

# Pilgrim Hill

REFORMED FELLOWSHIP



*Rembrandt, c. 1630*

## SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

23 AUGUST 2026

### **POEM**

("Stephen to Lazarus" by C.S. Lewis)

But was I the first martyr, who  
Gave up no more than life, while you,  
Already free among the dead,  
Your rags stripped off, your fetters shed,  
Surrendered what all other men  
Irrevocably keep, and when  
Your battered ship at anchor lay  
Seemingly safe in the dark bay  
No ripple stirs, obediently  
Put out a second time to sea  
Well knowing that your death (in vain  
Died once) must all be died again?

## PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

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### 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

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### † 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.**

### † Hymn – “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (486)

# WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

## Corporate Prayer of Confession - based on Isaiah 66

Holy God, you have told the one unto whom you will look graciously upon.

**All those who are humble and contrite in spirit,  
and who tremble at your word.**

We confess that pride still lurks in our hearts,  
and we have not rightly understood our own spiritual poverty, apart from Christ.

**Forgive us, Lord. Our sin is before us.**

We have not trembled at your Word but have been dismissive of it,  
embarrassed by it, and have trusted the wisdom of man over the wisdom of God.

**We repent of this and confess that you are the only wise God,  
and that your Word is both perfect and good.**

Teach us the fear of the Lord even now, and the beauty of your commandments.

**We long to live in glad obedience to you. Help us in our weakness. Amen.**

## Franklin Agnus Dei

The musical score for "Franklin Agnus Dei" is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the fourth system.

Chord symbols: Dm, Am/D, Bb/D, Am/D, Bb/D, C/D, Am/D, D5, Dm, Am, Bb, Am, Bb, C, Am, D5, Dm, Am, Bb, C, Gm, Dm, Am, Bb, C, Bb, C, D5.

Lyrics: Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009 © wilburmusic.com  
Text: Traditional; based on John 1:29

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

### ✠ Assurance of Pardon – Romans 6:4-5

“We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

### ✠ 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

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### 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 86-87

86. Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace alone through Christ, without any merit of our own, why must we yet do good works?

**A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Holy Spirit to be his image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves thankful to God for his benefits, and he may be praised by us. Further, that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and that by our godly walk of life we may win our neighbours for Christ.**

87. Q. Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and impenitent walk of life?

**A. By no means. Scripture says that no unchaste person, idolater, adulterer, thief, greedy person, drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like shall inherit the kingdom of God.**

## † Hymn – “Glory Be to God the Father” (547)

### Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

New Testament Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

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

## † Psalm – “God the Lord is Known in Judah” (232)

### Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

## Sermon – “The Resurrection of Lazarus and Those Who Hate It”

**John 11:38-57**

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

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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 – “See, What a Morning” (978)

## THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

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### **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 – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”** (see next page)

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

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## The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Based on Psalm 23

Guitar chords for unison singing only

Capo 1: D G A G D A Bm G

1. <sup>1</sup>The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
 2. <sup>2</sup>Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My  
 3. <sup>4</sup>Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
 4. <sup>1</sup>In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
 5. <sup>5</sup>Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; Thine  
 6. <sup>6</sup>And so through all the length of days Thy

5 D G D G 3 D A Bm G D Em

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 ran - somed soul He lead - eth, <sup>3</sup>And where the ver - dant  
 yet in love He sought me, And on His shoul - der  
 Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff me  
 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth, And oh! what trans - port  
 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

11 D A Bm D G D A D G D

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
 of de - light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!  
 sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er.

Music: Irish traditional melody

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1868

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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

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

### ✠ 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–

#### Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

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

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Pastor: Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

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## For Family Worship

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### *Daily Catechesis*

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #86-87 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** “When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out.’ The man who had died came out...” (Jn. 11:43-44a)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

## Prayer Requests

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### **Current**

- For Jessica Cooney (Sarah Sutphen's cousin) in her ongoing health struggles and new diagnoses, and for her aging parents.
  - 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.
  - 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 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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- **Paige Llewellyn** - 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](mailto:naomi@pilgrimhill.church)*

### **Ongoing**

- For God to bless the Potteigers during their transition to DC.
- For Pastor Burke Shade (St Mark's) in his fight against cancer.
- 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 Seth Miller, healing for his tumor and comfort from the Lord.
- 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

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### LADIES' BOOK STUDY (1 Timothy)

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

### MEN'S FRIDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY

- Every Friday at 6:15am beginning Sept. 4th
- *Man of the House* by C.R. Wiley
- 6:15am | Pastor Clint's porch

### 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](mailto:daylily1980@comcast.net)**

### Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor *Pro Tem* Brooks Potteiger – [pastor@pilgrimhill.church](mailto:pastor@pilgrimhill.church)
- Pastor Clint Lum – [pastorclint@pilgrimhill.church](mailto: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:



*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.*