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Third Sunday in Eastertide
April 30, 2017

From death to life eternal, From earth on to the sky,
 Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.
 He is risen, He is risen, Christ the Lord is risen,
 Our joy, that hath no end.
 — St. John of Damascus, ca. 780; translated by J.M. Neale

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

Hymns of Praise

What the Lord Has Done In Me

1. Let the weak say, "I am strong."
 2. In - to the riv - er I will wade,
 3. I will rise from wa - ters deep,
 Let the poor say, "I am rich."
 in - to the my sins are washed a - way.
 in - to the sav - ing arms of God.
 Let the blind say, "I can see!
 From the heav - ens mer - cy stream,
 I will sing sal - va - tion songs,
 It's what the Lord has done in me.
 — of the sav - ior's love for me.
 — Je - sus Christ has set me free.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na to the Lamb that was slain.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Je - sus died and rose a - gain.

O Sons and Daughters



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



O sons and daugh - ters of the king,
See how sal - va - tion for all has been won,
Glo - ry to God who does won - drous things,



whom heav - enly hosts in glo - ry sing,
up from the grave our new life has be - gun,
let all the peo - ple God's prais - es now sing,



to - day the grave has lost its sting. Al - le - lu - ia!
life now per - fec - ted in Je - sus the son: Al - le - lu - ia!
All of cre - a - tion in splen - dor shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia!

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Intercession

Assurance of Pardon

Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 heav - en - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Offering

Christ is Alive



Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and o - cean



ring with joy, with jus - tice, love and praise.

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

O Hidden One



1. O Hid - den One of God___ You re - veal___ your good-ness here
2. O Hid - den One of God___ Your_ grace___ to us app - ears
3. O Ho - ly One of God___ By your suff - er - ing we're healed
9 4. O Ris - en One of God___ You have met___ us in this meal



In the break - ing of the bread You are here, you are here with us!
In the bread___ and in the wine
Per-fect Love,___ you have drawn near
15 Sign of grace___ and cov' - nent seal



21 **Refrain 1** You are here, you are here with us.

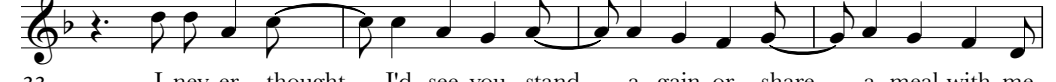


25 Oh, when the God___ of love___ did op - en up our eyes to see:



the One who set___ the tab - le is the one___ who set us free.

29 **Refrain 2**



33 I nev - er thought___ I'd see you stand___ a - gain or share___ a meal with me,



but there you were!___ O Hid - den One,___ your mer - cy made___ so I can see.

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

What the Lord Has Done in Me

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "I will bless the Lord, my God for his steadfast love endures; In God's grace I am kept safe, By his light I know the way. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na to the Lamb that was slain. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Je - sus died and rose a - gain."

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders Today

Preacher:
Liturgists:
Ensemble:

Jon Brown
Jenna Brandsen and Leah Wielenga
Cassie Nelson-Rogalski, Jonathan Gabhart, Anna Gabhart, Andy Bast, Alex Damaska and Katie Baldwin
Sheryl Beerens
Ben Oegema

Organist:
Sound:
Communion Servers:
9:00

Bryan & Stacy Huffman, Jon Brown, Jenna Brandsen & Leah Wielenga

10:30

Rick & Cindy Mouw, Tamra Bouman, Liz Krimendahl, Aaron & Abbie Meckes, Leah Wielenga, Tim & Karen Custer, Marc & Patty Baer, Jon Brown & Jenna Brandsen

Worship Leader on May 7

Preacher:

Jon Brown

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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!

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 9:15am 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

Have a great summer, and safe travels!

Children's announcements

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

Sunday School ages 4-5th Grade: 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 in Worship ages 4- 2nd Grade: 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 child downstairs. Please pick up your child downstairs 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

Faith and Politics Series: Yesterday David Ryden led us through critically thinking about the union and tension of faith and politics. Join us on May 6 from 11:30-1:30 as we conclude this series with a light lunch following the Tulip Time Run. Kris VanEngen from Blessing not Burden will provide us with practical ways we can engage in politics 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

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/URIO6nL7FyCcrq7A2> SECOND: Complete race registration at <https://runsignup.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.

The annual CROP walk will be today at 1:30pm at Beechwood Reformed Church. You may just show up and register. Proceeds are divided to agencies both locally and globally to end hunger. You may donate by going to www.hollandhunger.org. Feel free to contact Margaret Kleis with questions: 392-9642.

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.