

Pilgrim Hill

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SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 APRIL 2026

PRAYER

THE SERVANT IN BATTLE (from *The Valley of Vision*)

O LORD,
I bless thee that the issue of the battle between thyself and Satan
has never been uncertain, and will end in victory.
Calvary broke the dragon's head,
and I contend with a vanquished foe,
who with all his subtlety and strength has already been
overcome.

When I feel the serpent at my heel
may I remember him whose heel was bruised,
but who, when bruised, broke the devil's head.
My soul with inward joy extols the mighty conqueror.
Heal me of any wounds received in the great conflict;
if I have gathered defilement,
if my faith has suffered damage,
if my hope is less than bright,
if my love is not fervent,
if some creature-comfort occupies my heart,
if my soul sinks under pressure of the fight.

O thou whose every promise is balm,
every touch life,
draw near to thy weary warrior,
refresh me, that I may rise again to wage the strife,
and never tire until my enemy is trodden down.

Give me such fellowship with thee
that I may defy Satan, unbelief, the flesh, the world,
with delight that comes not from a creature,
and which a creature cannot mar.

Give me a draught of the eternal fountain
that lieth in thy immutable, everlasting love and decree.

Then shall my hand never weaken,
my feet never stumble,
my sword never rest,
my shield never rust,
my helmet never shatter,
my breastplate never fall,
as my strength rests in the power of thy might.

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!”
(Psalm 123:1)

*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

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

† From Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together,

old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for his name alone is exalted;

his majesty is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people,

praise for all his saints,

for the people of Israel who are near to him.

Praise the Lord!

✠ Psalm – “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (185)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, we often like Peter
Do not rightly judge our spiritual maturity.
We think ourselves unflinching and faithful,
A disciple Jesus can trust if ever there was one.

**Yet, our ongoing struggle with sin reveals how poor and needy we still are.
Risen Christ, rise anew in us, with forgiveness and spiritual resolve.**

We have envied and lusted.
We have been proud and judgemental.
We see many specks in our family and church
While strangely blind to the beams in our own eyes.

**We hide nothing now.
Rather, we sprint to the cross and plead your precious blood,
And we run to the empty tomb, trusting in your resurrection power.
Risen Christ, rise anew in us, with forgiveness and cleansing.**

Franklin Kyrie

The musical score for "Franklin Kyrie" is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system has a vocal line and a guitar line. The guitar line includes chords: 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 – Psalm 103:12-13

“As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.”

✠ 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 37-39

37. Q. What do you confess when you say that he suffered?

A. During all the time he lived on earth, but especially at the end, Christ bore in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. Thus, by his suffering, as the only atoning sacrifice, he has redeemed our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and obtained for us the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life.

38. Q. Why did he suffer under Pontius Pilate as judge?

A. Though innocent, Christ was condemned by an earthly judge, and so he freed us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.

39. Q. Does it have a special meaning that Christ was crucified and did not die in a different way?

A. Yes. Thereby I am assured that he took upon himself the curse which lay on me, for a crucified one was cursed by God.

† Hymn – “**This Joyful Eastertide**” (637)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

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

New Testament Reading: Luke 24:13-35

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

† Psalm – “**All Peoples, Clap Your Hands**” (143)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “Raging Nations and the Laughing King”

Psalm 2

Pastor Clint Lum

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.**

† Psalm – “Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage” (3)

† Hymn – “Holy, Holy, Holy!” (510)

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 – “Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound” (see next page)

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

Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound

unison

1. Now let the vault of heav'n re-sound In praise of love that doth a -
 2. E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, Where - fore our heart with rap - ture
 3. O fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set heart and will on things a -
 4. A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the Heav'n - ly bless - ed

harmony *unison*

bound: "Christ hath tri-umphed, Al - le - lu - ia!" Sing, choirs of an-gels, loud and
 sings: "Christ hath tri-umphed! Je - sus liv - eth!" Now doth He come and give us
 above That we con - quer through Thy tri-umph. Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 sing, "Christ hath tri-umphed, Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther, and our

harmony

clear, Re - peat their song of glo-ry here: "Christ hath tri-umphed,
 life; Now doth His pres-ence still all strife Through His tri - umph;
 day That by our life we ev - er say, "Christ hath tri-umphed,
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God, Thine the glo - ry

unison

Christ hath tri-umphed!"
 Je - sus reign - eth! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
 and He liv - eth!"
 nev - er end - ing!

Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
 Text: Paul Zeller Strodach, 1945 ©

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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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 – “See, What a Morning” (978)

✦ 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 blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures 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:** #37-39 (see liturgy, pg. 4-5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” (Proverbs 14:34)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- For the Smethursts as they grieve the loss of a cousin
- 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.

- **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 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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