



*stories on  
the way to  
redemption*  
a Lenten Journey

**March 5 - April 9 - Sundays**  
9 & 10:30am Worship

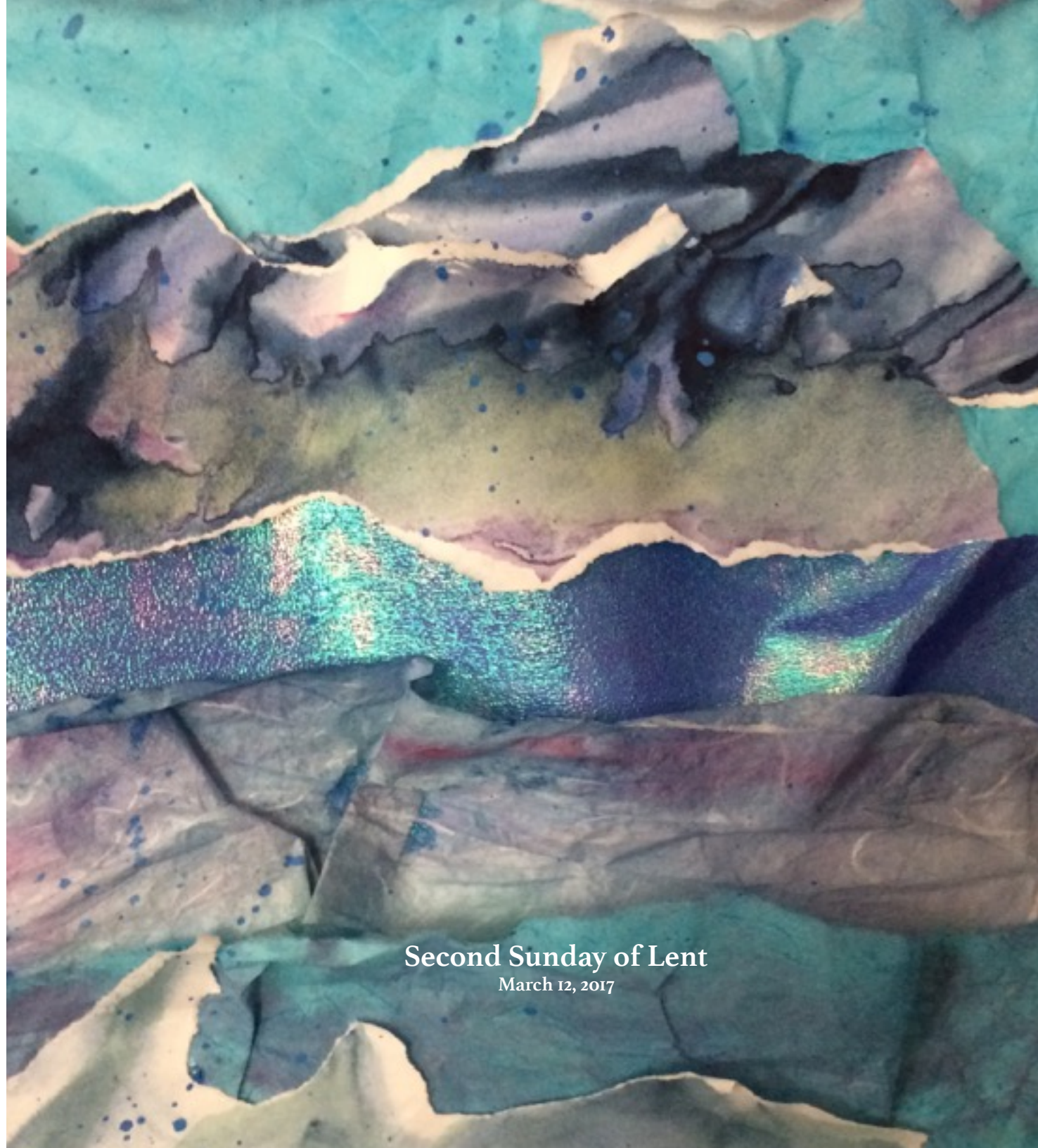
**April 14 - Good Friday**  
12:00pm Community  
Worship Service

