

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America  
167-07 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

**October 16, 2022**  
**10:30 AM**



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**Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Guest Pastor**  
**Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director**  
Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

**Prelude**

Improvisation on “Nicea”

Sean Cotty

**Welcome**

**Votum**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

**Sentences of Scripture**

**Prayer of Invocation**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 98: 1, 4-6

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. **His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. **Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.** With trumpets and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

\* **Hymn No. 60**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Prayer of Confession**

Psalm 51

**Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast**

**us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life**

**Anthem**      *If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments*      Thomas Tallis

*If ye love Me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father,  
And He shall give you another Comforter,  
That He may abide with you forever;  
Even the Spirit of truth.*

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Scripture Readings**

Helmut Beron

Hebrews 10: 19-25

Matthew 24: 1-14

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      "Faithfulness: Hanging in There"      Rev. Doug Estella

\* **Confession of Faith**      The Apostles' Creed (*RCA contemporary version*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic<sup>†</sup> Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

<sup>†</sup> The word "catholic" means "universal,"  
referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.

**Anthem**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

John Ness Beck

*The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His,  
And He is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
Thy cross before to guide me.*

*And so through all the length of days,  
Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.*

**\* Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## Prayers of the People

### *Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom and the power  
And the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Prayer Response**    *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*    Felix Mendelssohn

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord,  
And he shall sustain thee;  
He never will suffer the righteous to fall:  
He is at thy right hand.  
Thy mercy, Lord, is great  
And far above the heavens:  
Let none be made ashamed  
That wait upon thee.*

\* **Hymn No. 532**

Be Thou My Vision

\* **Benediction**

**Response** (please be seated)                      May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

*May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above. Amen.*

**Postlude**

Toccata from Suite for Organ Op. 5 (Excerpt)

Maurice Durufle

# Announcements

## **HURRICANE IAN RELIEF**

We will be taking a special collection for RCA Global Mission for Florida Relief over the next few weeks. You can donate using the white envelopes in the rear of the sanctuary, or via [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly), under the Hurricane Ian Relief Fund.

## **COFFEE HOUR**

Please join us for coffee hour after the service, downstairs in Gessner Hall.

## **COTH COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES**

Join us for our next Community Concert, October 29th at 4pm in the Sanctuary, with reception to follow in Gessner Hall. This concert will feature organist Raphael Attila Vogl, performing some major organ classics!

## **CHILDREN AT WORSHIP - COTH'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Jeanne Sarran has begun the Fall session of the Children's Ministry program. The program is open to children, ages 5 to 12. During the service, the children will process out and be led to Room 2-E. The focus this Fall is on the book of Exodus, chapters 1 through 14.

## **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

There is a collection box located by the entrance to the Church where we accept donations of boxed/canned goods throughout the year.

## **BARGAIN BOUTIQUE**

The Grand Reopening of the Bargain Boutique will be Saturday, October 15th, from 10am- 2pm. Donations accepted, only on Saturdays. No electronics, no TVs, no furniture.

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings at COTH!

## **JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!**

Be sure to sign up for our email list to keep up with the latest Church on the Hill happenings through the weekly email and the Beacon. Send an email request to the church office at [\*\*office@churchonthehill.org\*\*](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org).

## Prayer Requests

If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list, or if your loved one no longer needs to be on the prayer list, please contact the church office at [office@churchonthehill.org](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org)

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