

# Church on the Hill

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

**October 9, 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 “Shenandoah”                      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, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 24: 1-2, 9-10

**The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it**, the world, and those who live in it, **for he has founded it on the seas** and established it on the rivers. **Lift up your heads, O gates!** And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! **Who is this King of glory?** The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

\* **Hymn No. 568**

Take My Life and Let It Be

## Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from your truth and from your holy will. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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

**Anthem**      Requiem      Eliza Gilkyson (arr. Craig Hella Johnson)

*Blessed Jesus full of grace, awaken  
All our homes are gone, our loved ones taken  
Taken by the sea*

*Blessed Jesus calm our fears, have mercy  
Drowning in a sea of tears, have mercy  
Hear our mournful plea*

*Our world has been shaken  
We wander our homelands forsaken  
In the dark night of the soul  
Bring some comfort to us all*

*O blessed Jesus come  
And carry us in your embrace  
That our sorrows may be faced*

*Jesus fill the glass to overflowing  
Illuminate the path where we are going  
Have mercy on us all*

*In funeral fires burning  
Each flame to your mystery returning  
In the dark night of the soul  
Your shattered, make them whole*

*O blessed Jesus help us  
To behold your gentle face,  
Lead us to a higher place  
In the dark night of the soul  
Our broken hearts you can make whole  
O blessed Jesus  
Come and carry us in your embrace,  
Let us see your gentle face, Jesus.*

## **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**

Victor Han

Psalm 111

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      “Generosity: Sharing is Caring”      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**

## **Offertory**

John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord,  
And bow myself before the God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,  
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
With ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,  
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has shown you, O man;  
He has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you  
But to do justice and love kindness,  
And to walk humbly,  
Walk humbly with your God?*

## **\* 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**

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

*Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline thine ear to us  
And grant us thy peace.  
Amen.*

### **\* Hymn No. 657**

All Things Are Yours

### **\* Benediction**

### **Response** (please be seated)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord lift his countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you.  
Amen.*

### **Postlude**

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

# Announcements

## **MUSIC NOTE**

Today the choir sings the anthem "Requiem" as a song of prayer for those impacted by Hurricane Ian.

## **HURRICANE IAN RELIEF**

Over the last few days, we've watched as Hurricane Ian, possibly the worst hurricane to hit Florida, ripped through the state. 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**

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 year's 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)

Diane Blagburn

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