**April 16 - Resurrection Sunday**  
7:00, 9:00 & 10:30am  
Celebration Services

*The sanctuary is open for prayer and  
reflection Monday through Friday,  
noon to 1:00.*

*Please feel free to use one of the  
hanging artworks as a focal point or  
take a prayer card from the sound  
booth.*

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**Second Sunday of Lent**  
March 12, 2017



## Welcome

Welcome to Pillar Church this morning. We're glad that you're here. If you've been worshipping here for a long time or you're entering the doors of a church for the first time today it is our hope that you'll experience a kind welcome, a sense of genuine community and the grace and truth of Jesus Christ that the Christian Church has celebrated for centuries.

### Note on Communion

We celebrate Communion via intinction, that is, we dip the bread in the cup before partaking in the sacrament. During the 9:00 service there are three stations up front (with one gluten-free & vegan-friendly station by the timpani available at both services) During the 10:30, there are five stations in the front and one in the lobby. A communion server will be available to serve you if you are in need of assistance.

### Note on Baptism

Today we have the wonderful gift to celebrate and remember with Thomas Connerty, his baptism. We give thanks to God for the visible sign of the water pointing to the invisible grace made available to us in Jesus Christ.

### Liturgical Note

The newest mixed media banner on the organ side of the sanctuary was created by Valerie Spoelhof. After reading through the book of Luke and listening to the Theophilus music Valerie settled her creative reflections on the story of Jesus calming a storm from Luke 8:22-25. "Who is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

During the season of Lent you are invited to use the sanctuary from 12-1 as a place for prayer and reflection. Use one of the banners as a focus for your reflection or you may use the Lenten prayer card

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## Approach to God

Gathering Music

Welcome

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Call to Worship

*And Can It Be?*

Hymn of Praise

#695 *And Can It Be?*, vv. 1,2 & 4

Call to Lament

Silence

Prayer of Lament

*Come Then Lord Jesus*

The Church has wait - ed long, Her ab - sent Lord to see.  
The ser - pent's brood in - crease, The pow'rs of hell grow bold,  
The whole cre - a - tion groans, And waits to hear that voice,

And still in lone - li - ness she waits, A friend - less stran - ger she.  
The con - flict thick - ens faith is low, And love is wax - ing cold.  
That shall re - store her come - li - ness, And make her wastes re - joice.

Age af - ter age has gone, Sun af - ter sun has set,  
How long, O Lord our God, Ho - ly and true and good,  
Come, Lord, and wipe a - way, The curse, the sin, the stain,

And still, in weeds of wid - ow - hood, Sheweeps a mourn - er yet.  
Will thou not judge thy suff - ering church Her sighs and tears and blood?  
And make this blight - ed world of ours, Thine own fair world a - gain.

Come then, Lord Je - sus, come; Come then, Lord Je - sus;\_

Come then, Lord Je - sus come, Come, come, come.

Assurance of Pardon

Peace

*Children may leave for children's activities at this time.*

Word of God

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;  
praise him a-bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Offering

#802 *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

Baptism

Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I 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.*

Song of Response

#802 *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*, vv. 1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus

O, ho - ly are you, Lord, the earth pro- claims your glo - ry;  
We join in to a - dore, O, you are ho - ly Lord;  
Bles - sed is the one who comes in your good name;  
Save us, Lord, we pray; Ho - san - na in the high - est

Most righteous God we remember in this meal...  
Together we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

*Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

So, send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray...  
Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Communion

Come Ye Sinners



Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y,  
 Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come,  
 Let not con - science make you lin - ger,  
 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en,

Refrain: I will a - rise and go to Je - sus,



Weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;  
 God's free bount - y, glo - ri - fy;  
 Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;  
 Lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
 He will em - brace me in His arms;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
 True be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
 All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth  
 If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
 In the arms of my dear Sav - ior,



Full of pi - ty love and pow'r.  
 Ev - ry grace that brings you nigh.  
 Is to feel your need of Him.  
 You will nev - er come at all.  
 O, there are ten thou - sand charms.

