



PILLAR
CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Lent
April 9, 2017

A prayer for Palm Sunday:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

— *The Book of Common Prayer*

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

Today is Palm Sunday. Each year, on the Sunday before Resurrection Sunday, the church marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where the crowds met him with shouts of "Hosanna!" This is the beginning of Holy Week, where we follow Jesus through his trial, the last supper, the crucifixion, and ultimately the resurrection. Palm Sunday has a poignant irony. Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph with shouts of "Hosanna!" and it is in that city just a few days later where he is beaten and mocked with shouts of "Crucify him!"

During the communion prayer, children will embody the prayer by dancing as we sing the Sanctus.

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.

Approach to God

Gathering Music

Welcome

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



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Children's Ministries continued

RESURRECTION SUNDAY April 16: Childcare will be provided for ages 0 - 3 year olds in the 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 in the lobby before each Worship Service.

Overview:

April 16: There will no Sunday School or Children in Worship on April 16th due to Easter Sunday.

April 23, 2017: Regular Children's Ministry resumes.

May 14, 2017: Sunday School concludes for the year.

General Announcements

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

Faith and Politics: Join us on April 15 & 29 and May 6 as we discuss the intersection of faith and politics with Kristen Johnson, David Ryder, and Kris VanEngen. Each week we will discuss different topics involving the history of politics in America, how people of faith can think critically about politics, and ways to engage as it pertains to our work in refugee care. Find more detailed information on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. RSVP at office@pillarchurch.com

Run with Team Immigrant Allies: For the 2017 Tulip Time Run, Pillar Church is sponsoring Team Immigrant Allies supporting Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates and the CRC's Blessing not Burden campaign. Join us by registering to run or walk with Team Immigrant Allies. All the proceeds go towards supporting non-profit work for our immigrant and refugee neighbors. Contact Kat Schulte with questions.

Dr. Temple Smith an Assistant Sociology Professor at Hope College has an exhibit at the Holland Museum exploring poverty entitled: He that Lendeth to the Lord. Everyone is invited to a reception at the Holland Museum Thursday April 13, at 6:00 p.m. The exhibit will be on display until April 23rd. There is more information about the project on our website.

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.

Meetings with all of those connected to Pillar are being set up with Pastor Jon 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.

Call to Worship

Sanctus



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might;
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord, Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Hymn of Praise

#145 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna vv. 1-3

Call to Lament

Prayer of Lament

Assurance of Pardon

Peace

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

Response

Sanctus (above)

Offering

Testimony

Response

Psalm 126



Our mouths they were filled, filled_ with laugh - ter_____
The na - tions will say, "He has done great things."____



Our tongues they were loosed loosed_ with joy_____
The na - tions will sing songs_ of joy_____



Re - store us, O Lord Re - store us, O Lord!



refrain: Al-though 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

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: No City Group or Youth Group this week due to Spring Break, nor next week due to Easter.

High School: No City Group or Youth Group this week due to Spring Break, nor next week due to Easter.

College Ministries

The last Student Soirée will be held on Tues., April 18 from 7-8:30pm at Lemonjellos. Come for fellowship, coffee and treats!

The last college luncheon is Sunday, Apr. 23 after the 10:30 service. All college students are welcome!

Children's announcements

This morning: Children 5th grade and under are invited to meet downstairs 10 minutes before the services begin to receive a palm branch so that they can take part in a processional to the front of the sanctuary. Your children are invited to join in whatever service you are attending. You may want to walk with your child or carry them if they are under 3 years of age. Your children have learned a refrain that will be sung on that day. The children are invited to return downstairs after the processional for a special teaching on the sacrament of communion.

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.

