

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America  
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**November 20, 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 "Simple Gifts"

Sean Cotty

## Welcome

### \* Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.***

## 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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Call to Worship

Psalm 9: 1-2, 9-11

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. **I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.** The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.** Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. **Declare his deeds among the peoples.**

### \* Hymn No. 376

We Gather Together

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

### **Anthem**

Let Us With A Gladsome Mind

Alan Ridout

*Let us with a gladsome mind,  
Praise the Lord for he is Kind:  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*Let us blaze his name abroad,  
For of gods he is the God:  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*He with all commanding might,  
Filled the new made world with light:  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*He the golden tressed sun  
Caused all day his course to run:  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*The horned moon to shine by night,  
Mid her spangled sisters bright:  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*All things living he doth feed,  
His full hand supplies their need:  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

## 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

Pearl Liao

1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Titus 2: 11-14

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Self Control: "Easy Does It!"

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

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;*

*Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

**\* 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. 381**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

**\* Benediction**

**Response** (please be seated)

For the Fruit of All Creation

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

Nun danket alle Gott

Karg- Elert

# Announcements

## **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

Today, November 20th, is Stewardship Sunday. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge to our church. By pledging you help us plan for the fruitful use of our resources next year. Pledge cards have been mailed out and are also available in the back of the church.

## **COFFEE HOUR**

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

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

The Sunday morning program will cover a special Advent curriculum starting November 20, 2022. 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.

Sunday, November 27th, we will bring back Chrismon Sunday. A tradition in Church on the Hill has been to make special Christmas ornaments related to Jesus. This activity will be held in Gessner Hall during the service, for all children who are interested. We will meet in church and leave during the first hymn.

White Christmas will be Sunday, December 11th, and children ages 3 to 12 years old are invited to participate. There will be two rehearsals after church on November 27th and December 4th. The pageant will be during the service on December 11th.

## **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.

## **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)*

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