

# Pilgrim Hill

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SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 APRIL 2026

## PRAYER

(Thomas Bradwardine, ca. 1290-1349)

My God, I love you above all else, and I desire you as my ultimate end.  
I seek you for you alone and for nothing else, always and in all things,  
with my whole heart and strength, with crying and groaning,  
with constant labor and grief. What then will you finally provide for me?

If you do not provide yourself, you provide nothing.

If you do not give yourself to me, you give nothing.

If I do not find you, I find nothing. Anything less than you would not be  
a reward by any means; rather, it would be a heavy affliction,  
for before I sought you, I hoped at length to find you and to hold on to you.

By that delightful hope I was sweetly comforted in all my labors.

But now, if you will deny yourself to me, whatever else you could give  
would leave my hope completely disappointed—not for a short time, but forever.

I would languish with desire forever; I would weep with my languishing;  
I would sorrow in my mourning because I would ever remain empty and unsatisfied.  
Will I not grieve inconsolably, complain unceasingly, be frustrated interminably?

This is not the way, O best, most gracious, most loving God.

It does not fit with your character. It does not match with who you have revealed yourself to be.

Grant to me, therefore, O most blessed God, that I may love you  
for you alone and above everything else. Let me seek you in all things  
in this present life so that in the end I may find you  
and keep you forever in the life to come.

## 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)*

- **Julie Elizabeth Tingle** - daughter of Jon and Joy

#### **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

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### **For Preparation**

“Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.”  
(Psalm 63:3-4)

\*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**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

✠ **From Psalm 95:1-7a**

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God,

**and a great King above all gods.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

For he is our God,

**and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

So saints of God, let us sing to the LORD;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

✠ **Hymn – “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (485)**

## WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

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### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Almighty, everlasting God and Father,

**we acknowledge and confess that we indeed were conceived and born in sin  
and are inclined to all evil and slow to all good;**

We unceasingly transgress your holy commandments,  
and corrupt ourselves more and more.

**But we are sorry for this and desire your grace and help.**

Therefore, have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father,

**through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit,

**that we may recognize our sin,  
feel true contrition and grief for them,  
die to them completely,  
and please you wholly in a new, godly life. Amen.**

## 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 Timothy 1:15

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.”

#### ✠ 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 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 40-44

40. Q. Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even unto death?

**A. Because of the justice and truth of God satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way than by the death of the Son of God.**

41. Q. Why was he buried?

**A. His burial testified that he had really died.**

42. Q. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

**A. Our death is not a payment for our sins, but it puts an end to sin and is an entrance into eternal life.**

43. Q. What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

**A. Through Christ's death our old nature is crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves to him as a sacrifice of thankfulness.**

44. Q. Why is there added: He descended into hell?

**A. In my greatest sorrows and temptations I may be assured and comforted that my Lord Jesus Christ, by his unspeakable anguish, pain, terror, and agony, which he endured throughout all his sufferings but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.**

#### † Hymn – “Not What My Hands Have Done” (572)

#### Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23

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

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

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

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

#### Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

#### Sermon – “I Am the Light of the World”

**John 8:12-20**  
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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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 – “The LORD Is My Light and My Savior” (85)**

† **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 Brooks.*

**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. *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 <sup>3</sup> 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 Hymn – “For All the Saints” (1031)

### ✠ Charge

### ✠ Benediction

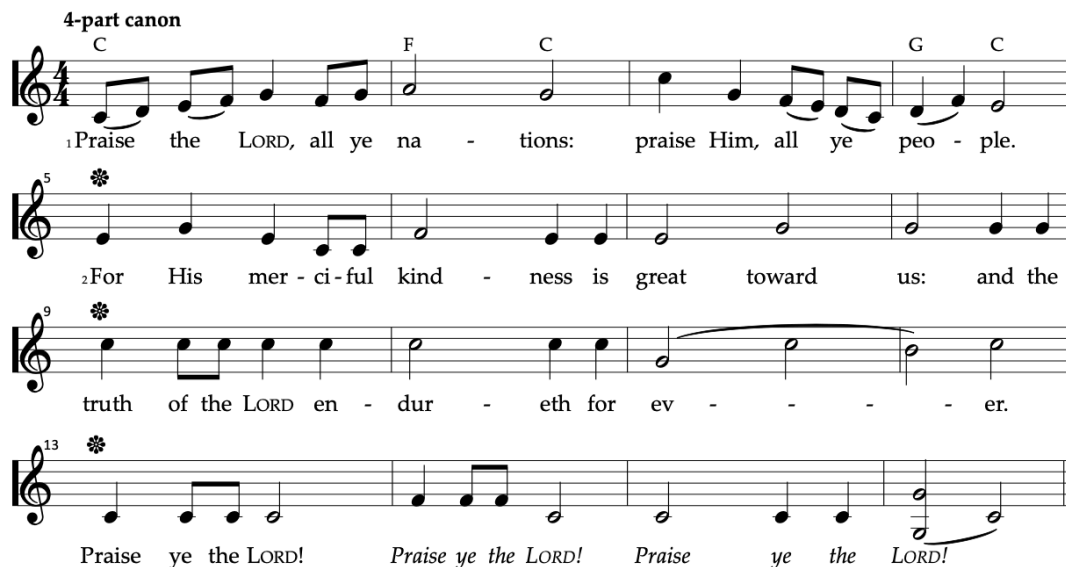
“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”

(Jude 24-25)

### ✠ Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

## Psalm 117

4-part canon



<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD, all ye na - tions: praise Him, all ye peo - ple.

<sup>2</sup>For His mer - ci - ful kind - ness is great toward us: and the

truth of the LORD en - dur - eth for ev - - - er.

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.**

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## For Family Worship

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### *Daily Catechesis*

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #40-44 (see liturgy, pg. 6)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (see liturgy, pg. 8)
- **Verse of the Week:** “The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor.” (Proverbs 12:24)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

## Prayer Requests

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### ***Current***

- For Mr. Hays, as he's set to have an endoscopy tomorrow. May it yield helpful insights into some of the issues he's been dealing with.
- Peace for Charlee Martin as she grieves the passing of her aunt
- Peace for the Hoeks - and especially grandpa Pop - as they grieve the passing of Zach's grandma
- For the Smethursts as they grieve the loss of a cousin
- 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 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](mailto: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

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### LADIES' FELLOWSHIP - Tuesday, May 5th

- 6-8pm at Holly Carter's house

### MID-WEEK THURSDAY GATHERING

- 6:00-6:40pm Food | 6:45-7:15 Bible Study | 7:15-7:30 Singing
- MAY 7th

### SEMINAR WITH DR. GEORGE GRANT - Saturday, June 13th

- 9-11:30am
- Lunch to follow

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

### Officers:

#### The Session:

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



*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.*