

Pilgrim Hill

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SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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THE GIVER
from Valley of Vision

CREATOR, UPHOLDER AND PROPRIETOR OF ALL THINGS,

We cannot escape from thy presence
and control,
nor do we desire to do so.
Our privilege is to be under the agency
of thy omnipotence,
righteousness, wisdom, patience, mercy and grace;
For thou art Love with more than parental affection.
We admire thy goodness,
stand in awe of thy power,
abase ourselves before thy purity.
It is the discovery of thy goodness alone that
can banish our fear
allure us into thy presence,
help us to bewail and confess our sins.
We review our past guilt
and are conscious of present unworthiness.
We bless thee that thy steadfast love and attributes
are essential to our happiness and hope;
Thou hast witnessed to us thy grace and mercy
in the bounties of nature,
in the fullness of thy providence,
in the revelations of Scripture,
in the gift of thy Son,
in the proclamation of the gospel.
Make us willing to be saved in thy own way,
perceiving nothing in ourselves but all in Jesus.
Help us not only to receive him but to
walk in him,
depend upon him,
commune with him,
follow him as dear children,
imperfect, but still pressing forward,
not complaining of labour, but valuing rest,
not murmuring under trials, but thankful
for our state.
And by so doing let us silence the ignorance
of foolish men.

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.”
(Psalm 9:1)

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 9

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
the Lord sits enthroned forever;
he has established his throne for justice,
The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.
Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Hymn – “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (679)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession (Genesis 4 & Matthew 5)

Our glorious and holy Creator, from whose sight no creature is hidden, but all are laid bare and to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

We all like Cain have harbored secret sins, forgetful that nothing is hidden from your sight.

We come now into the light, and confess that we sinned in thought and deed.

We often downplay the wickedness of our sins, and so you graciously warn us saying: “You have heard it said, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.”

We confess that we have been angry with our brother. We have been hostile towards our enemies, and we have harbored unforgiveness in our hearts. Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, work now in our hearts that, where there is hardness you would bring humbling. Where there is bitterness, you would bring the balm of love. And where there is sorrow for sin, you would bring the comfort of peace.

We come into the light, confessing our need of this spiritual renewal.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer -
cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

Assurance of Pardon – Romans 8:31b-32

“If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

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

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with the instruction "with vigor" and a dynamic marking of "fff". The lyrics are: "Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are". The second staff continues the lyrics: "full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the High - est! Bless - ed is he who". The third staff concludes the lyrics: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est." The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, and includes a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure of each staff.

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 of the Month

27 Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

**A. God's providence is
his almighty and ever present power,
whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds
heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so governs them that
leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and barren years,
food and drink,
health and sickness,
riches and poverty,
indeed, all things,
come to us not by chance
but by his fatherly hand.**

Psalm – “Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage” (005)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Genesis 2:18–25

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

New Testament: Mark 10:2–16

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 – “I Have Set You Over the Land of Egypt”

Genesis 41 (part 2)
Pastor Brooks Potteiger

The Lord’s Prayer (see #1107 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

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.

Psalm – “Let Israel Now Say in Thankfulness” (396)

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 Brooks.

THE BREAD – “In Christ Alone”

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

In Christ Alone

Capo 3: G D G A D/F# G A D

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help - less babe.
 3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain.
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me.

This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain.
 From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied.
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
 No pow'r of Hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;

My Com - fort - er, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
 For I am His, and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
 Till He re - turns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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[In Christ alone]
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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

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

Charge and Benediction (from Jude)

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.

Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

Doxology

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major. The treble clef part has a melody with a 3-measure rest at the beginning of the second line. The bass clef part provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.**

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Monthly Catechism Recitation:** Heidelberg Catechism, Question 27 (see liturgy, pg. 4)
- **Hymn of the Week: “In Christ Alone”** (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Memory Verse of the Week:** (Proverbs 22:29) “Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.”
- **Prayer: “The Giver” (VOV)** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Recommended Resources

- **Table Talk:** A rich daily Bible study resource. Grab a family copy in the lobby.
- **Sing Your Part App:** A free app that posts the psalms/hymns we’ll be singing each week (search “Pilgrim Hill”) and provides both the audio and sheet music.

Prayer Requests

Current

- Praise for the completion of the VanHofwegens building project!
- Praise that the Golubski’s son, David, is heading home from Qatar!
- Prayer for pastor Brooks and several parishioners, as they travel to South Carolina for our bi-annual presbytery meeting.
- Healing and peace for Anna Smith as she deals with the painful soccer injury she sustained (likely a torn tendon).
- Prayer for the Haymes as they look towards Caleb’s kidney transplant. Peace, logistical grace, and for skillful medical care.
- For the pregnant mothers nearing their due date.
- Blessings upon the Recovery Refuge House in Ridgetop, and our relationship with them as we officially begin supporting them financially and begin looking for opportunities to serve them.
- For the Kellers, friends from Colorado who will soon be relocating to the area. Transitional mercies.

Ongoing

- 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.
- 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 a permanent building.
- 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

OCTOBER

16th- New Members' Class

- 6-8pm @ the Brookshire
- For those who are interested in pursuing membership at PH
- Snacks, fellowship, teaching and Q/A

24th- Festal Shout

- 6-8pm @ the church
- Pizza first followed by musical training

NOVEMBER

9th- Men's Prayer Breakfast

- 8:30-10am @ the Brookshire
- Fellowship, breakfast, and and prayer
- The Stonewall Lectures #1: Providence and Prayer

23rd- Festal Shout

- 9-11am at the Brookshire!
- Potluck breakfast and then we'll flex our musical muscles

OTHER

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**

Men's Book Study

- *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis
- Fridays at 6:15am @ the Brookshire

Upcoming Women's Park Meetups:

- Oct 25th - TBD
- Check WhatsApp for details and changes!

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – brooks@pilgrimhill.church.
- The Session of St. Mark Reformed (pro tempore) – stmarkreformed.com/contact.

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Nathan Haney
- Shelyv Huffman

To be added to the email list:



To connect to Pilgrim Hill on the Sing Your Part app:



For the church website & calendar:



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.