

# Pilgrim Hill

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SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17 MAY 2026

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYER FOR DIVINE ASSISTANCE\*** (John Kettlewell, 1653-1695)

I give you my heart, and I humbly pray that you would always  
keep it in your hands, since it is so unfaithful in loving what is good.  
When it is in my control, it is prone to follow all sorts of evils.  
O Father, keep my heart steadfast and unalterable in your ways.  
Let it not be inclined to any evil thing nor lean toward any of my former vanities.  
Keep my eyes from looking upon and my ears from listening to any sort of wickedness.  
Do not let my lips utter anything that is ungodly or my feet move even a step in any of the paths of death,  
but hold my whole spirit, soul, and body in a righteous fear of you.  
Keep me comfortable in the hope of your favor,  
through Jesus Christ, my blessed Lord and only Savior.  
Amen.

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

## **QUOTES**

"Here is encouragement to persevere. Jesus, our head, is already in heaven;  
and if the head be above water the body cannot drown."  
(John Flavel)

"He comes down to us in his incarnation, but he calls us up to him in his ascension:  
he wears our garb of poverty by bearing our flesh, but he robes us in his splendour  
as he bears our nature into heaven."  
(Charles Spurgeon)

## PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

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### 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

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### † **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 – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (553)**

# WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

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## 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 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.' 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 for the first system; 9 Dm C Bb Dm C Bb Dm C Bb Gm Am Dm for the second system; and 17 Dm C Bb Dm C Bb Dm C Bb Gm Am Dm for the third system.

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

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## 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 50-52

50. Q. Why is it added, and sits at the right hand of God?

**A. Christ ascended into heaven to manifest himself there as Head of his church, through whom the Father governs all things.**

51. Q. How does the glory of Christ, our Head, benefit us?

**A. First, by his Holy Spirit he pours out heavenly gifts upon us, his members. Second, by his power he defends and preserves us against all enemies.**

52. Q. What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?

**A. In all my sorrow and persecution I lift up my head and eagerly await as judge from heaven the very same person who before has submitted himself to the judgment of God for my sake, and has removed all the curse from me. He will cast all his and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but he will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into heavenly joy and glory.**

† Psalm – “Before Thee Let My Cry Come Near” (380)

**Scripture Readings:**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 68:1-10

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

New Testament Reading: Acts 1:6-14

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

† Hymn – “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (508)

**Prayer of Adoration and Intercession**

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

**Sermon – “How Sin Slaves Are Set Free”**

**John 8:31-36**  
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 – “Christ Is Risen, Christ Ascended” (999)

† 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 – “It Is Well”** (see next page)

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

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## It Is Well

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor -  
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let this  
 3. My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My sin -  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds

rows like sea bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
 blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my  
 not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I  
 be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well, with my soul."  
 help - less es - tate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is  
 bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so" - it is well with my soul.

well It is well with my soul; with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876  
 Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

VILLE DU HAVRE  
 11 8. 11 9. w/ refrain

## 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 Psalm – “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” (221)

### ✠ Charge

### ✠ Benediction

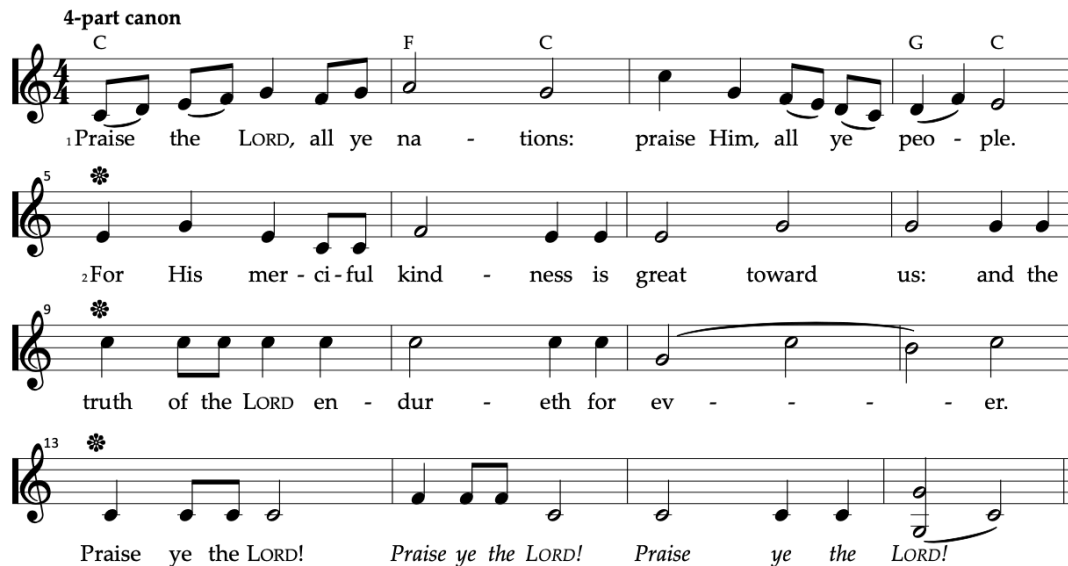
“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”

(Jude 24-25)

### ✠ Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

## Psalm 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.**

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## For Family Worship

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### *Daily Catechesis*

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #50-52 (see liturgy, pg. 4)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “It Is Well” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

## Prayer Requests

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### **Current**

- For favor and wisdom for our men concerning vocational decisions.
- 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 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.
  - **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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### **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](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
- 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:**



*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.*