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## Resurrection Sunday

April 16, 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 7:00 service there are three stations up front (with one gluten-free & vegan-friendly station by the timpani available at both services) During the 9:00 and 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 Notes

The good news of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is a global reality, and we join in with Christian brothers and sisters from around the world to share in this joy. To remind us of our communion with all Christians, one of the songs we will sing this morning is an Alleluia from Zimbabwe. There will also be dancing to accompany our singing as a full-bodied expression of our joy in Christ.

The copper and wood sculpture by Daryl Bruischat located on the north wall over the organ was inspired by Luke 24:1-10, "...on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body..." Please come close to the sculpture and look at the details, the morning sky, the people moving toward the empty tomb. And notice the wood that forms the backdrop. It is a board from the original Pillar Church building which was one of the few buildings to survive the fire of 1871.

Another artistic expression inspired by the resurrection narrative found in Luke are two songs that we will sing together: "Resurrection" and "Awake, O Sleeper." Recordings of these songs can be found on Pillar's "Theophilus" album. (found at [pillarchurch1847.bandcamp.com](http://pillarchurch1847.bandcamp.com))

### Note on Baptism

Today we will celebrate in the baptism of Caroline Barrett. We give thanks for the salvation that Christ has accomplished for us, and we celebrate its expression in Caroline's life!

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## Approach to God

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

## Hymns of Praise

### 182 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day! Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth, re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
 Weep - ing be gone; sor - row be sil - ent: death put as -  
 Ci - ty of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gol - den Je -

sound ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen dor the Lamb,  
 un - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing:  
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, ri - ver of life,

heav - en for - ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 "O grave, be o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 saints and arch - ang - els, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise: give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Celebration of the Resurrection

*Zimbabwe Alleluia*

Hal - le - lu - ya, hal - le - lu - ya, hal - le - lu - ya, hal - le - lu - ya!

Hal - le - lu - ya, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - ya, hal - le - lu - ya!

Hal - le - lu - ya, hal - le - lu - ya, hal - le - lu - ya, hal - le - lu - ya!

Offering

*Resurrection*

*I come to you along a road of sorrow,  
 Approaching the tomb looking for nothing new,  
 I come to you in pain and in denial.  
 A question of faith is not even something to make*

*I come to you amazed at your appearance  
 How can it be, you conquer death for me?  
 I come to you and live in hope and freedom  
 Death is erased, Life is restored by grace.*

*I am weary sad and pained; You meet me where I  
 am,  
 In my dark and fear you came;*

*Resurrection; You find me in my fear,  
 Resurrection; My hope is near  
 Resurrection; You are my living hope*

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.*

Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Sermon Notes/Drawings:

Song of Response

*Resurrection (refrain)*

Res - ur - rec - tion; You find me in my fear.

Res - ur - rec - tion; my hope is near, my hope is near!

Res - ur - rec - tion; You are my liv - ing hope.

Res - ur - rec - tion; de - feat my death, I am for ev - er changed.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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!

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

Awake O Sleeper

1. Our God has not left us a - lone, but has come down to save  
2. The grave is sewn, our wounds are healed; the dam - age is un - done  
> 3. The war is o'er, the bat - tle won o'er sin and death in us  
4. Cre - a - tion's hymn has been re - tuned, our song of praise re - gained  
5. While we a - wait our Sabb - ath rest our work is not in vain

He pulled us up out of the pit he pulled us from the grave  
Our flesh is clean, our bod - ies whole for Christ has cleansed us all  
> Now all those we once had fought we now can love as friends  
Ev - ery wrong note has been re - deemed by God's all pow'r - ful hand  
Our rest was won the day he rose we wait in joy - ful hope

Our sins are gone, they fled with night, the day of grace breaks in  
The rot of sin has been re - moved that we may breathe a - gain  
> We have no fear of an - y - one who would seek out our harm  
O mar - tyrs, saints, and ang - els all are gath - ered round your throne  
For the day he comes to lead us home at last to make things right

Je - sus our Lord is shin - ing out the dark - ness will not win.  
His heal - ing pow'r a - gainst de - cay will tri - umph in the end.  
> Be - cause our Lord has conqu - ered death we can love with - out fear.  
E - ter - nal praise to you they sing while we on earth join in.  
There we will need no sun or lamp for God will be our light.

