

Christ in the City Wednesdays, June 14- August 9 from 6-8pm

Join us this Wednesday evening as Ben and Melissa Conner talk about "Making Peace with the Body, Part I: Ability and Disability." In Genesis 1, God makes humans as living creatures, having both souls and bodies. Bodies are God's beautiful gift to us; they make the human race a dazzling kaleidoscope of difference. However, in our fallen state, we often allow these differences to divide us, especially when we attend to one in particular. How can Christians bridge this divide and move from exclusion to inclusion to belonging in this area? One thing is certain, even these differences "hold together" in Christ (Col 1:17). As Christ followers, we strive to knit all members of any sort of body into the Christian community, the Body of Christ. Starting at 6:00-6:30pm with a light supper on the lawn, we will move to the sanctuary by 7:00pm to be led to explore how all things truly hold together in Christ Jesus as a witness to a watching and dividing world.

Starting at 6:45 "Kids in the City" will give your children up-close-and-personal experiences to learn more about their Creator.

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Ordinary Time

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“Holy Spirit, come into my heart, and in your power draw it to you.”
 — Catherine de Siena, philosopher and theologian, died 1380

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

We are in the season of Ordinary Time. In this context, ordinary comes from the latin ordinalis, which means ordered or numbered. In this time of the Christian year, we look for and seek out God's direction to order and number our days. You may notice on the cover of the worship folder a visual "hint" of Pentecost. As we hear the story of the Spirit's coming, we continue our Pentecost celebrations and explore the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the church and in our lives.

We like to think of Pillar as a creative liturgical church. One of the ways we embody that is by using the historic Christian liturgy in ways that come from the soil of this congregation. Several Pillar members wrote settings of the Sanctus earlier this year and we will sing those refrains throughout the year. We enjoyed singing Nate Haveman's setting during Lent. This Sunday's setting was written by Jonathan Gabhart.

Approach to God

Gathering Music

Welcome

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 To - day on wear - y na - tions the heav'nly man-na falls;
 New gra - ces ev er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful most bright;
 on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spi - rits of the blest;

On you the high and low - ly, through ag - es joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - tor - ious sent Spi - rit forth from heaven;
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and rad - iant beams
 We sing to you our prai - ses, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son;

sing "Ho - ly, - ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was given.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

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."



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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Father, Only in Your Power



1. Fa - ther, on - ly in your pow - er, can we as - end to You.
2. Je - sus, on - ly in your weak - ness, can we your king - dom claim.
3. Spi - rit, on - ly in your pre - sence, can we true un - ion find.
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, our an - cient curse we own.



Help us, Fa - ther, we are help - less to pay our right - eous due:
 Help us, Je - sus, we are reck - less, in self - de - struc - tion's chains:
 Help us, Spir - it, we are rest - less, our soul's di - vi - sion's bind:
 Bro - ken in the blood of A - dam, the blood of Christ now show.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sins of the world: Have mer - cy on us. ___



Lamb of God, slain be - fore the dawn of the world: Have mer - cy on us. ___

Assurance of Pardon

Peace

During the 10:30 service, kids may be dismissed for Children & Worship 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

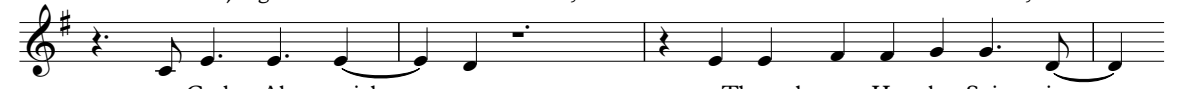
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Song of Response

This I Believe



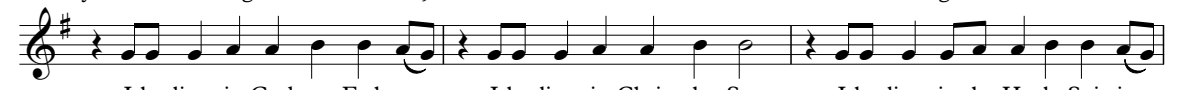
1. Our Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, the all - cre - a - ting One,
2. Our judge and our de - fend - er, suf - fered and cru - ci - fied, ___



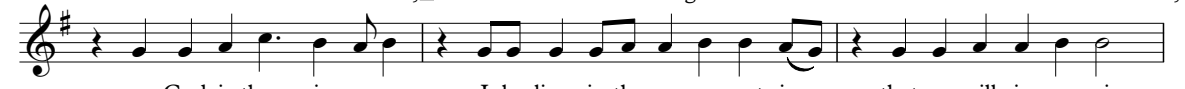
God Al - might - y. Through your Ho - ly Spir - it, ___
 for - give - ness is in you. De - scend - ed in - to dark - ness, ___



con - ceiv - ing Christ the Son, Je - sus our Sav - ior.
 you rose in glo - rious life, ___ for - ev - er seat - ed ___ high.



