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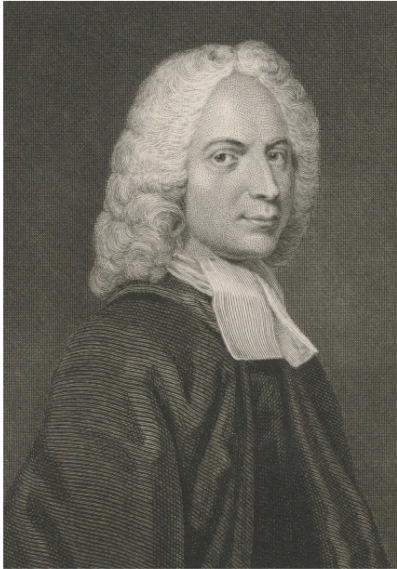


SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

06 JULY 2025



Issac Watts (1674-1748)  
hymn writer



William Billings (1746-1800)  
composer

### **Hymn of the Month - “Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise”**

Isaac Watts, often called the “Father of English Hymnody,” revolutionized congregational singing by crafting hymns that expressed deep, personal devotion rooted in sound theology. He was especially known for infusing Christ-centered hymns into the metrical psalms that the church was already singing. In this hymn, he urges the church’s meditations on the gospel to erupt in joyful praise.

William Billings, the first major American-born composer, was a self-taught musician and a tanner by trade. His music captures the spirited energy of early American worship. The Billings setting for this hymn, *Africa*, brilliantly complements Watts’ exhortation to “burst forth.” It can take a few attempts to lock in with the tune’s undulating rhythm, but it’s well worth the effort. Once it’s in your bones, it undergirds the poetry with remarkable strength.

Together, their work bridges Old World piety and New World vitality, calling the church, in both verse and voice, to rejoice in the gracious salvation and steadfastness of God.

## PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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*“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)*

- **Isabelle Nicole Hodges**
- **Reagan Lee Hodges**
- **Sophia Grace Hodges**
  
- **Calvin Jack Heft**
- **James Ryan Heft**
- **Henry Patrick Heft**
- **Linen Gloria Heft**

#### **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!

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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*“...all who believed were together and had all things in common.” (Acts 2:44)*

- **The Andersons** - James, Meredith, Cecily, Felicity, and Russell
- **The Hefts** - Ryan, Pauline, Calvin, James, Henry, and Linen
- **The Hodges** - Nick, Kim, Isabelle, Reagan, and Sophia

### PREPARATION

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#### **For Preparation**

"One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."  
(John 9:25)

#### **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 Psalm 24

**The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,**

for he has founded it upon the seas

**and established it upon the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

**And who shall stand in his holy place?**

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the Lord

**and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

Such is the generation of those who seek him,

**who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty,  
The Lord, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!**

## Hymn – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (649)

## WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

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### 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.

## Franklin Agnus Dei

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 – 1 John 2:1-2

“If anyone [sins], we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”



## 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

Chord markings: D, G, Asus, D, G, Asus, G, A, G, D, Asus, G, A D/F# G, D, A/G, G, Asus, G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D, A - men.

Lyrics:  
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.

## 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: #53-54

Q. 53. Which is the third commandment?

**A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.**

Q. 54. What is required in the third commandment?

**A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God’s names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works.**

## Hymn – “O God of Earth and Altar” (596)

### Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 2

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

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26a

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

## Hymn – “Holy, Holy, Holy!” (510)

### Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

## Sermon – “That the World Might Be Saved”

**John 3:17-21**  
Pastor Brooks Potteiger

### **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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Generous and loving God,  
We bring you our tithes and offerings  
With glad and grateful hearts.  
Guide us as stewards of your abundance,

**For the glory of Christ and the good of our neighbor.  
Amen.**

**Hymn – “Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise” (718)**

**Psalm – “Psalm 121” (385)**

## **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 Brooks.*

**THE BREAD – “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (see next page)**

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



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# Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Guitar chords for unison singing only

1. Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands;  
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling;  
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When my eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the dou - ble cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save and Thou a - lone.  
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!  
 Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Music: Thomas Hastings (1784–1872)  
 Text: Augustus M. Toplady (1740–1778)

TOPLADY (Hastings)  
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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 Hymn – “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” (221)

### Charge

### Benediction (Romans 16:19-20)

“Your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”

### 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.**

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## For Family Worship

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### Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism:** #53-54 (see liturgy, pg. 6)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (see liturgy, pg. 8)
- **Verse of the Week:** “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” (Romans 12:12)
- **Prayer:** “Light Up My Life, Lord” (see back of liturgy)

## Prayer Requests

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### **Current**

- Praise that Crews Lawson's eye was preserved after his accident, and prayers for complete recovery.
- For Nick Hodges, as he heads out of town for two months for army training.
- For favor over Charlton's and Gabe Rench's "Business Makers" endeavor, especially as they pursue investors.
- For the stomach issue Mr. Hays has been struggling with.
- For the Haymes and they look ahead to Caleb's transplant.
- 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.
- For the folks who are newer to our community. That they would get established quickly.
- For Sondra Rowlett, that her cancer stays in remission and no new concerns arise.
- For our own place in God's timing.
- Provision, peace, wisdom, and diligence for those feeling the financial pinch.

### **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 will be launching in July.
- Favor and wisdom for those who have businesses, or are dreaming of starting one.
- 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 Ridgetop

## Upcoming Events

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### **SUMMER TEENAGE GIRLS' FELLOWSHIP**

- Sundays, from 4-7pm
- Pool time, Bible Study, skill-building mentorship, and yummy food!
- At the Brookshire (typically)
- Check the ladies' Signal thread for more info

### **SUMMER MARRIAGE BOOK STUDY (Zoom):**

- *For a Glory and a Covering* by Doug Wilson
- Tuesdays from 8:30-9:15pm

### **MEN'S WEEKLY BOOK STUDY - *Out of the Ashes*, by Anthony Esolen**

- Fridays at 6:15 am on Pastor Brooks's back porch
- Commencing July 11th

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

### Officers:

#### The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – [brooks@pilgrimhill.church](mailto:brooks@pilgrimhill.church)
- Josh Boyd (Ruling Elder)

#### The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Nathan Haney
- 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.*

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## PRAYER

### “Light Up My Life, Lord”

(John Bradford)

O Lord, you are the greatest and most true light.

This day’s light and sun spring from you.

O Light, you illuminate everyone who comes into this world.

You know neither evening nor night, but are always midday, clear and fair.

Without you, everything is darkness. Wisdom of the eternal, you make everything brilliant.

Father of mercies, light up my mind, that I may only see those things that please you.

Blind me to all else. Help me to always walk in your ways,

and grant that nothing else would be light or pleasant to me.

Light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say,

“I have prevailed over him” (Psalm 13:3–4).

Amen.