A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from the dead: and Christ will shine on you!

The first - born Son, he lives a - gain; he has made all things new! —

## 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

*Awake O Sleeper*

Benediction

Postlude

## Sources and Permissions

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“Sanctus” words: Trad; music: Nate Haveman, 2017

“Awake, o sleeper” words: Steven Rodriguez, 2015; music: trad Irish folk tune (Willie O’ Winsbury)

## Worship Leaders Today

Preacher:

Jon Brown

Liturgists:

Jenna Brandsen and Leah Wielenga

Ensemble:

Katie Baldwin, Andy Bast, Jenna Brandsen, Alex Damaska, Anna Gabhart, Jonathan Gabhart, Rob Housman, Madalyn Navis, Cassie Nelson-Rogalski, Josh VanderMaaten, Rachel VanderMaaten and Caroline Barret

Organist:

Sheryl Beerens

Sound:

Ben Oegema

Communion Bread Bakers:

Jayne Nienhuis and Kiri Sunde

Communion Servers:

7:00  
Jim & Gwen Hoekstra, Jon Brown, Jenna Brandsen and Leah Wielenga

9:00

Peter & Sarah Bast, Ben Hermann, Char and Ingrid Hop, Henry & Ann Schenkel, Dan & Kat Schulte, Jon Brown, Leah Wielenga, Jenna Brandsen

10:30

Peter & Elka Deede, Kiri Sunde, Laura Brewer, Dean & Rhonda Marsman, Ryan, Kendra, Elise, Elaina, Ashlynn and Amaya Laarman, Jon Brown, Leah Wielenga and Jenna Brandsen  
Tana Haveman, Ahava LeFebre, Libby LeFebre, Anna Vonk, Maggie Bast, Lydia Brown, Tabitha Brown, Miriah Brown, LanaAnne Langellier, Evie Travers and Greta Bast

Dancers:

## Worship Leader on April 23

Preacher:

Jenna Brandsen

Hospitality:

Norm & Lynn Ver Hage

Set Up

Glenn Vander Ploeg and Bev Kemme

Clean Up

### Deacons' Announcements

**Please include these people in your prayers:** for Michael DeVries, who 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.

### 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](mailto:jenna@pillarchurch.com)!

### Student Ministries

Middle School: No City Group or Youth Group this week due to Easter.

High School: No City Group or Youth Group this week due to Easter.

### College Ministries

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

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

### Children's announcements

**Offerings this morning:** 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.

### Children's announcements continued

**Parents Night Out** is this Friday, April 21 from 5:15-7:30. You may drop your child(ren) ages 0-5th grade off at Pillar any time after 5:15 and enjoy an evening out. Please pick up your child by 7:30 at the latest. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [office@pillarchurch.com](mailto:office@pillarchurch.com) with your kids and their ages by Wednesday the 19th. Thank you!

**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!

### General Announcements

**Salads are needed** for the last college luncheon of the year. Please let the office know by this Wednesday, April 19, if you are able to make a salad for this event ([office@pillarchurch.com](mailto:office@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](http://www.pillarchurch.com)

**Faith and Politics Series:** Yesterday Kristen Johnson shared with a group of us regarding history of politics in the US and God's heart for Justice. Join us on April 29 and May 6 as we continue the discussion with David Ryder and Kris VanEngen about 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 a table in the back of the Sanctuary. RSVP at [office@pillarchurch.com](mailto:office@pillarchurch.com)

Dr. Temple Smith, an Assistant Sociology Professor at Hope College and Pillar member, has an exhibit at the Holland Museum exploring poverty entitled: He that Lendeth to the Lord. The exhibit will be on display until April 23rd. There is more information about the project on our website.

