

Church on the Hill

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

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10:30 AM



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Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg — Guest Pastor

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Improvisation on “Every Time I Feel The Spirit” Sean Cotty

Welcome

* **Sanctus**

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

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 have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, **O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.** Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. **We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.** By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; **you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

* **Hymn No. 297**

Spirit of the Living God

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sins. You alone know how often we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, and forgotten your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us, and help us to live in your light and to walk in your ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Duet I Love Thee - American Folk Song (Arr. Benjamin Harlan)
 Soloists - Emerson Chen and Maureen Saepia-Chen

*I love thee, my Lord;
I love thee, my Savior, I love thee, my God:
I love thee, and that thou dost know;
But how much I love thee my actions will show.
O Jesus, my Savior, with thee I am blest,
My life and salvation, my joy and my rest:
Thy name be my theme, and thy love be my song;
Thy grace shall inspire both my heart and my tongue.
Oh, who's like my Savior? He's Salem's bright King;
He smiles and He loves me and helps me to sing:
I'll praise Him with notes loud and clear,
While rivers of pleasure my spirit shall cheer.*

Prayer of Illumination

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in your promises. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Ernest Mendler

Romans 12: 1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Spiritual Renewal"

Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg

* **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[†] Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

[†] The word "catholic" means "universal,"
referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.

Duet

Draw Me Nearer

William H. Doane (arr. Ovid Young)

*I am thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To thy precious bleeding side.*

*Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.*

*There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

*** 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

Lead Me, Lord

Wesley

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,
Make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only
Makest me dwell in safety.*

*** Hymn No. 547**

O for a Closer Walk with God

*** Benediction**

Response (please be seated) God Be with You Ralph Vaughan Williams

*God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsel guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude

Entrée Pontificale

Enrico Bossi

Announcements

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Emerson Chen and Maureen Saepia-Chen for singing at this morning's service!

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://www.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

There is no Children at Worship today. The program will pick back up next week.

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 Bargain Boutique is open on Saturdays from 10 am- 2 pm. Donations accepted on Saturdays only. *No Electronics, No TVs, No Furniture*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

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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.

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

Jeri Bird

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Andrew LaClaustra

Christina Lee

Connie McKinstry

Carol Meadows

Gerry Mendler

Jean Mendler

Kathy Meyer

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Nina Proschel

The Redfern family

William Rudnick

Patrick Sullivan

Ed Surujballi

Virginia Young



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