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Second Sunday in Eastertide
April 23, 2017

Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth her song begin,
 Let the round world keep triumph and all that is therein,
 Invisible and visible, Their notes let all things blend;
 For Christ the Lord hath risen, Our joy that hath no end.
 — St. John of Damascus, ca. 780; translated by J.M.

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 service, 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 church is now in the season of Eastertide, the fifty days between Resurrection Sunday and Pentecost. We will continue our Easter celebrations throughout the coming weeks. We continue to celebrate the new age that Jesus' resurrection establishes, and we hope for the day when he comes again to make all things new.

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, each Sunday in Eastertide we will sing a refrain from a different part of the global church. Today's comes to us from the church in the Caribbean.

The Eastertide art on the south wall behind the piano was created by Trygve Johnson. This is what he writes; "the painting was inspired by our shared proclamation in the Easter season, this piece is entitled *Christos Anesti* (Christ is risen). Like the rooster, Christos Anesti is the proclamation to the world of the dawn of a new day. This day is a new epoch in history where God in Jesus is making all things new. This announcement calls us to respond, *Alithos Anesti* (He is risen indeed)". - Dr. Rev. Trygve D. Johnson

Approach to God

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and
 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has
 Christ is ris - en, Christ the first - fruits of the ho - ly
 voi - ces raise. Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
 met - de - feat. See the an - cient powers of e - vil
 har - vest yield, which will all its full a - bun - dance
 sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the
 in con - fu - sion and re - treat. Once he died and
 at his se - cond com - ing yield. Then the gold - en
 cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
 once was bur - ied; now he lives for - e - ver more;
 ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry,
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er,
 rip - end by his glo - rious sun - shine
 now is ris - en from the dead.
 whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
 from the fur - rows of the grave!

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Intercession

Alleluia

Halle, Halle, Halle

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - - lu - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!_____

Peace

Children may leave for ministry activities at this time.

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

How Much More?

*When you ask for food do you receive a snake?
 When you lack for something do you try to take?
 All you need our God gives to you;
 Don't be afraid.
 How much more are you given by our Lord?*

*Think of every flower growing in the field;
 Neither do they labor, neither do they spin;
 Even kings cannot rival them;
 Don't be afraid.
 How much more are you covered by our Lord?*

*Every sparrow in the market sold for gold;
 Not one bird forgotten not one left alone;
 Every hair on your head is known;
 Don't be afraid.
 How much more are you cherished by our Lord?*

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

Prayer for Illumination

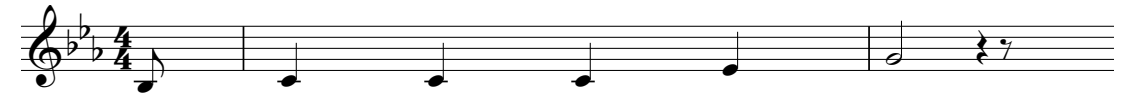
Sermon

Sermon Notes/Drawings:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion

The Lamb Has Overcome



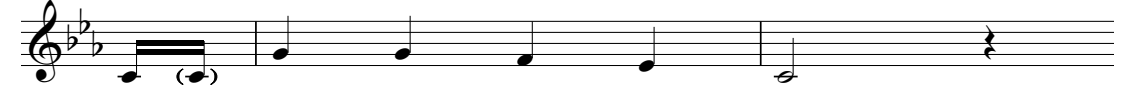
1. The Lamb has ov - er come
 2. No grave could hold him down
 3. At God's right hand is he
 4. The ta - ble now is spread
 5. The day is draw - ing near



The Lamb has ov - er - come
 No grave could hold him down
 At God's right hand is he
 The ta - ble now is spread
 The day is draw - ing near



The bat - tle's done and the vic - to - ry is won
 Up from the ground, "He is ri - sen!" was the sound
 Our per - fect plea as he lives to in - ter - cede
 This wine and bread bro - ken bo - dy and blood shed
 He shall ap - pear and will wipe a - way each tear



For the Lamb has ov - er - come!
 No___ grave could hold him down.
 At___ God's right hand is he.
 The___ ta - ble now is spread.
 The___ day is draw - ing___ near.



Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain___ Glo - ry be un - to his name



Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain Glo - ry be un - to his name

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

Worthy is the Lamb

*Now let our praises ring
O Church, rise up and sing
The Risen Lamb, our Savior
and our King
Now let our praises ring*

*Jesus, be glorified,
Jesus, be glorified,
and send us out with your
Spirit as our guide,
Jesus, be glorified!*

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders Today

Sermon on the Mount:

Jenna Brandsen, Jon Brown, Jonathan Gabhart

Meditation:

Jenna Brandsen

Liturgists:

Ensemble:

Josiah Panning, Stanna Dorn, Jonathan Gabhart, Becca Kolarczyk, Madalyn Navis and Angela Wagenfeld

Organist:

Sheryl Beerens

Sound:

Josh Hubers

Communion Bread Baker:

Jan DeBoer

Communion Servers:

9:00

Bob & Jennifer Bieri, Jon Brown, Jenna Brandsen and Stacy Mata

10:30

Gary & Peggy Nielsen, Joel & Karen Russcher, Stacy Mata, Alpha & Marcia Mansaray, Regan & Jesse Montaño, Jenna Brandsen and Jon Brown

Worship Leader on April 30

Preacher:

Jon Brown

Sources and Permissions

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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!



Reconciling.Renewing.Raising.Redeeming - You are invited to an opportunity to see and hear Pillar's mission in action: Caspar and Leanne Geisterfer, missionaries in Latin America and members of Pillar Church, will be visiting Pillar on Sunday morning, April 30 at Hope College's Admissions Building from 9:15-10:15. Join us as Leanne shares stories and facts on immigration from the perspective of those who leave their country and explore reasons for increased migration from the Northern Triangle of Central America, especially Honduras, and what relief organizations are doing in response.

Deacons' Announcements

Please include these people in your prayers: for Michael DeVries, who will be receiving radiation treatments. Pray also 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.

Student Ministries

Middle School: City group today and next week at 9:15am in the Hope College admissions building. Youth group tonight from 4:00-5:30pm friends are always welcome.

High School: City group today and next week at 9:25am in the Hope College admissions building. Youth group tonight from 6:00-7:30pm friends are always welcome.

Mission Trip Fundraiser: The high school students are going to Detroit this summer for a mission trip. As a fundraiser they will be selling parking spots for the Tulip Time Parade on May 13th in the Fifth Third and Pillar parking lots. The cost per spot is \$10. If you want prime parking and would like to support the students of Pillar please park with us on May 13th.

College Ministries

The last college luncheon is TODAY after the 10:30 service. All college students are welcome!

Children's announcements

The Infant and Toddler nurseries will be available downstairs during both services.

Sunday School ages 4-5th Grade from 9:15-10:15: Please bring your children downstairs to their classroom at 9:15 am and sign them in. The 4th-5th graders meet upstairs in the Pieters Room. Sunday School will conclude for the year Sunday, May 14th.

Children and Worship ages 4- 2nd Grade from 10:30-11:30: Please bring your children to the back of the Sanctuary during the 'Passing of the Peace' and meet the Children's Ministry Greeter who will lead your to the Peiters Room. We are meeting there this week due to the Hope Luncheon. Please pick up your child in the Peiters Room immediately following the 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

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 Series: Join us on April 29 and May 6 as we continue the discussion with David Ryden 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

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 today. 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://runsSignup.com/RaceGroups/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, 909 Pioneer Ave. in Holland.

The annual CROP walk will be Apr. 29 and 30. Proceeds are divided to agencies both locally and globally to end hunger. You may donate or sign up to walk by going to www.hollandhunger.org.

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.