

# Church on the Hill

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

**October 30, 2022**  
**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 “Bunessan”

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**

Gracious God, we call upon your name, thanking you for your presence in our midst and yearning to receive your spirit in our hearts. Bless our words, our prayers, our songs, and our fellowship 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 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. **Serve the Lord with gladness; Come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. **Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

\* **Hymn No. 758**

Baptized in Water

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed through things that we have done, and things that we have left undone. Give us ears to hear your wisdom, and renew us in your strength. Amen.**

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

### **Anthem**

Come, Be Baptized

G. Alan Smith

*Come as a child, come to the waters:  
To the family of God, come, sons and daughters.  
Come to the river, the Lord, the lifegiver;  
Wash in the love that is sent from above.*

*Come, be baptized in the name of the Father;  
Come, be baptized in the name of the Son;  
Come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit;  
Come, be baptized in Love.*

*Come as a child, Come, sons and daughters,  
Draw from the well life-giving waters,  
Drink of the river, the Lord, the lifegiver;  
Feel how it pours out the life that is yours.*

*Come, be baptized in the name of the Father;  
Come, be baptized in the name of the Son;  
Come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit;  
Come, be baptized in Love.*

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Presentation of Elisha James Rottenberg

Parents: Jennifer Hopper and Ian Rottenberg

Godparents: Cascille Hampton, Trisha Ho, and Tom Hopper

## \*Profession of Faith

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?  
**We do.**

## \* **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.*

## The Baptismal Covenant

### Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized,  
**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into  
Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we  
are all one in Christ.**

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Holy Spirit, prepare us to receive God's word for our lives. Grant that we might hear your plan for our world, and your will for our lives.  
**Amen.**

## **Scripture Readings**

Dorien Day

Romans 12: 1-13

Matthew 28: 16-20

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

“Communion of Saints, Communities of Faith”

Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg

## **Anthem**

If You Search With All Your Heart

Craig Courtney

*When you seek Me, you shall find Me  
If you search with all your heart.*

*For I know the plans I have for you:  
Plans of welfare, not of evil.*

*For I know the plans I have for you:  
Plans of hope and a future.*

*I will bring you out of bondage  
To the land I have prepared.*

*I will bring you out of bondage  
I will bring you home to Me.*

*When you seek me, you shall find me  
If you search with all your heart.*

## **\* 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**

Write These Words in Our Hearts

*Write these words in our hearts,  
We beseech you, O Lord.*

### \* **Hymn No. 751**

For All The Saints

### \* **Benediction**

**Response** (please be seated)

Celtic Alleluia

### **Postlude**

Toccata in D Minor

J. S. Bach

## Announcements

### **MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

Save the date! All men and boys are welcome to come together for the Men's Communion Breakfast on November 13th at 9 am in Gessner Hall.

## **COFFEE HOUR**

Please join us for a special gala coffee hour, to celebrate the baptism of Elisha James Rottenberg, downstairs in Gessner Hall following the service.

## **HURRICANE IAN RELIEF**

Today is the last Sunday for our special collection for RCA Global Mission for Florida Relief. 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.

## **FOOD FOR KIDS**

We are starting up our collection of food for children at PS 116Q again! The bags of food are delivered to the school on Fridays for families who otherwise might go hungry over the weekend. A list of specific foods requested can be found in the weekly email, or if you prefer, monetary donations are always greatly appreciated.

## **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 Bargain Boutique is open on Saturdays from 10 am- 1 pm. Donations are accepted on Saturdays only. \*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)

Jeri Bird

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Andrew LaClaustra

Christina Lee

Connie McKinstry

Carol Meadows

Gerry Mendler

Jean Mendler

Kathy Meyer

Catherine Molino

Nina Proschel

The Redfern family

William Rudnick

Patrick Sullivan

Ed Surujballi

Virginia Young



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