

Pilgrim Hill

REFORMED FELLOWSHIP



"Saint Peter in Tears" - El Greco, 16th century

SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

26 JULY 2026

PRAYER

(Psalm 43 from *The Scottish Psalter*)

- 1 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause
against th' ungodly nation;
From the unjust and crafty man,
O be thou my salvation.
- 2 For thou the God art of my strength;
why thrusts thou me thee fro'?
For th' enemy's opprèssion
why do I mourning go?
- 3 O send thy light forth and thy truth;
let them be guides to me,
And bring me to thine holy hill,
ev'n where thy dwellings be.
- 4 Then will I to God's altar go,
to God my chiefest joy:
Yea, God, my God, thy name to praise
my harp I will employ.
- 5 Why art thou then cast down, my soul?
what should discourage thee?
And why with vexing thoughts art thou
disquieted in me?
Still trust in God; for him to praise
good cause I yet shall have:
He of my count'nance is the health,
my God that doth me save.

PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts:2:42)

- **Aaron, Brenda, and Chloe Kulbe**
- **Chris and Gaby Smith**

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 Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;

let not your hands grow weak.

The Lord your God is in your midst,

a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

✠ **Psalm – “All Earth to Him Her Homage Brings” (70)**

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation, you have made us heirs with Christ and have called us to live lives of holiness. Yet, at times this week we have not lived lives worthy of that calling.

We have sinned in word and deed.

In this moment, our sins are before us. We feel the weight of them and recognize our sin is the reason Jesus Christ had to be crucified.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity.

Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Thank you for embracing and forgiving – not despising – those who are contrite in heart.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Franklin Kyrie

The musical score for 'Franklin Kyrie' is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar line. 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.' The guitar chords are: Dm, C, Bb, Dm, C, Bb, Dm, C, Bb, Gm, Am, Dm. The first system is measures 1-8, the second is measures 9-16, and the third is measures 17-24.

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

Text: Traditional

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

✠ Assurance of Pardon – from Romans 8

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us.”

✠ 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 (for music, see #1102)

(Men / Women / **Together**)

Holy, Holy,
 Holy, Holy,

Holy Lord.

Holy, Holy,
 Holy, Holy,

God of power and might, Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he,
 Blessed is he

Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, Amen.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, Amen.

✠ 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 78-79

78. Q. Are then the bread and wine changed into the real body and blood of Christ?

A. No. Just as the water of baptism is not changed into the blood of Christ and is not the washing away of sins itself but is simply God's sign and pledge, so also the bread in the Lord's supper does not become the body of Christ itself, although it is called Christ's body in keeping with the nature and usage of sacraments.

79. Q. Why then does Christ call the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood, and why does Paul speak of a participation in the body and blood of Christ?

A. Christ speaks in this way for a good reason: He wants to teach us by his supper that as bread and wine sustain us in this temporal life, so his crucified body and shed blood are true food and drink for our souls to eternal life. But, even more important, he wants to assure us by this visible sign and pledge, first, that through the working of the Holy Spirit we share in his true body and blood as surely as we receive with our mouth these holy signs in remembrance of him, and, second, that all his suffering and obedience are as certainly ours as if we personally had suffered and paid for our sins.

✠ Hymn – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (955)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

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

New Testament Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

✠ Psalm – “Let God Arise in All His Might” (211)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “Practicing and Preserving Christian Hope”

Psalm 43

Pastor Brittain Brewer

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 – “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (see next page)

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

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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Guitar chords for unison singing only

1. Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands;
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling;
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When my eye - lids close in death,
 Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,
 Be of sin the dou - ble cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
 Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Music: Thomas Hastings (1784–1872)
 Text: Augustus M. Toplady (1740–1778)

TOPLADY (Hastings)
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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 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (649)

✦ Charge

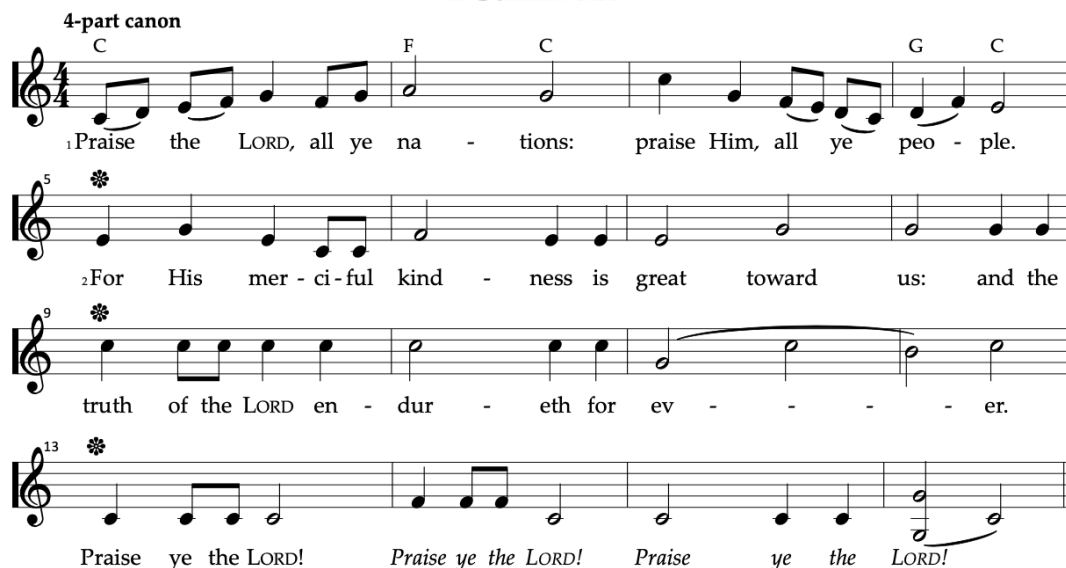
✦ Benediction

“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.”
 (Numbers 6:24-26)

✠ **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!

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #78-79 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** “...hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my hope and my God.” (Ps. 43:5b)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- For Pastor Burke Shade (St Mark's) in his fight against cancer
- 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
- That the Potteigers' house would sell quickly.
- 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 Seth Miller, healing for his tumor and comfort from the Lord.
- 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.

- **Paige Llewellyn** - Aug
- **Addyson Frymoyer** - Aug
- **Holly Carter** - Aug
- **Jordan Grubbs** - Aug
- **Pauline Heft** - Sept
- **Amanda Kitchen** - Oct
- **Sydney Van Hofwegen** - Dec
- **Gabbi Lubben** - Jan
- **Abigayle Fleming** - March

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

Ongoing

- For God to bless the Potteigers during their transition to DC.
- 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

MEMBERS' MEETING

- August 9th after service

MY LIFE FOR YOURS STUDY (1 Timothy)

- Wednesdays at 8pm via Google Meet
- See "From the PH Pastors" Signal Thread for more info

LADIES' TITUS BIBLE STUDY

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

MEN OF LETTERS

- Friday, August 7th at 7:30pm at Pr. Clint's house
- Two short stories of Flannery O'Connor
- See announcement on Signal for more info or ask Pr. Clint

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)

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Shelvy Huffman
- Scotty Rowlett

Church-wide Signal Thread
for Announcements:



Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:



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