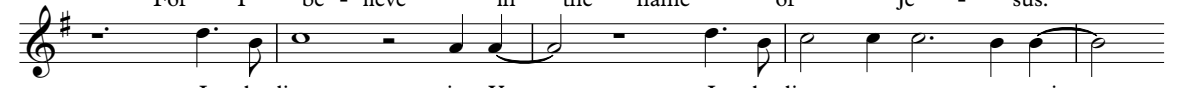
I be - lieve in God our Fath - er, ___ I be - lieve in Christ the Son. I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it, ___
 st chorus: I be - lieve in life e - tern - al, ___ I be - lieve in the vir - gin birth. I be - lieve in the saints' communion,



our God is three - in - one. I be - lieve in the res - ur - rect - ion, that we will rise a - gain.
 and in your ho - ly Church. I be - lieve in the res - ur - rect - ion, when Je - sus comes a gain,



For I be - lieve in the name of Je - sus.



I be - lieve in You, ___ I be - lieve you rose a - gain. ___



I be - lieve that Je - sus Christ is Lord. ___



Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Sermon Notes and Drawings

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus

Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly, — Lord, God of hosts, hea ven and earth are full of glo ry; —
 Bless-ed is the one, the one who comes, in the name of the Lord; —
 Ho - san - na in the high est! — 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 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.”

Communion

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Bread of the world in mer - cy bro - ken, wine of the
 Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the
 soul in mer - cy shed by whom the words of
 tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to
 life were spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead.
 us the to - ken, that by thy grace our souls are fed.
 Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, on us.
 Here is mer - cy, here is mer - cy, here is mer - cy, for us.
 Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have
 Here is mer - cy, here is mer - cy, here is
 1. mer - cy, on us.
 2. mer - cy, for us!
 So let us come to the feast of Je - sus, Let us
 eat of the Bread of Life Let us drink of
 the wine, His blood, to talk and dine with Je - sus Christ.

Response to God

Sending Song

You have fed us by your word and at your ta - ble.

Now please send us, by your Spir - it make us a - ble

to be faith - ful in the mean-time be-tween now and the end,

a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men

a - men, a - men, a - men!

Worship Leaders Today

Preacher: Jon Brown
 Liturgists: Katie Alley and Jonathan Gabhart
 Ensemble: Anna Gabhart, Jonathan Gabhart, Jake Helder, Tori Longfield, Katha Petreolje

Organist: Sheryl Beerens
 Sound: Ben Oegema
 Communion Bread Baker: Jan DeBoer

Communion Servers:
9:00 Jon Brown, Sara VanTongren, June Visscher, Josiah Youngquist, Andrew Peecher
10:30 Joe & Emily VanFassen, Nathan Longfield, Alpha & Marcia Mansaray, Andrew Peecher, Josiah Youngquist, Jon Brown

Worship Leader for June 25

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: Dawn Bredeweg who is recovering from back surgery. Pray for Rick VanderZwaag as he is recovering from a fractured spine after a big fall. Also pray for Joan Zuidema who is recovering from a fall and continue to pray for the families of Michael DeVries and Greg Diekema.

June's special offering is designated for My House Ministry in Holland, who seeks to provide stable housing environments for women transitioning from shelter, rehab, or re-entry programs to independent living in environments where residents can expand their life skills and responsibilities while continuing to grow in their faith. The offering will be received on Sunday, June 18, but at any time this month, feel free to give and mark your gift as “MHM.” There is a list of things that can be donated to “MHM” that can be placed in the donation box in the back of the church. Items include: Wet Swiffer wipes, Spray Murphy's Oil, toilet paper, paper towel, dish soap, hand soap, shower cleaner, & disinfectant wipes.

Children's announcements

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

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

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.

