

Pilgrim Hill

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SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 OCTOBER 2025

POEM

The Altar

BY GEORGE HERBERT

A broken ALTAR, Lord, thy servant rears,
Made of a heart and cemented with tears:
Whose parts are as thy hand did frame;
No workman's tool hath touch'd the same.

A HEART alone
Is such a stone,
As nothing but
Thy pow'r doth cut.
Wherefore each part
Of my hard heart
Meets in this frame,
To praise thy name:
That if I chance to hold my peace,
These stones to praise thee may not cease.
Oh, let thy blessed SACRIFICE be mine,
And sanctify this ALTAR to be thine.

PRAYER

Prayer for Christian Growth
(John Calvin)

“Almighty God, since we have already entered in hope upon the threshold of our eternal inheritance,
and since we know that there is a mansion for us in heaven because Christ,
our head and the firstfruits of our salvation, has been received there,
grant that we may proceed more and more in the way of your holy calling until at length
we reach the goal and so enjoy that eternal glory of which you give us a taste in this world
by the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!” (Psalm 113:4)

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 111

Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

So, saints of God let us lift our voice in thanksgiving
Let us sing to the God of our salvation.

Hymn – “Holy, Holy, Holy!” (510)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Lord our God, your Word pronounces a blessing on those who are assured of the forgiveness of their sins through confession; Yet, often we are slow to confess our sins, causing our spirits to groan, and making us susceptible to Satan's accusations.

We walk into the light now

and confess that we have sinned against you this week.

We have left undone certain good works you have called us to do,

and have done that which you have forbidden.

We have lied through half-truths and vague dodges.

We have dishonored our parents and others in authority.

We have harbored bitterness, and have gossiped.

We have envied others, believing Your grace towards us is meager and lacking.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Conviction

CONFESSION

Not What My Hands Have Done

573

Capo 1: Bm A Bm G A Bm

2. Thy voice a - lone, O Lord, Can speak to me of grace;
3. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;

Thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, Can all my sin e - raise.
Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in.

No oth - er work but Thine, No oth - er blood will do;
Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,

No strength but that which is di - vine Can bear me safe - ly through.
Can rid me of this dark un - rest, And set my spir - it free.

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. Chord symbols are provided above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the bass staff. The score includes a capo instruction at the beginning and a final chord symbol at the end.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2013 © wilburmusic.com

[Not what my hands have done]

545 Text: Horatius Bonar, 1864

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

Assurance of Pardon – 2 Corinthians 5:21

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

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

(see next page)

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.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009 © wilburmusic.com
 Text: Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8, Matthew 21:9

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.*

The Westminster Shorter Catechism: #87

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

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

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 27:18-23

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

New Testament Reading: 1 Timothy 4:11-16

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

THE ORDINATION OF CLINT LUM TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT PASTOR

Vows for the Man Called to Office (to reference, see constitution on church site)

Vows from the Congregation

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Clint Lum, whom the session has called to assist pastor Brooks in the shepherding of your souls, to be your assistant pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him as unto Christ in the due exercise of ministry and discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his work, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and Spiritual edification, as he labors to represent Christ to you, and exercises church discipline when biblically mandated?
4. Do you promise to practice hospitality towards him, remembering his frame and the physical needs that accompany his work and his family, by providing for those needs?

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Pastor: I now pronounce and declare that Clint Lum has been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as Pastor of this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and that as such he is entitled to all encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Hymn – “Blessed City, Heavenly Salem” (1027)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “The New Synagogue”

Exodus 18:13-27
Pastor Doug Wilson

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, and 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.**

Psalm – “‘Tis by Thy Strength” (203)

Psalm – “Jehovah to My Lord Has Said” (337)

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 – “It Is Well”

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

717 **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! It is
 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
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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 Psalm – “Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD” (298)

Charge

Benediction (Aaronic Blessing from Numbers 6)

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–

Psalm 117

4-part canon

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

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

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

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism:** #87 (see liturgy, pg. 6)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “It Is Well” (see liturgy, pg. 8)
- **Verse of the Week:** “A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.” (Proverbs 10:4)
- **Prayer:** “Prayer for Christian Growth” (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- Healing for Tommy's hip and favor over the medical journey.
- For Jared Smethurst and family, as he's out of the country for work.
- Praise for Clint Lum's successful ordination exam at presbytery.
- For Lucy Manning, one of Anna's roommates at Union. She's had stage 4 lymphoma.
- For Joshua Haymes and his evangelism efforts at MTSU last week and again, this coming Wednesday.
- For Zach's brother whose back is broken in two places from scoliosis. For great wisdom for the doctors in treating him, and for God's comfort amidst this affliction.
- For the church in America, as she grieves the murder of Charlie Kirk and the death of Voddie Bauchum. That this would all be fuel on the fire of real revival.
- Continued prayer for Seth Miller and his medical journey to deal with his brain tumor. Prayers for healing, peace, and good care.
- For a new job for Coleman Philips.
- For Caleb Haymes, that the kidney transplant would take remarkably well.
- For favor over Charlton's and Gabe Rensch's "Business Makers" endeavor, especially as they pursue investors.
- For those who are waiting to hear back about job promotions, and the opening of other vocational doors. May the Lord bless us with productive plows and fruitful fields.
- For the mothers who are with child. Safety for all the mommas and babies, thinking especially this week of the Carters.
- For the folks who are newer to our community. That they would get established quickly.
- For our own place in God's timing.

Ongoing

- For a teaching elder for the new CREC plant in Columbia, King's Cross Reformed Church
- For the CREC church plant in DC that launched in July
- 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 salvation for extended family members who have not turned to Christ.
- For healing for all who are suffering from physical ailments.
- 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 Ridgely

Upcoming Events

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP W/ NANCY WILSON - October 21st

- At the Carters' house @ 5pm
- Dinner, fellowship, and teaching from Mrs. Wilson

MEN/SONS CAMPING TRIP - October 24/25th

- See/message deacon Scotty Rowlett for more details

REFORMATION CELEBRATION! - November 2nd

- At the Brookshire, from 3-7pm
- Song, food, games, and festivities aplenty!

NEW MEMBERS' INQUIRY CLASS - November 12th

- At the Brookshire, from 6-8pm
- Dinner and a time of teaching on the history and distinctive of Pilgrim Hill
- RSVP by emailing Pastor Brooks - pastor@pilgrimhill.church

MEN'S WEEKLY BOOK STUDY - *The Holiness of God*, by R.C. Sproul

- 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**

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

- Beginning August 13th
- From 7-7:30pm

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – pastor@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:



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.