Holy Week Prayer Walk: On Good Friday from 11am – 2 pm and on Saturday from 10am – 1 pm there will be a simple, hands on, self guided prayer walk open downstairs for children of all ages and their families. You are invited to come on Friday or Saturday and plan on taking as long as you like to experience the walk. This is self-guided and participatory in nature so that you can actively pray together as a family and individually alongside one another. In order to for us plan well, your family is invited to sign up for either Friday or Saturday. Please RSVP by emailing: office@pillarchurch.com.

Worship Leaders Today
 Preacher: Jon Brown
 Liturgists: Jenna Brandsen, Jonathan Gabhart
 Ensemble: Alex Damaska, Claire Dickson, Anna Gabhart,
 Jonathan Gabhart, Jake Helder, Tori Longfield,
 Madalyn Navis, Abbey Peecher, Angela Wagenveld
 Organist: Sheryl Beerens
 Sound: Ben Oegema
 Communion Servers:
9:00 Jon Brown, Seth Vanderbroek, Jenna Brandsen, Ken Beukelman,
 Matt & Allison Koster
10:30 Jon Brown, Seth Vanderbroek, Beth Snyder, Melissa Johnson, Jenna
 Brandsen, Miranda Craig, Jesse Montano & Regan Postma-Montano,
 Ken Beukelman, Brad & Maggie Haveman-Gould
 Dancers: Greta Bast, Mia Berarducci, Lydia, Tabitha, Miriah Brown, Amira
 Chavis, Tana Haveman, Lana Anne Langellier.
 Choreographed and led by Jaunine Hackmon

Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Sermon Notes and Drawings:

Worship Leaders on April 16

Preacher: Jon Brown

Sources and Permissions

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 “Psalm 126” words and music by Isaac Wardell, 2011.
 “My song is love unknown” words: Samuel Crossman, 1664; music: (RHOSYMEDRE) John D. Edwards,
 1840

Deacons’ Announcements

Please include these people in your prayers: for Michael DeVries, who returned home on Friday, April 7, he will be receiving radiation treatments. Pray also for Jodi Syens as she has completed her cancer treatments and for Greg Diekema as he undergoes treatment for metastatic melanoma.

April's Special Offering is designated to Community Action House. CAH seeks to "end poverty in our community" by providing food, clothing, shelter, and the opportunity to build necessary skills for the stability and flourishing of families. The special offering will be received Sunday, Apr. 23, but feel free to give at any point by labeling your gift as "CAH." **This month's distribution offering** will also be for CAH; you are invited to donate any of the following items by bringing them to the baskets in the lobby: canned veggies, broths, soups and meats (low sodium), spaghetti sauce, fruit cups in 100% juice, refried beans, ground coffee, small bottles of cooking oil, baking powder, baking soda, spices, all purpose cleaners, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, laundry & dish soap, toothpaste, diapers (sizes 4-6) and deodorant.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might;
 Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na,
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord, Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, 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 Prayers

Prayer 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.”

Communion

My Song is Love Unknown

My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me. Love
 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be - stow; but
 Some-times they crowd his way and his sweet prai - es sing, re -
 Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite? He
 to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be. Oh,
 they re - fused, and non the longed - for Christ would know. This
 sound - ing all the day, ho - san - nas to their King. Then,
 made the lame to run and gave the blind their sight. What
 who am I that for my sake, oh, who am I that
 is my friend, my friend in - deed, this is my friend, my
 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, then, "Cru - ci - fy!" is
 in - jur - ies, yet these are why, what in - jur - ies, yet
 for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 friend in - deed, who at my need, his life did spend.
 all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 these are why the Lord Most High so cruel - ly dies.

verse 5

With angry shouts they have my dear Lord done away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet willingly, he bears the shame,
Yet willingly, he bears the shame,
that through his name all might be free.

verse 6

How might I stay and sing of him my soul adores:
never was love, dear King, never was grief like yours.
This is my friend in whose sweet praise,
This is my friend in whose sweet praise
I all my days would gladly spend.

Response to God

Sending Song

#151 Rejoice, O, Zion's Daughter vv. 1,2, & 4

Benediction

Postlude