

Pilgrim Hill

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16 AUGUST 2026

POEM

(“The Dawning” by George Herbert)

Awake sad heart, whom sorrow ever drowns;
Take up thine eyes, which feed on earth;
Unfold thy forehead gather'd into frowns:
Thy Saviour comes, and with him mirth:
Awake, awake;
And with a thankfull heart his comforts take.
But thou dost still lament, and pine, and crie;
And feel his death, but not his victorie.

Arise sad heart; if thou dost not withstand,
Christs resurrection thine may be:
Do not by hanging down break from the hand,
Which as it riseth, raiseth thee:
Arise, Arise;
And with his buriall-linen drie thine eyes:
Christ left his grave-clothes, that we might, when grief
Draws tears, or bloud, not want an handkerchief.

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!’”

(Isaiah 6:1-3)

*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 132:13-18

For the Lord has chosen Zion;

he has desired it for his dwelling place:

“This is my resting place forever;

here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

I will abundantly bless her provisions;

I will satisfy her poor with bread.

Her priests I will clothe with salvation,

and her saints will shout for joy.

There I will make a horn to sprout for David;

I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.

His enemies I will clothe with shame,

but on him his crown will shine.”

† Hymn – “Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound” (975)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession - based on Deuteronomy 8

Our gracious God, you have provided for our needs in abundant and remarkable ways. We live like kings compared to most in human history. Yet, in our sin, abundance can often feed entitlement, not gratitude.

We confess that we are, indeed, tempted here.

To be ingrates before the Almighty.

To scoff at our riches.

To grumble amidst a sea of gifts.

To complain whilst seated at the Lord's table.

Forgive us, Lord.

You have warned us to take care, lest when we have eaten and are full and have built good houses, we pridefully lift up our hearts and forget you, our God.

Forgive us.

Give us eyes to see the vastness of riches,

And all coming from Your gracious hand.

Franklin Agnus Dei

The musical score for "Franklin Agnus Dei" is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). 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 begins with a piano introduction of 8 measures. The first system (measures 1-8) contains the lyrics "Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on". The second system (measures 9-16) contains the lyrics "us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have". The third system (measures 17-24) contains the lyrics "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the". The fourth system (measures 25-32) contains the lyrics "world, Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace." The score ends with a final chord of D5.

Dm Am/D Bb/D Am/D Bb/D C/D Am/D

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on

8 D5 Dm Am Bb Am Bb C

us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have

16 Am D5 Dm Am Bb C Gm

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the

24 Dm Am Bb C Bb C D5

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 – from 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

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.

Ordination of Steve Keller to the Office of Deacon and Shelvy Huffman and Aaron Pitts to the Office of Ruling Elder

Questions for the Officers-Elect

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt in good faith the Confession and Creeds of this church (apart from the exceptions noted in our constitution), as being true to the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of this church, as in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you, Steve Keller, accept the office of Deacon in this church, and you, Shelvy Huffman and Aaron Pitts the office of Ruling Elder and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the church?

Questions for the Congregation

1. Do you, members of Pilgrim Hill Reformed Fellowship, acknowledge and receive these brothers as officers, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which this office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this church, entitles them?

Pastor: I now pronounce and declare that Steve Keller, Shelvy Huffman, and Aaron Pitts have been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as officers in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and that as such each man 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!

People: Amen!

✠ **Hymn – “Arise, My Soul, Arise” (768)**

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

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

New Testament Reading: Matthew 15:10-28

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

✠ **Hymn – “Be Thou My Vision” (612)**

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

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 – “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (818)

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 – “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” (see next page)

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

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Based on Psalm 72 portions

Guitar chords for unison singing only



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
 2. Be - hold the na - tions with their kings; There Eu - rope her best trib - ute brings;
 3. To Him shall end - less pray'r be made And prais - es throng to crown His head;
 4. There Per - sia, glo - rious to be - hold, And In - dia shines in east - ern gold;

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

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His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 From north to south the princ - es meet To pay their hom - age at His feet.
 His name like sweet per - fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 While west - ern em - pires own their Lord And sav - age tribes at - tend His Word.

5. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweet - est song,
 6. Blessings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; The pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains;
 7. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;
 8. Where He dis - plays His heal - ing pow'r, Death and the curse are known no more;

And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men!
 In Him the tribes of Ad - am boast More blessings than their fa - ther lost.

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 – “Babylon Is Fallen” (842)

✦ Charge

✦ Benediction

“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”

(Jude 24-25)

✦ Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

Psalm 134

A Song of Ascents.

3-part canon

¹ Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

² Lift up your hands in the sanc-tu - ar - y, And bless the LORD.

³ The LORD who made heav'n and earth Bless you from Zi - on!

G G D Em G/D C G/D D G

Music: David R. Erb, 2007 © derb@nsa.edu

Text: Holy Bible, New King James Version, 1982 © 1983, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Inc.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you!

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** (none this week)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.’” (John 11:25)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

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

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

MY LIFE FOR YOURS STUDY

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

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

- Book to be announced
- 6am | 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**

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
- Shelyv 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.