



Sunday Summer Sunday Series on the Heidelberg Catechism

July 2 - Jon Brown & Jenna Brandsen
July 9 - Trygve Johnson
July 16 - Heidi DeJonge
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July 30 - Neal Plantinga
August 6 - Tim Brown
August 13 - Tim Brown
August 20 - Jon Brown & Jenna Brandsen



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

*I praise Thee while my days go on;
I love Thee while my days go on:
Through dark and dearth, through fire and frost,
With emptied arms and treasure lost,
I thank Thee while my days go on.*

- Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Poet, 1806-1861

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

#521 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing vv.1-3

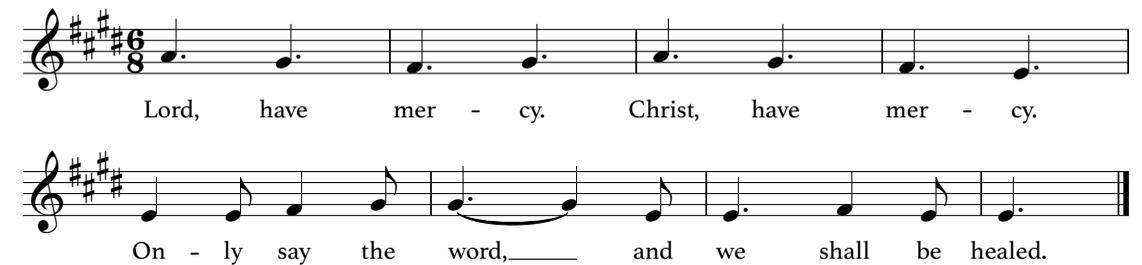
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Led by Ensemble

**Ever begotten and only Son,
Light in our darkness, in prayer we come.
Teach us, dear Shepherd, our lives to dwell;
Deep in Your shadows, we pass through hell.**

**Blessed and hidden in Love's delight,
Your Holy Spirit will voice our cry.
Life in the Father, exalted the Son,
Sending Your Spirit, Your kingdom begun!**



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

On - ly say the word, _____ and we shall be healed.

Assurance of Pardon

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.

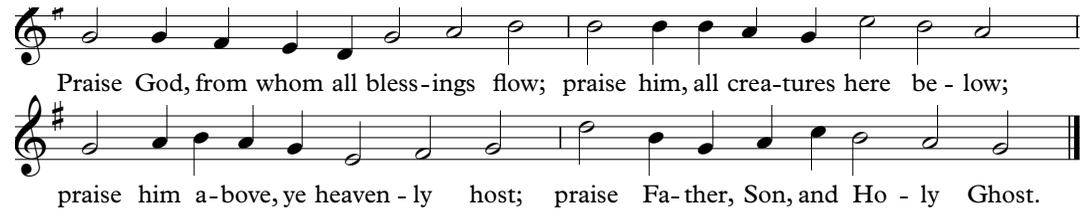
Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Sermon Notes and Drawings

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

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 Preparation

#763 Blessed Jesus at Your Word vv. 1-3

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

Holy Spirit Come

When your peo - ple were bound in op - pres - sion.
 In the pil - lar of cloud you led them,
 In the dark of the tomb he was bur - ied,
 Age to age you have anse - red your peo - ple
 And your child - ren were slaves in the land,
 through the waste land of des - ser by night,
 A Sav - ior whose foll - ow - er's fled,
 with awe - some dis - plays of your might,
 When they cried to their Fa - ther in an - guish,
 When your child - ren cried out in their hun - ger,
 But their sin and their doubt could not speak a sound,
 Now we call on the same ho - ly Spi - rit,
 You came with sal - va - tion in hand.
 You op - ened the sky to give life.
 As loud as His tri - umph o'er death.
 Give pow - er to be salt and light.
 Holy Spi - rit, Ho - ly Spi - rit, will you come and de - li - ver a - gain?
 Hdy Spi - rit, Ho - ly Spi - rit, will you come and give life a - gain?

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 - susChrist,
In him, I'm giv - en e - ter - nal life,
Com - fort, O com - fort, I___ will live for him

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders Today

Preacher:
Liturgists:
Ensemble:

Neil Plantinga
Jenna Brandsen & Daniel Woolsey
Bruce Benedict, Lydia Beukelman, Rob Housman, Tori Longfield,
Angela Wagenfeld
Meribeth Diekema
Ben Oegema
Jayne Nienhuis

Organist:
Sound:
Communion Bread Baker:
Communion Servers:

9:00

10:30

Neil Plantinga, Jenna Brandsen, Ian McKay, Andrew Peecher, Josiah
Youngquist, Jesse & Regan Montano
Neil Plantinga, Jenna Brandsen, Jaunine Hockman, Andrew Peecher,
Josiah Youngquist

Preacher:

Worship Leader for August 6
Tim Brown

Sources and Permissions

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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. For Paul Vroon, who had a successful knee replacement surgery this past week, and would appreciate prayers for a full recovery.

After a series of hospitalizations over the past month for seizures and depression, **Bernice VerHage** has been moved to a assisted living facility in Holland. Please keep Bernice in you prayers as she works to adjust to a new living situation. Her new address American House, 11821 James st., Room B8, Holland, MI 49424.

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 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

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.

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 August 20th at Pillar Church from 4:00-5:30pm. Parents are invited to attend with their middle schoolers as we engage missionally with the city of Holland.

High School Student Ministries

- Thursday night Bible Study this week from 7:00-8:30pm. Come for street performers!
- 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.

Cathy Dryer- 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 - The date has been changed. Thursday, August 17th 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 ended this last Tuesday. It was a great five weeks of learning and growing alongside our friends from My Brothers and My Sisters' houses and others. This year we learned about five women of faith throughout the Bible and how their lives reflected Christ's gospel message. We had 20 participants! Thank you to all who supported this ministry of Pillar by serving or praying.

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. August 2—Josh Banner "Making Peace with Art".

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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. 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."



About Pillar Church: The Four R's

Reconciling Divisions

Pillar Church is a dual-affiliation congregation of the Reformed Church in America (RCA) and the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRC). This was the first church established by those who settled the city of Holland in 1847. It was originally established as an RCA congregation by Reverend Albertus Van Raalte, but in 1884, after significant tension and a painful split, became a CRC church. After 130 years of division, in the fall of 2012, Pillar Church re-established itself around a vision of reconciliation. The church where two denominations once divided is now a symbol of unity.

Raising Up Leaders

We are blessed to be on the corner of 9th Street and College, essentially on the campus of Hope College and three blocks from Western Theological Seminary. We consider it a gift and take seriously the opportunity to join the Hope and Western communities in raising up students for leadership in the world. We are excited by the numbers of students who worship with us each Sunday, join us for Bible Study on Wednesday nights, serve in ministry with us and participate in the prayer partner program. Raising up young men and women for leadership in the church is of highest importance to us.

Redeeming the City

Holland is another gift to us. It is our heart's desire and hope that as a church strategically located at the center of our downtown area, we will share in the continued work of restoration in our community so: that those who are hungry might receive food, those who are thirsty might be given something to drink, those who aren't ready for school may be helped and those who don't believe in Jesus Christ would meet him. Collaboratively working towards redeeming the city is a constant focus.

Renewing the Church

With the above things urging us forward, we are excited to experience renewal as a church. We believe God has chosen the Church to carry out his purposes for the world, so the health and vibrancy of the local church is not a selfish endeavor, but God's desire for us. Worship of Father, Son and Spirit is central, a commitment to the Word is foundational and a longing to grow all things into Christ is our objective.



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