Communion Prayers

*Prayers of Meditation for Those Not Communing*

If you are not coming forward to receive Communion, please feel free to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

*Prayers for Those Searching for Truth*

"Lord Jesus, you claimed to be the way, the truth, and the life. As I search for spiritual truth, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the life that you promise. Amen."

*Prayer of Belief*

"Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Trusting in God's love and in your death and resurrection on my behalf, I ask you to forgive me, most merciful Lord, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. Relying on your grace, I promise to confess you publicly before others, to serve you daily and to walk in your way. Amen."

*Prayer of Commitment*

"Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen."

Response to God

Benediction

Sending Song

*Psalm 126 (refrain)*



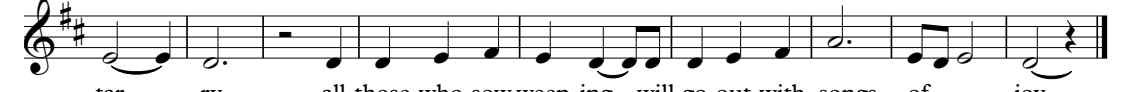
Re-store us, O Lord Re-store us, O Lord Although we are weep - ing,



Lord help us keep sow - ing, the seeds of your king - dom, for the day you will



reap them Your sheaves we will car - ry, Lord please do not



tar - ry, all those who sow weep-ing will go out with songs of joy

Postlude

### Worship Leaders Today

Preacher: Jon Brown  
Liturgists: Jenna Brandsen  
Musicians: Cassie Nelson-Rogalski, Cort Kleinheksel, Jake Helder, Angela Wagenveld and Madalyn Navis  
Organist: Meribeth Diekema  
Sound: Ben Oegema  
Communion Bread Baker: Jan DeBoer  
Communion Servers:  
9:00 Ryan & Jill Tanis, Alisha Riepma, Jon Brown & Jenna Brandsen  
  
10:30 Samantha Stevens, Katrina Bulthuis, Lauren Jolly, Natalie Brown, Scott & Julie Steggerda, Dereck, LLena, Xavier & Ian Chavis, Alisha Riepma, Matt Nelson-Rogalski, Jenna Brandsen and Jon Brown

### Worship Leader on March 19

Preacher: Jon Brown

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### Deacons’ Announcements

**Please include the following people in your prayers:** for **Caroline Kanis** and her family, for **Jodi Syens** as she has completed her cancer treatments and for **Greg Diekema** as he undergoes treatment for metastatic melanoma.

**March’s special offering** is designated for Audio Scripture Ministries. Friend of Pillar, JP Sundararajan, is the India-Asia director of this ministry which records and distributes audio Bibles across the world to ensure no one is barred from access to God’s word. This offering will be received on Sunday, March 19, but at any time this month, feel free to give and mark your gift as “ASM.” (There is no distribution offering this month.)

### Adult Formation

**Join a City Group!** City Groups are an integral way Pillar Church can be “for the city.” They are a place to belong, be disciplined, and to serve together. If you would like to join a group, email [jenna@pillarchurch.com](mailto:jenna@pillarchurch.com)!

### Student Ministries

#### Middle School Student Ministries

- 1) City group next week at 8:45am in the back lobby of the Sanctuary.
- 2) Youth group tonight from 4:00-4:30pm at Pillar. Dress warm for outside activity.

#### High School Student Ministries

- 1) City group next week at 9:15am in the lower level of Pillar Church.
- 2) Youth group tonight from 6:00-7:30pm at Pillar. Dress warm for an outside activity.

### Children’s announcements

**Sunday School** begins at 9:15 am for children aged 4 - 5th grade. Please sign your children in downstairs at the table before you drop them off in their classroom and pick them up immediately following the end of the worship service.

**Children and Worship** (for kids 4 years to 2nd grade) will meet today during the 10:30 am service. Please bring your child to the lobby during the passing of the peace where they will be greeted by a children’s ministry volunteer. Please pick your children up on the lower level immediately following the worship service.

**Little Lambs** (2-3 year olds) meets today during the 10:30 am service today. You may sign your children in prior to attending church.

**The P3 play group** meets Fridays at 10am at the Activity Center (200 E. 14th St). Contact Amy Deur, [amy.deur@gmail.com](mailto:amy.deur@gmail.com), for more information. All moms/dads with young kids are welcome!

**Looking Ahead**—Due to Spring Break and Easter, there will be no Sunday School or Children and Worship April 2, 9 & 16. Childcare will be provided for children ages 0-3 years.

### General Announcements

**Are you interested in officially joining Pillar church** in the ministry of reconciling divisions, renewing the church, raising up leaders and redeeming the city, or do you have questions? Please sign up for the next information class on Sunday, Mar. 19 after the 10:30 service or email [office@pillarchurch.com](mailto:office@pillarchurch.com). Lunch will be provided. If you decide to join, you will be welcomed and received in both services on Sunday, Mar. 26.

**Refugee Care:** Our dear friend, Josephine (16) passed driver’s ed and now has her driving permit. She can legally drive only with persons 21years or older, and the only driver in their family, Bruno, is only 19. We are looking for Hope students or young women who would like to spend time with Jo and help her get her practice hours in. Contact Kat Schulte if you are interested: [kat@pillarchurch.com](mailto:kat@pillarchurch.com).



### General Announcements continued

Pillar is looking to hire a full-time Ministries Coordinator. If you are interested in learning more about this position, you can find a link on the home page of [www.pillarchurch.com](http://www.pillarchurch.com)

Please join our last *Around the Table* of the winter. All women of Pillar and friends enjoy a delicious meal and Bible Study. No preparation necessary. Come meet new faces and bond over God's Word. We will be offering this Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21 and 22 (*please note the change of date*) from 6pm- 8 pm. Please let us know what will work for you. E-mail us at [office@pillarchurch.com](mailto:office@pillarchurch.com) or sign up in the lobby. All women are invited!

“That The World May Know” Weekend Series, led by Rev. Ray Vander Laan will be held on Fri., Mar. 17 (7 – 9 pm), Sat., Mar. 18 (9 am – 4 pm), and Sun. morning service, Mar. 19 at 9:30 am at Hamilton CRC. The series will explore the week of Jesus’ life from Palm Sunday to Easter in the context of the city of Jerusalem. There is no cost to attend! (Tickets are available at <http://hamiltoncrc.com/ray-vanderlaan-seminar-2017/>)

The next book club will meet on Tuesday, Mar. 14 at 7pm. Jan Klompmaker is hosting (17236 North St., Holland, 49424). Anyone wishing to carpool may meet in the Pillar parking lot at 6:40pm.

#### Building Update

We are excited to proceed to the next phase of the proposed Pillar Church Expansion Project. Design development (DD) services take the initial design documents from the schematic phase and move them one step further along. This phase begins to lay out additional details with regard to architectural, structural, and systems details. This work is done in order to give us a better idea of how the project can be developed, provides an opportunity for more specific cost estimates, and ultimately results in another level of approval. The next phase to follow, then, would be the actual preparation of construction documents.

A new committee has been put together to continue our work with Cornerstone Architects and Tom Nemitz in this process: Al Bomers, Abby deRoo, Sue Bakker, Chad Nienhuis, Mark DeHaan, Jim Hoekstra, Jodi Syens and Pastor Jon Brown. We look forward to the new opportunities that will present themselves as we continue to work through the many details that will be addressed, and to keeping you informed of our progress.

Also, Pastor Jon has expressed the desire to meet with everyone connected to Pillar in the next six months in order for them “see” the project, as well as to have the opportunity to ask questions, share hopes, and gain clarity as the project proceeds.



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