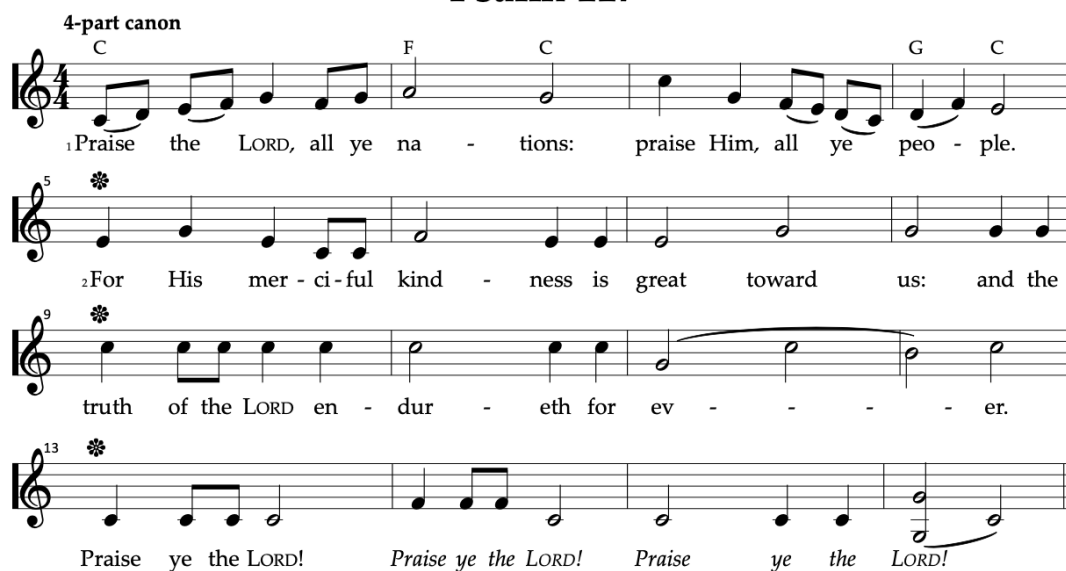
“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate up from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

(Romans 8:38-39)

✠ Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

Psalm 117

4-part canon



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

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

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

¹³Praise 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:** #88-91 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “How Firm a Foundation” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** “Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.” (Jn. 12:3)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- Praise for the safe arrival of the Grubbs' new baby!
- For Jessica Cooney (Sarah Sutphen's cousin) in her ongoing health struggles and new diagnoses, and for her aging parents.
- For Jacob Allen and his ongoing vertigo-like struggles. For healing be it miracle or medicine.
- For Frank Golubski as he searches for a new job — favor and quick provision.
- The Rowletts during Scotty's deployment the next 9 months.
- 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 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.

- ***Paige Llewellyn*** - Aug
- ***Pauline Heft*** - Sept
- ***Amanda Kitchen*** - Oct
- ***Sydney Van Hofwegen*** - Dec
- ***Gabbi Lubben*** - Jan
- ***Sage Powell*** - Feb
- ***Abigayle Fleming*** - March

*If you become with child and want to be added to the prayer list, please email
office@pilgrimhill.church*

Ongoing

- For God to bless the Potteigers during their transition to DC.
- For Pastor Burke Shade (St Mark's) in his fight against cancer.
- 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 Seth Miller, healing for his tumor and comfort from the Lord.
- 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

FESTAL SHOUT!

- Sept. 17th at the church (6-8:00pm)
- Feasting followed by musical training!

LADIES' BOOK STUDY (1 Timothy)

- Next Meetings: September 10th and 24th
- 7:30pm at the Lums' House
- Text Kyla or Natalie for more info

MEN'S FRIDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY

- Every Friday at 6:15am beginning Sept. 4th
- *Man of the House* by C.R. Wiley
- 6:15am | Pastor Clint's porch

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

- First Sunday of every month
- Immediately following the service at the church
- No Sunday School on these days
- Please bring two dishes to share: entrees, side dishes, salads, desserts, breads, in an amount to feed your family plus 4-6 more.
 - Please bring your food in dishes ready to serve with serving utensils.
 - Beverages are provided by the church.
 - When you arrive at church with your dishes, please bring them down toward the fellowship hall and you will see our ladies at the tables ready to receive them.
- **If you would like to serve on the fellowship team, email Sharon Haney at daylily1980@comcast.net**

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor *Pro Tem* Brooks Potteiger – pastor@pilgrimhill.church
- Pastor Clint Lum – pastorclint@pilgrimhill.church
- Josh Boyd (Ruling Elder)
- Shelly Huffman (Ruling Elder)
- Aaron Pitts (Ruling Elder)

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Steve Keller
- Scotty Rowlett

Church-wide Signal Thread
for Announcements:



Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:



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