

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America  
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**October 2, 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 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 36: 7-9

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! **All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.** They feast on the abundance of your house, **and you give them drink from the river of your delights.** For with you is the fountain of life; **in your light we see light.**

\* **Hymn No. 62**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**Prayer of Confession**

**Most 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have**

**mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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

**Anthem**

A Jubilant Song

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

*Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!  
Sing to the Lord all the earth!  
Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands!  
Let the hills sing together for joy!  
Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice,  
For the Lord is greatly to be praised!  
Proclaim God's salvation!  
Declare God's great glory!  
Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise!*

## **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**

Maureen Saepia-Chen

Psalm 36: 5-9

Titus 3: 1-8

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"Kindness: The Posture of Grace"

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**

Draw us in the Spirits Tether

Harold W. Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether;  
For when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together,  
Thou art in the midst of them:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Touch we now thy garment's hem.  
As the brethren used to gather  
In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father  
Break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
So knit thou our friendship up.  
All our meals and all our living  
Make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving,  
We may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We will serve thee faithfully.*

## \* 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.*

## The Communion Service

### Communion Prayer

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 to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**



Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

### **The Communion—Words of Institution**

*(We partake of the Bread.)*

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

*(We partake of the Cup.)*

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

### **Thanksgiving after Communion**

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and do not forget all his benefits—**

Who forgives all your iniquity, **who heals all your diseases,**

Who redeems your life from the Pit, **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, **so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

As far as the east is from the west, **so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children, **so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**

Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him. **Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

*(From Psalm 103, with additions)*

## **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**

Let the Words of My Mouth

*Let the words of my mouth  
And the meditation of my heart  
Be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord,  
My strength and my Redeemer.  
Amen.*

### **\* Hymn No. 622**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

### **\* Benediction**

**Response** (please be seated)

Sevenfold Amen

### **Postlude**

Chorale No 3 in A Minor (excerpt)

Cesar Franck

# Announcements

## **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.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

This years festival will take place on Saturday, October 15th with a rain date of October 22. Volunteers are still needed!

## **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 starting September and October, 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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Gerry Mendler

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