



## Sunday Summer Sunday Series on the Heidelberg Catechism

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Ordinary Time  
July 23, 2017  
9:00 & 10:30 am

*“Fruit is always the miraculous, the created; it is never the result of willing, but always a growth. The fruit of the Spirit is a gift of God, and only He can produce it. They who bear it know as little about it as the tree knows of its fruit. They know only the power of Him on whom their life depends”*

*— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, died 1945*

### 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.

#### *Baptismal Note*

This morning we gather around the waters of baptism to baptize Adam and Kate Cunigan. In these waters, we witness the grace of God in Jesus Christ who brings us into a new family and gives us new life.

### Approach to God

Gathering Music

Welcome

The Lord be with you,  
and also with you.

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

#772 *The Solid Rock*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,  
word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend  
what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Praise the Lord all you na-tions ex - tol him all you peo - ples,  
 for great is his love\_ for us\_\_\_ Praise the Lord he is faith-ful his  
 love en-dures for - ev - er and great is his love\_\_ for us.  
 1. Sing a song of praise to God en-throned on high,  
 2. Bold ly shout his praise for he has res - cued us,  
 bow be - fore the king of the an - gels. His  
 sin and death no more can en - slave us. His  
 mer - cy and his love, his jus - tice will be known,  
 beau - ty and his pow'r, dis - played at Cal - va - ry,  
 lift a song of praise to the Lord!  
 lift a song of praise to the Lord!

Peace

*During the Passing of the Peace, during the 10:30 service, children 4 yrs. through 2nd grade may meet their teacher in the lobby for a time of learning downstairs.*

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

Baptism

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.*

Song of Response

#796 O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus vv. 1 & 3

## Word of God

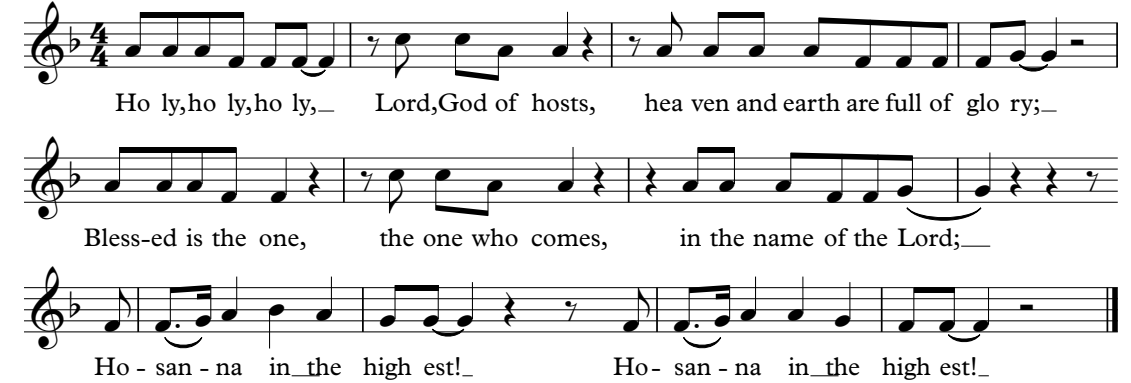
Prayer for Illumination

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*

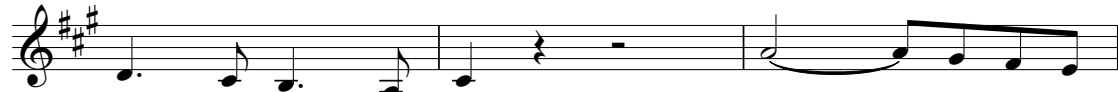
“Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.”

Communion

*O the Depth of Love Divine*



O the depth of love di - vine, the  
 Let the wi - sest mor - tals show how  
 How can spi - rits heav'n - ward rise, by  
 Sure and real is this your grace, the



vast un-meas - ured grace. Who shall say how  
 we the grace re - ceive; Weak, these el - e -  
 earth - ly mat - ter fed, Drink here with di -  
 man - ner be un - known. Come and meet us



bread and wine God un - to us con - veys?  
 ments be - stow a pow'r not theirs to give.  
 vine sup - plies, and eat im - mort - al bread.  
 in thy ways per - fect us all in one.



How the bread his flesh im - parts How the wine trans -  
 Who ex - plains the won - d'rous way, How through these the  
 Ask the Fath - er's wis - dom how: Christ who did the  
 Let us taste the heav'n - ly pow'rs. Lord we ask for



mits his blood. Fills his faith - ful  
 vir - tue came? These the vir - tue  
 means or - dain. An - gels round our  
 no - thing more. Thine to bless tis



peo - ple's hearts with all the life of God.  
 did con - vey, yet still re - main the same.  
 al - tars bow to search it out in vain.  
 on - ly ours, to won - der and a - dore.

Response to God

Sending Song

*I Belong to Jesus*



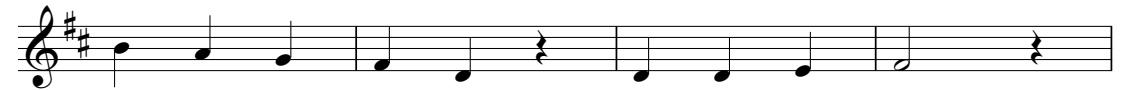
Com - fort, com - fort, my on - ly com - fort; in my life, -



in my death is that I am not my own, -



but bo - dy and soul, in life and in death; I be - long to Je - sus Christ,



In him, I'm giv - en e - ter - nal life,



Com - fort, O com - fort, I will live for him

Benediction

Postlude

## 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)!

## Deacons' Announcements

**Please include these people in your prayers:** **Dawn Bredeweg** who is recovering from back surgery. **Beth Diepenhorst** who is suffering from daily headaches, but is hopeful they will soon go away. For **Paul Vroon**, who had a successful knee replacement surgery this past week, and would appreciate prayers for a full recovery.