**Run with Team Immigrant Allies:** Join us in supporting Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates and the CRC's Blessing not Burden campaign during the 2017 Tulip Time Run. All the proceeds go towards supporting non-profit work for our immigrant and refugee neighbors. Registration is a two-step process: **FIRST:** Pre-register at <https://goo.gl/forms/UR1o6nL7FyCcrq7A2> **SECOND:** Complete race registration at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Groups/39560/Groups/354776> with coupon code "teamallies"

**Blessing no Burden signs:** Help the CRC's Office of Social Justice spread the message that immigrants are a Blessing not Burden. Pick up a yard sign for yourself or some to share with friends to decorate our beloved town for Tulip Time. Signs can be found in the Pillar offices and at the Faith and Politics sessions.

**Book Club:** The next book club meeting is Tuesday, Apr. 25 at 7:00pm. It is at the home of Barb DeVos.

## About Pillar Church: The Four R's

### Reconciling Divisions

Pillar Church is a dual-affiliation congregation of the Reformed Church in America (RCA) and the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRC). This was the first church established by those who settled the city of Holland in 1847. It was originally established as an RCA congregation by Reverend Albertus Van Raalte, but in 1884, after significant tension and a painful split, became a CRC church. After 130 years of division, in the fall of 2012, Pillar Church re-established itself around a vision of reconciliation. The church where two denominations once divided is now a symbol of unity.

### Raising Up Leaders

We are blessed to be on the corner of 9th Street and College, essentially on the campus of Hope College and three blocks from Western Theological Seminary. We consider it a gift and take seriously the opportunity to join the Hope and Western communities in raising up students for leadership in the world. We are excited by the numbers of students who worship with us each Sunday, join us for Bible Study on Wednesday nights, serve in ministry with us and participate in the prayer partner program. Raising up young men and women for leadership in the church is of highest importance to us.

### Redeeming the City

Holland is another gift to us. It is our heart's desire and hope that as a church strategically located at the center of our downtown area, we will share in the continued work of restoration in our community so: that those who are hungry might receive food, those who are thirsty might be given something to drink, those who aren't ready for school may be helped and those who don't believe in Jesus Christ would meet him. Collaboratively working towards redeeming the city is a constant focus.

### Renewing the Church

With the above things urging us forward, we are excited to experience renewal as a church. We believe God has chosen the Church to carry out his purposes for the world, so the health and vibrancy of the local church is not a selfish endeavor, but God's desire for us. Worship of Father, Son and Spirit is central, a commitment to the Word is foundational and a longing to grow all things into Christ is our objective.

### Why the Rooster?

The rooster sits high atop the steeple of our beautiful church. Of all the ornaments that could have been given that prized place, our church founders decided on the rooster. They chose a rooster because of its rich theological symbolism throughout the history of the church. In the book compiled by our education committee, "The Pillar Church: A book of remembrance," the importance of the rooster is addressed. There, two meanings are offered: 1. To remind us of Peter's denial of Jesus; and 2. To proclaim the coming of the light. Lester Kuyper, prof. emeritus at Western Theological Seminary, argues the latter explanation is the right one. Borrowing from William Duranda in a 13th c. book on church symbology he offers this: "The rooster in the deep watches of the night, divideth the hours thereof with his song; he arouseth the sleepers; he foretelleth the approach of day... the coming of the light."

As we continue our life and ministry together, it seems good to borrow from our wonderful past and celebrate together what our ancestors knew so well, "the church proclaims the coming of the light." Isaiah proclaimed, "Arise, shine, for your light has come." John's Gospel begins, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." And his vision of eternity includes this: "There will be no need for sun or moon for the Lord God will be its light." Every time you pass by Pillar Church and see our sign or look towards the heavens and see our steeple with its rooster, be reminded the God who made the light, who will be our light for all eternity, who called himself the "light of the world" invites us to proclaim to a world lost in darkness, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

"Those who live in the land of deep darkness—on them light has shined."



### 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.