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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

22 MARCH 2026

PRAYER

LOVE
(from *The Valley of Vision*)

LORD JESUS,
Give me to love thee, to embrace thee,
 though I once took lust and sin in my arms.
Thou didst love me before I loved thee,
 an enemy, a sinner, a loathsome worm.
Thou didst own me when I disclaimed myself;
Thou dost love me as a son,
 and weep over me as over Jerusalem.
Love brought thee from heaven to earth,
 from earth to the cross,
 from the cross to the grave.
Love caused thee to be weary, hungry, tempted,
 scorned, scourged, buffeted,
 spat upon, crucified, and pierced.
Love led thee to bow thy head in death.
My salvation is the point where perfect created love
 and the most perfect uncreated love meet together;
 for thou dost welcome me,
 not like Joseph and his brothers, loving and sorrowing,
 but loving and rejoicing.
This love is not intermittent, cold, changeable;
 it does not cease or abate for all my enmity.
Holiness is a spark from thy love
 kindled to a flame in my heart by thy Spirit,
 and so it ever turns to the place from which it comes.
Let me see thy love everywhere, not only in the cross,
 but in the fellowship of believers and in the world around me.
When I feel the warmth of the sun
 may I praise thee who art the Sun of righteousness with healing power.
When I feel the tender rain
 may I think of the gospel showers that water my soul.
When I walk by the river side
 may I praise thee for that stream that makes the eternal city glad,
 and washes white my robes that I may have the right to the tree of life.
Thy infinite love is a mystery of mysteries,
 and my eternal rest lies in the eternal enjoyment of it.

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.”
(Psalm 91:1)

*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 Psalm 86:8-13**

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,

nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come

**and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.**

For you are great and do wondrous things;

you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

unite my heart to fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;

you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

So, saints of God, let us now worship the Lord,

Let us glory in His salvation!

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

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, you taught us that
citizens of your kingdom
will know well their spiritual poverty
and need of Your mercy.

**Yet, this week we have been tempted by pride,
thinking ourselves holier than others.
Forgive us Lord, give us true humility**

We know that it is those who are pure in heart
that will see the Father most clearly.

**Yet, we have been deeply influenced by the impurity of our culture,
and have thought it no serious thing.
Purify us, O God, for we long to see your face.**

You told us those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness will receive satisfaction.

**Yet we have indulged in unrighteousness,
even in our hidden thoughts and secret deeds.
Forgive us, O Lord.**

Kyrie Eleison

The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

† Assurance of Pardon – 1 John 4:9-10

“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

† Sursum Corda

So, lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

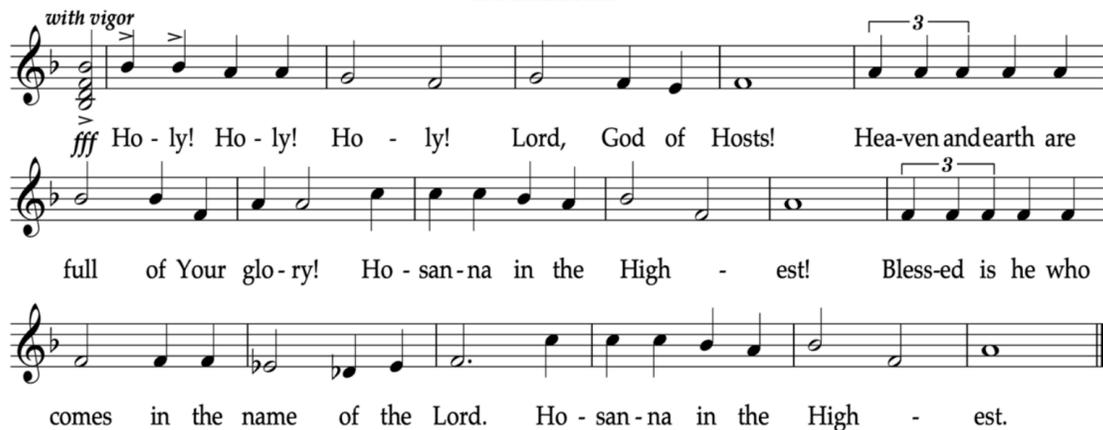
It is right to give him thanks and praise!

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 29-30

29. Q. Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Saviour?

A. Because he saves us from all our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.

30. Q. Do those who seek their salvation or well-being in saints, in themselves, or anywhere else, also believe in the only Saviour Jesus?

A. No. Though they boast of him in words, they in fact deny the only Saviour Jesus. For one of two things must be true: either Jesus is not a complete Saviour, or those who by true faith accept this Saviour must find in him all that is necessary for their salvation.

† Psalm – “Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage” (5)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:6-11

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

† Hymn – “How Firm a Foundation” (645)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “The Lesson of Ephesus”

Revelation 2:1-7
Pastor Gage Crowder

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 – “Arise, My Soul, Arise” (768)

† 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 Brooks.

THE BREAD – “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (see next page)

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

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Guitar chords for unison singing only

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness seems to hide His face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, and blood, Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trump - et sound, Oh, may I then in

right - ous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But
 chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, My
 whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He
 Him be found; Dressed in His right - ous - ness a - lone, Fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the so - lid Rock, I stand; All
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863
 Text: Edward Mote, 1834

THE SOLID ROCK
 8 8. 8 8. 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

✠ Commissioning Hymn – “Mighty Lord, Extend Your Kingdom” (847)

✠ Charge

✠ 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 is written for guitar and voice. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written on a single line, with guitar chords indicated above the notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;". The second system also has a treble clef and the same key signature and time signature. The melody continues, with a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are: "Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.".

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

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8 8. 8 8.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #29-30 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- For Sydney's mother, Jill, as she grieves the loss of her dog and deals with some heart issues.
- For Kimberly Hodges's 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.
- Praise for the safe arrival of Mary Huffman!
- For Sydney VanHowegen's aunt Kerri, who is battling brain cancer. Pray for healing, and that the Lord would use this affliction to bring salvation to her children.
- For Sydney Boyd's uncle Dan, who is fighting bladder cancer. For healing and peace.
- For the Haults as they head out on the next leg of their Story. For provision, blessings, and all the best things!
- For Lesley Allen's grandmother whose cancer diagnosis took a hard turn this week.
- For a full recovery for Sam Groth after his lung surgery.
- Healing for James Anderson's knee after a fall.
- Please pray for Chris Groth's brother's wife Meg. She had finished cancer treatments but it's back and aggressive. They are believers with two sweet kids.
- Healing for those who have been sick.
- For Judah's grandma, Janice, who continues to face some physical challenges.
- 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.

- **Madison Haymes** - March
- **Colby Abrams** - April
- **Joy Tingle** - 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
- **Adalynn Woodard** - Nov

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

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

- 6-7pm

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
- Assistant 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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