**July's special offering** is designated to Pillar's baptismal vow fund. This fund offers financial support to those at Pillar who would like to send their children to Christian summer camps or Christian school. This offering will be taken on July 16, but feel free to give at any time this month by designating your gift "Baptismal Vow."

**The distribution offering for July** is for Bethany Christian Service's annual Back to School Event. The school supplies and backpacks received support foster and adoptive children as well as their families. Highlighters, College Ruled Notebooks, Index Cards, 3 Ring Binders, Calculators, & Protractors are all ideas for donations. Other school supplies is greatly appreciated!

**Rebecca Deng and Jordan Roeda** Luk, brother of Rebecca Deng and Jordan Roeda, is recovering with them here in Holland after an attack in Lansing. Please continue to pray for full healing. Luk is in need of a freezer, chest of drawers, some organizational baskets, and someone to take him shopping for tall clothing. Luk also needs friends to assist going to the doctor and taking out for social gatherings. Contact Kat Schulte at [kat@pillarchurch.com](mailto:kat@pillarchurch.com) for more information. Donations are being collected at [gofundme.com/pillar-church](https://www.gofundme.com/pillar-church).

## Children's announcements

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

**Beginning July 2 through August, Children 4 years - 2nd grade** are welcome to meet in the narthex at the passing of the peace during the 10:30 am service and then head down stairs for a time of learning and activities. Please pick up your child downstairs immediately following the Worship Service.

## Worship Leaders Today

Preacher: Neil Plantinga  
Liturgists: Jake Helder, Anna Gabhart, Jonathan Gabhart, Melissa Johnson,  
Ensemble: Katha Petroelje  
Organist: Sheryl Beerens  
Sound: Ben Oegema  
Communion Bread Baker: Kiri Sunde  
Communion Servers: Sandy & Daryl Bruischat, Daniel Woolsey, Josiah Youngquist, Kelsie Nyhuis  
9:00 Kris & Roger Kennedy, Kristen & Jim Hall, Alpha & Marcia  
10:30 Mansaray, Kelsie Nyhuis, Gabe Boss, Josiah Youngquist

## Worship Leader for July 23

Preacher: Neil Plantinga

### Sources and Permissions

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## Children's announcements continued

**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.

**We are eager to announce** this year's Summer Family Picnic! It will be on our front lawn, Thursday, July 27, from 6:00-8:00pm. We will be joined by the Critter Barn. Please come to enjoy time with family, fellowship with friends, yummy food, and of course, lots of fun. See you there! Please RSVP at [office@pillarchurch.com](mailto:office@pillarchurch.com) for food count. Thank you!

### 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.
- Missional engagement today, 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

- Thursday night Bible Study starts back up this week from 7-8:30pm
- Christ in the City on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00pm. Come for food and a discussion with family and friends. This is a whole family event.

### General Announcements

**Refugee Care-**Pillar is hoping to sponsor a new refugee family this autumn. Please pray that refugee families are granted access to the US as well as for all the families who remain in refugee camps around the world. We are currently compiling teams to care for this new family. Please sign up on a refugee care team in the lobby or contact Kat Schulte for more information at [kat@pillarchurch.com](mailto:kat@pillarchurch.com).

**Cathy Dreyer-** Our beloved Cathy Dreyer will be done serving Pillar Church at the end of July. She has been a joy and a light to have in the Pillar family, and we couldn't be more grateful for all that she has done. Please keep her and the staff in your prayers as we transition at this time.

**Grill & Chill -** Thursday, July 27th post-college singles & young marrieds are invited to gather at Jenna Brandsen's house: 108 W. 17th St. @ 6:30pm for a cookout, fire, and yard games. Please bring a side to share!

## General Announcements continued

**Summer Bible Club is here!** 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.

**Christ in the City-** June 14-August 9 from 6-8pm on Wednesdays, we host an event we have created to engage both you and the city of Holland! From 6-8 we enjoy a light meal catered from a downtown restaurant as well as participate in a conversation from a community member surrounding the topic of how Christians can make peace with dualities like heaven and earth, wealth and poverty, church and state, man and woman and in so doing be the "sign, instrument and foretaste" that Lesslie Newbigin urges the church to be. July 26—Daryl & Sara Vantongerren "Making Peace with Gender".

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**Lori Scholten's** "open house" is today after the 10:30 service at the coffee table in the Pieter's Room.

**Hope College** is looking for weekend host families for 3 of their annual short term programs. The programs involve Japanese students who come to Hope College for a few weeks to learn about American culture and take ESL classes. They include a host family weekend in their schedules. Hope has been looking for volunteers to be host families, and if you are interested please contact [lowell@hope.edu](mailto:lowell@hope.edu). The weekends are Aug. 4-6 & Aug. 18-20th.

### Building Update

At the end of June we closed on the Dykstra property. Thank you for your generous spirit and your prayers. We also concluded a number of meetings where you participated with Jon around the building project. Thank you for every question asked and every encouragement given as together we move through this process. If you would still like the opportunity to meet with Jon please email office @pillarchurch.com



## 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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