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**Fourth Sunday in Eastertide**  
May 7, 2017

*Let all things seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend.  
 For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.  
 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. The "Alleluia" we are singing today originates from the Philippines.

### Approach to God

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

### Hymns of Praise

## 206 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift and war, where col - or,

em - pty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.

- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
 can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
 and find the way, the life, the truth,  
 revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
 good news to this and every age,  
 till earth and sky and ocean ring  
 with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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 Music (TRURO 8.8.8.8): T. Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789, P.D.

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*



1. I\_\_\_ know that my Re - deem-er lives, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
2. He\_\_\_ lives, he lives, who\_ once was dead, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
3. He\_\_\_ lives to bless me\_\_\_ with his love, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
4. He\_\_\_ lives, all glo - ry\_\_\_ to his name! glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



What com-fort this sweet sen-tence gives, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
He\_\_\_ lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
He\_\_\_ lives to plead for\_\_\_ me a - bove, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
He\_\_\_ lives, my Je - sus,\_\_\_ still the same, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



Shout on, pray on, we're gain-ing ground, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



The dead's a - live and the lost is found glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

Call to Prayer

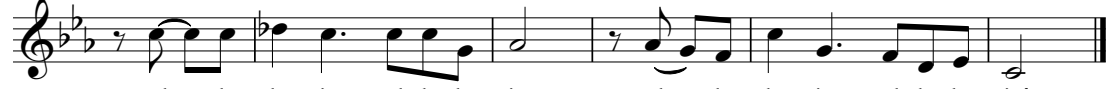
Prayers of Intercession

Assurance of Pardon

*Alleluia*



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



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

Offering

Testimony

Song of Response



He\_\_\_ lives, to si-lence all my fears, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

He\_\_\_ lives, my hun-gry\_ soul to feed, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

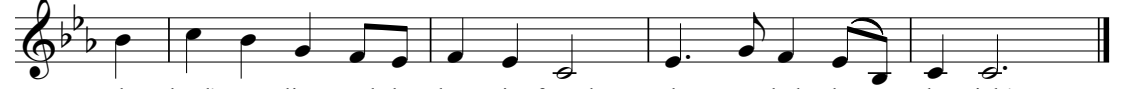


He\_\_\_ lives, to wipe a - way my tears, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

He\_\_\_ lives to help in\_\_\_ time of need, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



Shout on, pray on, we're gain-ing ground, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



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Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts!

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Holy and right it is and our joyful duty...

we worship and adore your glorious name:

*Sanctus*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might;  
 Bless - ed, bless'd is He, He who comes in the name of God

Hea - ven, Heav'n and Earth, They are full of your glo - ry; Ho -  
 Bless - ed, bless'd is He, He who comes in the name of God

sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est; Ho -  
 sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - 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

*Christ is Risen*

Let no - one caught in sin re - main in - side  
 Be - neath the weight of all our sin, you bowed  
 the lie of in - ward shame, but fix our eyes u - pon  
 to none but hea - ven's will; no scheme of hell, no scof  
 the cross, and run to him who showed great love and bled  
 - fer's crown, no bur - den great can hold you down; in strength  
 for us, free - ly you bled for us.  
 you reign, for - e - ver let your church pro - claim.

Christ is ris - en from the dead, tramp - ling o - ver death by death, come a -  
 Christ is ris - en from the dead, we are one with him a - gain, come a -  
 wake come a - wake, come and rise up from the grave;  
 wake come a - wake, come and rise up from the grave;

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your vic - to - ry?

O church, come stand in the light, the glo - ry of God has de - feat - ed the night!  
 our God is not dead, he's a - live, he's a - live!

## 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

*Christ is Risen*

Benediction

Postlude

### Sources and Permissions

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## Worship Leaders Today

Preacher:

Jon Brown

Liturgists:

Jenna Brandsen, Jonathan and Stephanie Vail

Ensemble:

Angela Wagenveld, Lydia Beukelman, Alex Damaska, Anna Langholz, Melissa Johnson, Abbey Peecher and Jonathan Gabhart

Organist:

Sheryl Beerens

Sound:

Jim Hoekstra

Communion Servers:

9:00

Andrew & Sarah Essink, Jon Brown, Jenna Brandsen and Jonathan & Stephanie Vail

10:30

Roger & Kris Kennedy, Scott & Jan Spoelhof, Dereck, Llana, Xavier, Ian, Amira and Dominic Chavis, Amber Taylor, Jenna Brandsen, Jon Brown, Sara Van Tongeren, Jonathan & Stephanie Vail

## 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)

**Christ in the City** will be happening this summer. Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm at Pillar from June 14-August 9. More information to come.

## 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.

**May's special offering** is designated for Maple Avenue Ministries's youth enrichment program called NIA. NIA is a Swahili word for "purpose," a reminder to MAM of the responsibility the church has to participate with God to help young ones live into their God-given purpose. NIA is a week-long offering that includes homework assistance but also is an experience that includes choir, dance, college readiness, life skills and community service. The special offering will be received on Sunday, May 21, but at any time this month feel free to give and mark your gift as "MAM."

### Deacons' Announcements continued

**May's distribution offering** is also designated for MAM's NIA program with the following items needed to support the ministry: pens, pencils, file folders, flash cards (math, time, etc.), mini dry erase boards and markers, snacks (fruit cups, protein bars, lemonade), index cards, reusable water bottles, plates, cups and napkins.

### 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. Next week will be our last week before summer!

**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. Next week will be our last week before summer!

**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.

### 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.

**Summer will soon be here!** Please note the following changes for Summer. Sunday School (9:15am) and Little Lambs (10:30 am) conclude on May 14. It will be the last day until September.

**Children and Worship (ages 4-2nd grade)** will continue to meet until the end of June during the 10:30 am service. 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 service.

**Parents of babies!** Help support a local arts project by saving your glass baby food jars and lids! Please bring them to Pillar where we will collect them through July! PJ Maske, mom of Aaron & Eliza, runs an arts organization called Urban Garden Performing Arts and is planning an event at the Holland Area Arts Council called The Bread Show, in celebration of Anglo European and Latin American bread baking traditions on August 4. They will use the lids and jars for a couple of hands-on projects at the event. Our very own Anna Gabhart is also working on this project as a writer. Thanks for your support! For more information about the event feel free to email PJ at [pj@urbangardenpa.org](mailto:pj@urbangardenpa.org).

### Children's announcements continued

**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! There will be no meeting on May 12 due to Tulip Time.

**There is a Family Play Morning at Moran Park** on Saturday, May 20 at 10am. All parents and their young kiddos are invited to attend.

### General Announcements

**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.

**It's not too late to donated to the Crop Walk.** Proceeds are divided to agencies both locally and globally to end hunger. You may donate by going to [www.hollandhunger.org](http://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.