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**Fifth Sunday in Eastertide**  
May 14, 2017

*From every weapon death can wield,  
your own redeemed forever shield;  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide.*

- 4th century Latin hymn; 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 Honduras.

## Approach to God

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

#223 *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

### *Alleluia*



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

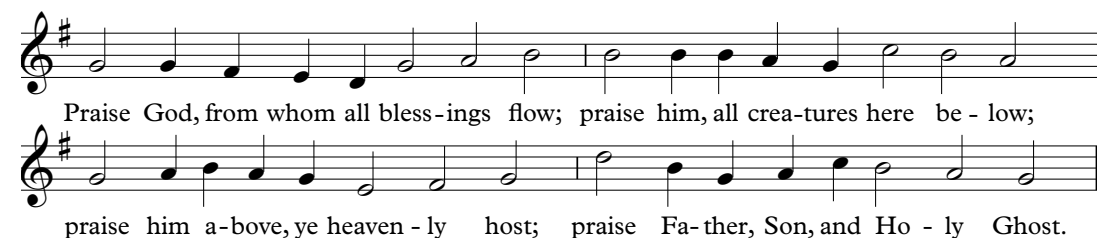
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead.

Assurance of Pardon

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

#372 *When Morning Gilds the Sky*

Testimony

Song of Response

*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! Christ is ris - en from the dead.

**Word of God**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

“The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Sermon

*Easter Abundance: Christ is Risen, So Let's Rise Up*

Sermon Notes & Drawings

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

*I Will Rise*

Verse

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.  
 There's a day that's drawing near when this dark-ness break to light,  
 There's an anchor for my soul; I can say, "It is well."  
 And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes.

Je - sus has o-ver- come, and the grave is o - ver- whelmed.

The vic - to - ry is won; he is ris - en from the dead.

Refrain

and I will rise when he calls my name; no more sor - row,

no more pain. I will rise on ea - gle's wings, be- fore my God

fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise.

Bridge

And I hear the voice of man - y an - gels sing, "Wor-

- thy is the Lamb!" And I hear the cry of ev - ery long

- ing heart, "Wor - thy is the Lamb!"

Response to God

Sending Song

*Eternal Weight of Glory*

Verse

Now the days and hours and mo - ments of our su-ffering seem so long,  
 Oh e - ter - nal weight of glo - ry, Oh in - her - i - tance di - vine,  
 We will see our woun-ded Sav - ior; we'll be-hold him face to face,

and the toil-some wait and won - dering threa-ten si-lence to our song.  
 we will see our Lord re - deem - ing ev - ery past and fu-ture time.  
 and we'll hear our an-guished sto - ries sung as vic-tory songs of grace. *to Refrain*

Now our pain is real and pre-ssing where our faith is thin and weak,  
 All our pains will be trans - fi-gured like the scars of Christ our Lord,

but our hope is set on Je - sus and we cling to him, our strength.  
 we will see the weight of glo - ry and our bro-ken years re - stored.

Refrain

For be-hold I tell a mys-tery: At the trum-pet sound we'll wake!

Death is swa-llowed up in vic-tory when we meet our King of grace;

Ev - ery year we thought was was-ted, ev-ery night we cried, "How Long?"

All will be a pas-sing mo - ment in our Sav-ior's vic- tory song.

Benediction

Postlude



## 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.”

## Worship Leaders Today

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| Preacher:          | Jon Brown   |
| Liturgists:        | Jenna Brandsen  |
| Ensemble:          | Katie Bast, Anna Gabhart, Jonathan Gabhart, Jake Helder, Rob Housman and Angela Wagenfeld   |
| Organist:          | Sheryl Beerens  |
| Sound:             | Ben Oegema  |
| Communion Servers: |   |
| <u>9:00</u>        | Nate & Heather Haveman, Natalie Brown, Jon Brown & Jenna Brandsen   |
| <u>10:30</u>       | Josh & Bethany Franken, Nate & Sarah DeHaan, Tim & Nancy Brown, Andy, Laurel, Rylan, Lucas, Anna & Nathan McCoy, Jon Brown and Jenna Brandsen |

## Sources and Permissions

“Alleluia” words: Traditional; music: Honduran traditional, arr. by John Bell

"Sanctus" Jonathan Gabhart, 2013.

“Eternal weight of glory” words and music: Wendell Kimbrough, 2016. From the album “Psalms We Sing Together”

“I will rise” words and music: Chris Tomlin Jesse Reeves Louie Giglio Matt Maher, 2008 sixsteps music.

## 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.”

**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 at 9:15am in the Hope College admissions building. Last week! Youth group tonight from 4:00-5:30pm. This is the last one!

High School: City group today at 9:15am in the Hope College admissions building. Last week! Youth group tonight from 6:00-7:30pm. This is the last week!

## 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 (including the 4th and 5th graders). This is our last meeting until September!

**Summer will soon be here!** Please note the following changes for Summer. Sunday School (9:15am) and Little Lambs (10:30 am) conclude today and will resume in 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).

**Families of children ages 0-5th grade** are invited to a conversation and information lunch meeting with Jon Brown around opportunities in Children's Ministries on Sunday, May 21 or June 4 at noon. Please RSVP the church office and designate the Sunday that works best for you.

**A New Community:** Starting this Sunday, May 14 we will have a designated area for your children to play together on the east lawn of Pillar Church. This area will be supervised and includes nut free snacks until 12:15. We want our children to start building community while you enjoy doing the same thing over a cup of coffee.

**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

**Community Action House and Eighth Day Farm** are holding a plant sale from 9am-1pm on Saturday, May 20 at the CAH General Store (694 Michigan Avenue in Holland). It will feature a variety of heirloom and organic vegetables as well as annuals and perennials. Proceeds will benefit CAH's hunger-relief programming that provides more than 300,000 meals a year. If you would like more information about the event and the selection of plants available, you may call (616) 392-2368.

**Renew Therapeutic Riding Center** is looking for additional volunteers to support their therapeutic horsemanship programs serving children and adults with disabilities including groups from Benjamin's Hope, Harbor House Ministries, Holland East special education classes, and the Ottawa Area Center. Volunteer opportunities are available on a weekly basis year round on Mondays through Thursdays at various times throughout the day. Contact Melissa Conner at [renewriding@gmail.com](mailto:renewriding@gmail.com) if you have questions or if you are interested in helping out. Thank you!

### 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.