

Pilgrim Hill

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SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 APRIL 2026

PRAYER

THE VALLEY OF VISION

LORD, HIGH AND HOLY, MEEK AND LOWLY,
Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision,
 where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights;
 hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory.

Let me learn by paradox
 that the way down is the way up,
 that to be low is to be high,
 that the broken heart is the healed heart,
 that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
 that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,
 that to have nothing is to possess all,
 that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,
 that to give is to receive,
 that the valley is the place of vision.

Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells,
 and the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine;

Let me find thy light in my darkness,
 thy life in my death,
 thy joy in my sorrow,
 thy grace in my sin,
 thy riches in my poverty
 thy glory in my valley.

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.”
(Psalm 30:4)

*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

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

He 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 CLEANSSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession (from 2 Corinthians 5)

Lord Christ, through your great love – which compelled your obedience and passion – we now have redemption. And you now commission us to be your ambassadors of reconciliation.

It should be truly said of your church, “The love of Christ controls us.”

Yet, all that we have done this week has not been done in love.

**We have sinned through selfishness and pride,
Through sharp words and merciless thoughts.
Forgive us, dear Lord. Help us to love like you.**

Triune God, may the love you have within Yourself
overflow to us saints at Pilgrim Hill,
that we might more fully and truly be conduits of divine love
towards our neighbor, and our enemy.

**Have mercy on us, dear Lord.
Help us to love like Christ,
And forgive us where we have fallen short.**

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 bass line in bass clef. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: Dm, C, Bb, Dm, C, Bb, Dm, C, Bb, Gm, Am, Dm. 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.'

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

Text: Traditional

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

✠ Assurance of Pardon – 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”

✠ 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

Franklin Sanctus

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.*

✠ Heidelberg Catechism, Question 35-36

35. Q. What do you confess when you say: He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?

A. The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took upon himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Thus he is also the true seed of David, and like his brothers in every respect, yet without sin.

36. Q. What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

A. He is our Mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.

✠ Hymn – “This Joyful Eastertide” (986)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 16

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

New Testament Reading: John 20:19-31

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

✠ Hymn – “Hark! How the Gospel Trumpet Sounds!” (824)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “A Theological Beartrap & the Sweetest Words a Sinner Could Hear”

John 7:53-8:11
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

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 – “**Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**” (969)

✠ Hymn – “**See, What a Morning**” (978)

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.

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, Al - le - lu - ia!
Once He died our souls to save,
 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, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save,

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four systems. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a guitar accompaniment line (bass clef). The guitar chords are indicated above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with some lines in italics. The score is divided into four systems, each starting with a measure number (1, 5, 9, 13). The first system contains six lines of lyrics. The second system contains six lines of lyrics. The third system contains six lines of lyrics. The fourth system contains six lines of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

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 – “Crown Him with Many Crowns (818)”

✠ Charge

✠ Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
And be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
And give you peace.

✠ Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

Doxology

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The chords are G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;". The second system has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The chords are Em, D, G, D, G, C, D, G, D, Am, G, D, G, C, G. The lyrics are: "Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men." The bass line is written in a lower register with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

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Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #35-36 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** "And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.’" (John 8:11b)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- For healing and salvation for Charlee's aunt who is very sick
 - Peace for the Prieskorns amidst the deaths of two grandparents this month
 - 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 and comfort from the Lord.
 - 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.
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- ***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

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

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**

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – pastor@pilgrimhill.church
- Associate Pastor Clint Lum – 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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