Children's announcements continued

Parents of babies! Help support a local arts and culture project by saving your glass baby food jars and lids! We will collect them through July! Pj Maske, mom of Aaron & Eliza, runs an arts organization called Urban Garden Performing Arts. She is planning an event at the Holland Arts Council called The Bread Show, in celebration of Anglo European and Latin American bread baking traditions, August 4, 2017. They will use recycled, sanitized baby food 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 email Pj at pj@urbangardenpa.org.

A New Community: We will have a designated area for your children to play together on the east lawn of Pillar. This area includes nut free snacks and a few activities until 12:15.

Summer Schedule: Please note the following changes in the Children's Ministries regular schedule. Sunday School (9:15am) and Little Lambs (2-3 year olds - 10:30am) concluded and will not meet again until September. Children and Worship will continue to meet until the end of June during the 10:30am service.

Student Ministries

Middle School Student Ministries

- Girls bible study on Wednesday night from 7:00-8:00pm. This will happen during the teaching part of Christ in the city this week.
- Guys bible study on Wednesday night from 7:00-8:00pm. This will happen during the teaching part of Christ in the city week.
- Sunday missional engagement on June 25th, July 23rd and August 20th at Pillar Church from 4:00-5:30pm. Parents are invited to attend with their middle schoolers as we engage missional with the city of Holland.

High School Student Ministries

- High School students come to Pillar Church this summer on **Thursday** nights from **7:00-8:30pm** for a weekly Bible study followed by hanging out in downtown Holland for street performers. Friends are welcome to join!

General Announcements

Great Lakes Urban is a Holland based Christian community development organization [CCDO] has been asked by Mosaic CCDO, our partner in Benton Harbor, to help them begin a home renovation and resale program. In a city of great need no one has been doing this to create quality, affordable housing. From June 13-26 GLU is organizing a building blitz to get a jump start on our first home. All you need is a heart - any level of skill (or lack there of) is welcome. Contact Dave Kool @ (616)283-0553 or davek.glu@gmail.com.

Refugee Care-The Refugee Care Ministry is considering the possibility of sponsoring a new family in the fall. We need your gifts and passions to welcome a new family to Holland. Visit the table in the lobby to learn about and sign up for a service team in Refugee Care. Contact Kat Schulte with questions.

General Announcements continued

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 if you have questions or if you are interested in helping out. Thank you!

Summer Bible Club is just around the corner! This ministry of Pillar Church focuses on serving and welcoming those with developmental disabilities. This year it will run from June 20 to July 25 on Tuesday evenings (not meeting July 4). I want to invite you to be part of this ministry. There are a variety of ways you can get involved in this ministry. Opportunities to serve include: leading a craft, hosting an activity, preparing a snack, leading worship, or just being a friend to our sisters and brothers who attend. I know you will be blessed by participating in this ministry. Sign up in lobby for volunteers and participants or email office@pillarchurch.com.

Pillar is eager to welcome to its staff team and congregational life a Children's Ministries Director. This is a full time, salaried position with a benefits allowance. The position focuses on children between the ages of 0 and 5th grade. The primary focus of the position is to create, implement and oversee a space of belonging, a process of discipleship and opportunity for mission. All interested applicants are encouraged to apply. There is more information on our website.

Ordination Invitation- The congregation is cordially invited to the ordination worship service for Michelle (Roethel) Gross on Sunday, June 25th at 3pm at First Reformed Church in Oostburg, WI. Please join us in celebrating God's call with your prayers, and if you are able, with your presence.

Womens Ministries Evening Social will be held on Tuesday, June 27 from 7-9pm at the Huffman's Home on 516 Howard Ave. All women welcome, and please bring friends!

Christ in the City- June 14-August 9 (see back page for more info)

Kids in the City: (Wednesdays 6-8 pm) This summer on Wednesday nights (during Christ in the City) we will help kids begin to understand just who God is, what he does, and why he should matter in their lives. With accounts of Bible heroes like Joshua, David, Abigail, and Elijah, Pillar kids (school aged K-5th grade) will have a chance to dig deep into powerful truths. You can sign your kids in downstairs at 6:45 pm, after the meal.

Building Update

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. The last opportunity to meet with Jon will be June 26 @ 5pm, 6pm, or 7pm. There is a **sign-up sheet located in the lobby**. Or feel free to email office@pillarchurch.com.