

Pilgrim Hill

REFORMED FELLOWSHIP



Rembrandt, c. 1630

SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

09 AUGUST 2026

POEM

(“God Moves in a Mysterious Way” by William Cowper)

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform.
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.
Deep in the dark and hidden mines,
With never-failing skill,
He fashions all his bright designs
And works his sov'reign will.

Oh, fearful saints, new courage take:
The clouds that you now dread
Are big with mercy and will break
In blessings on your head.
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace.
Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face.

God's purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour.
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.
Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan his work in vain.
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” (Genesis 17:7)

- **Holly Berneice Carter** - daughter of Elijah and Holly Carter

Congregation Response – “I Bind unto Myself Today,” v. 9 (*for music, see #794*)

9. I bind unto myself today,
The strong name of the Trinity:
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three,
Of Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation
Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

PREPARATION

For Preparation

“The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad!”
(Psalm 126:3)

*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 52:8-9

I am like a green olive tree

in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God

forever and ever.

I will thank you forever,

because you have done it.

I will wait for your name, for it is good,

in the presence of the godly.

✠ Hymn – “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (508)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession - based on Isaiah 6

Eternal God, the one who exists in unapproachable light, and who is worshipped continually by the angels and the saints departed.

Your holiness reveals that we are a people of unclean lips and dwell amongst people of unclean lips.

We confess that we have sinned even this week, even this day, and are unworthy within ourselves to approach you.

We confess, and do not hide, our sin.

We have made provision for our flesh, and have downplayed the seriousness of our sins.

Make us to know the deadliness of sin, and the beauty of holiness.

We thank you that, as the angel touched Isaiah with a burning coal and made him clean, so you have applied to us the blood of Christ, covering all our sin.

Receive now our heartfelt repentance, as we remember afresh the price of our atonement.

Franklin Agnus Dei

Chords: 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

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 – from 1 Peter 3:18

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to 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

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 83-85

83. Q. What are the keys of the kingdom of heaven?

A. The preaching of the holy gospel and church discipline. By these two the kingdom of heaven is opened to believers and closed to unbelievers.

84. Q. How is the kingdom of heaven opened and closed by the preaching of the gospel?

A. According to the command of Christ, the kingdom of heaven is opened when it is proclaimed and publicly testified to each and every believer that God has really forgiven all their sins for the sake of Christ's merits, as often as they by true faith accept the promise of the gospel. The kingdom of heaven is closed when it is proclaimed and testified to all unbelievers and hypocrites that the wrath of God and eternal condemnation rest on them as long as they do not repent. According to this testimony of the gospel, God will judge both in this life and in the life to come.

85. Q. How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by church discipline?

A. According to the command of Christ, people who call themselves Christians but show themselves to be un-christian in doctrine or life are first repeatedly admonished in a brotherly manner. If they do not give up their errors or wickedness, they are reported to the church, that is, to the elders. If they do not heed also their admonitions, they are forbidden the use of the sacraments, and they are excluded by the elders from the Christian congregation, and by God himself from the kingdom of Christ. They are again received as members of Christ and of the church when they promise and show real amendment.

✠ Psalm – “The LORD Is My Light and My Savior” (85)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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

New Testament Reading: Romans 10:5-15

*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 – “The Strangeness and Goodness of God’s Providence”

John 11:1-16
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.**

✠ Hymn – “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (685)

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 – “How Firm a Foundation” (see next page)

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

645

How Firm a Foundation

Guitar chords for unison singing only

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed, For I am thy
 3. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie, My grace, all suf -
 4. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, The riv - ers of
 5. "Ev'n down to old age all My peo - ple shall prove My sov - reign, e -
 6. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose, I will not, I

faith in His ex - cel - lent Word! What more can He say than to
 God and will still give thee aid. I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and
 fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply: The flame shall not hurt thee; I
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; For I will be with thee, thy
 ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love; And when hoar - y hairs shall their
 will not de - sert to its foes; That soul, though all Hell should en -

you He hath said, To you who, for re - fuge, to Je - sus hath fled.
 cause thee to stand, Up - held by My right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 on - ly de - sign Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 trou - bles to bless, And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 tem - ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall still in My bos - om be borne.
 deav - or to shake, I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

Music: Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; attr. George Keith or Robert Keene

FOUNDATION

11 11. 11 11.

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 – “Psalm 121” (385)

✠ Charge

✠ Benediction

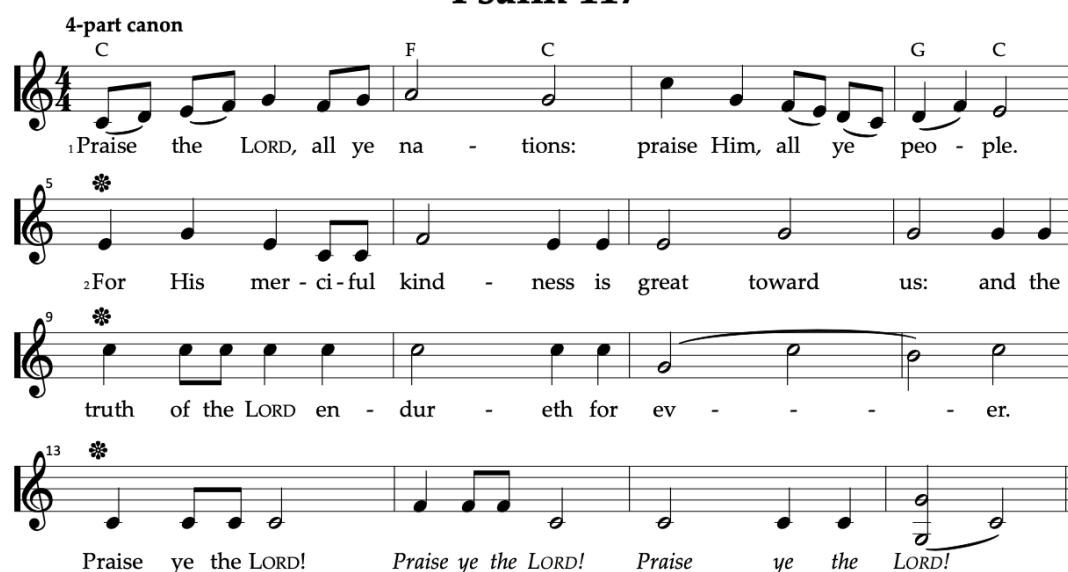
“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

(Romans 15:5-6)

✠ 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:** #83-85 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “How Firm a Foundation” (see liturgy, pg. 8)
- **Verse of the Week:** “Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.” (Jn. 11:5)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- Praise for the safe arrival of Josie May Frymoyer!
- For Jessica Cooney (Sarah Sutphen's cousin) in her ongoing health struggles and new diagnoses, and for her aging parents.
- 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
- **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

- 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 OF LETTERS

- Friday, August 14th 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
- Shelly Huffman
- Scotty Rowlett

Church-wide Signal Thread
for Announcements:



Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:

