

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2017

Approach to God

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.

Liturgical Note

The art offering on the west wall by the organ is a mixed media banner created by Jan Propst. Jan's inspiration comes from Luke 8:16-18; Parable of the Lamp "No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lamp stand, so that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light. Then pay attention to how you listen; for to those who have, more will be given; and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have will be taken away."

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 found on the communion table.

Gathering Music

Welcome

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Call to Worship

What Wondrous Love is This?

Hymn of Praise

What Wondrous Love is This?



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down; when I was sink-ing
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse
down be - neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown
Lamb, who is the great I AM while mil-lions join the theme,
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty



for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Call to Lament

Song of Lament

Psalm 80

refrain (sung by all):

Re - store us O God, O God of hosts;
Shine your face on us, that we might be saved.
Shine your face on us, that we might be saved!

Verse 1

*How long O Lord will you be angry
with your people's prayers?
We have asked for bread
and all you've given us are tears;
Listen now, O Shepherd,
you the leader of the flock,
You who are enthroned above
stir up your might, come near!*

Verse 2

*You brought us out of Egypt
to a wide and spacious place;
you planted us, our roots grew deep
we flowered in your grace;
turn again, O God of hosts,
look down from heav'n and see;
the tree you planted has been burned
cut down, and stripped away.*

Sung by ensemble:

Give us life, and we will call on your name!
Give us life, and we will call on your name!

Peace

Children may leave for Children's Ministry activities at this time.

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia! Shine your
face on us, that we might be saved.. Shine your

Offering

Testimony

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.***

Word of God

Song for Illumination

We are Listening



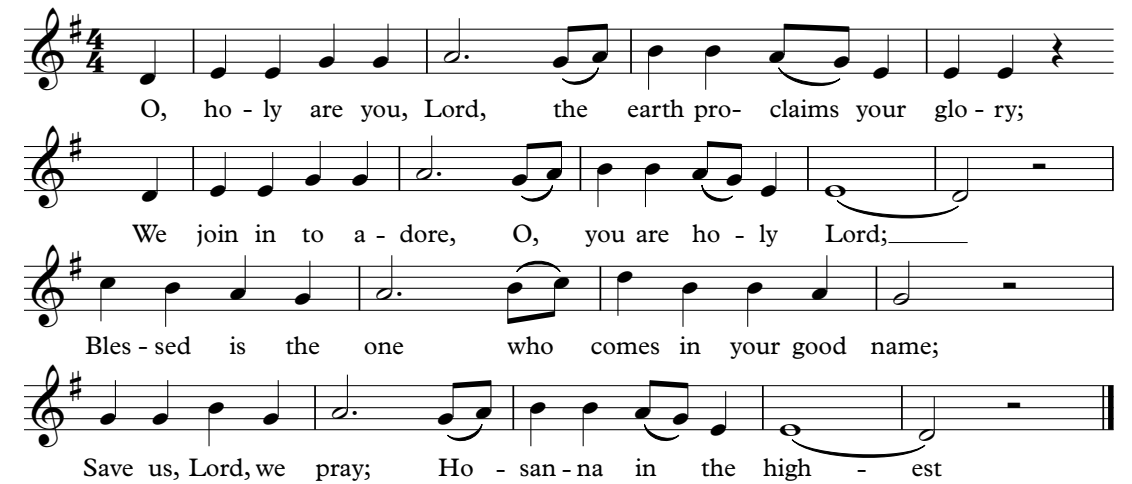
We are lis - ten - ing to your word.
Mor-ning and even-ing we come to de light__ in the words of our God.
Give us eyes to see, _ give us faith to hear
that the Word has come that the Word is here.

Sermon

Sermon Notes/Drawings:

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

One Thing Remains



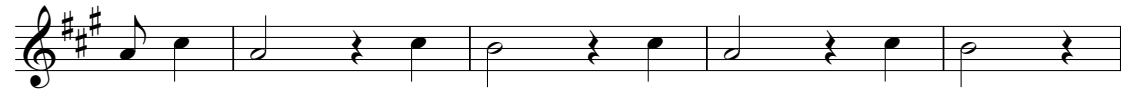
1. High - er than the moun - tains that I face.
 2. On and on and on and on it goes.



Strong - er than the pow - er of the grave.
 It o - ver-whelms and sat - is - fies my soul.



Con - stant in the tri - al and the change.
 And I nev - er, ev - er have to be a - fraid.



This one thing re - mains, one thing re - mains.



Refrain: Your love nev - er fails, it nev - er gives up, nev - er runs out on me. Your love



nev - er fails, it nev - er gives up, nev - er runs out on me. Your love



nev - er fails, it nev - er gives up, nev - er runs out on me.



Bridge: In death, in life, I'm con - fi - dent and cov - ered by the



pow'r of your great love! My debt is paid; there's



noth - ing that can sep - a - rate my heart from your great love!

Wonderful, Merciful Savior



Won - der - ful mer - ci - ful Sav - ior pre - cious re - deem - er and friend
 Coun - se - lor com - fort - er keep - er Spir - it we long to em - brace
 Al - might - y in - fi - nite Fa - ther faith - ful - ly lov - ing your own



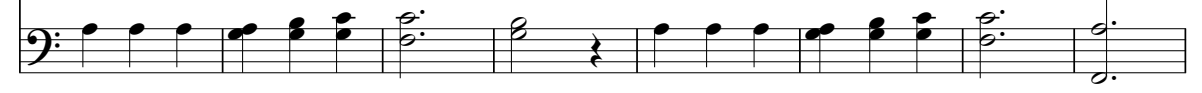
Who would havethought that a lamb could res - cue our lives from death,
 You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way
 Here in our weak - ness you find us fall - ing be - fore your throne



Oh you res - cue our lives from death. You are the one that we praise
 Oh we hope - less - ly lost the way.
 Oh we're fal - ling be - fore your throne.



You are the one we a - dore You give the heal - ing and grace our



hearts al - ways hun - ger for Oh our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.



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

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

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders Today

Preacher:
Liturgists:
Ensemble:

Jon Brown
Leah Wielenga
Peter Bast, Sarah Bast, Amy Berarducci, Anna Gabhart, Jonathan Gabhart, Jake Helder, Melissa Johnson, Andy McCoy, Jayne Nienhuis and Katha Petroelje
Sheryl Beerens
Scott Nienhuis
Hillary Tazelaar

Organist:
Sound:
Communion Bread Baker:
Communion Servers:
9:00

Daryl & Sandy Bruischat, Jon Brown, Stacy Mata and Leah Wielenga
Roger & Kris Kennedy, Scott & Nicole Baumgartner, Kiri Sunde, Kara Bakker, Sara & Emma DeGroat, Ken Beukelman, Leah Wielenga, Betsy Ver Hage, Andrea Ver Hage and Jon Brown

10:30

Worship Leader on April 2

Preacher:

Jon Brown

Hospitality:
Set Up
Clean Up

Glenn Vander Ploeg and Bev Kemme
Scott and Jayne Nienhuis

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Deacons' Announcements

Please include the following people in your prayers: 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 discipled, and to serve together. If you would like to join a group, email jenna@pillarchurch.com!

Student Ministries

Middle School Student Ministries

- 1) City group at 9:15am in the Hope College Admissions building. No city group next week due to spring break.
- 2) Youth group tonight from 4:00-5:30pm at Pillar Church. No youth group next week due to spring break.

High School Student Ministries

- 1) City group at 9:15am in the Hope College Admissions building. No city group next week due to spring break.
- 2) Youth group tonight from 6:00-7:30pm at Pillar Church. No youth group next week due to spring break.

Children's announcements

Infant and Toddler Nursery is available on the lower level during both the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services.

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.

Sunday School for kids 4 years old - 5th grade: Please bring your kids downstairs and sign them in their Sunday School Classrooms at 9:15am. 4th and 5th grade Sunday School meets in the Pieters Room upstairs.

Children in Worship for children aged 4 - 2nd grade: will take place today at the 10:30 service. Please bring your child to the back of the lobby during the passing of the peace to meet a greeter who will lead the kids downstairs.

Children's announcements continued

April 2 schedule:

9:15am Sunday School (4 years - 5th grade)
10:30am Children in Worship (4 years - 2nd grade)
10:30am Little Lambs (2-3 years old)

April 9 (Palm Sunday) schedule: All of Pillar Children are invited to participate in the procession of palms at the beginning of both worship services. They will then head downstairs for a lesson about communion. When it is time for communion in the worship service, parents may pick up their kids in the lobby and take them up to participate in communion as a family.

April 16 (Resurrection Sunday) schedule: Childcare will be provided for ages 0 - 3 year olds in the Pillar Nurseries during the 9am and 10:30 am Worship Services. In addition, there will be a staffed classroom open downstairs for 4&5 year olds, if needed. Activity bags and children's worship bulletins appropriate for kids 4-10 years will be available outside the doors of the Sanctuary before each Worship Service.

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

General Announcements

Refugee Care: Our dear friend, Josephine (16) passed driver's ed and now has her driving permit. She needs some help getting her practice hours in with someone over the age of 21. Contact Kat Schulte if you are interested: kat@pillarchurch.com.

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

This morning we have the privilege of welcoming these new members to Pillar Church: Deb, Don and Stephan Cress, Nick and Beth Cunigan, Bruce and Cindy Joldersma, Rick and Cindy Mouw, Alex and Carolyn Ockerse, Sarah Oosterhouse, Ron and Katha Petroelje, Paul and Jan Propst, Jamie Pulver, Karen and Joel Russcher, Guy, Donna, Joseph and Sara Sawyer, Henry and Ann Schenkel, Ken and Lynn Vander Veen, Wayne and Har-Ye Tan with their children, Mitchell, Emma and Matthew, Stacy Mata, Walter Olsen, and Stephanie Rhoda.

Ordination Invitation

You are invited THIS AFTERNOON at 3:00pm to celebrate in the ordination and installation of Jonathan Gabhart to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament for his call to be the Pastor of Worship Arts at Pillar. Jonathan and Anna are so thankful for the support and encouragement over these past few years, and are eager to continue participating in what God is doing in this congregation and community. Please join us as we gather to worship God and mark this season of God's call on Jonathan and Anna's life.



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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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