

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. Carlos Rivera — Guest Pastor

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Improvisation on “Lift Every Voice and Sing” 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

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; **sing the glory of his name;** give to him glorious praise! **Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!”** So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. **All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.**

* **Hymn No. 263**

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

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

Anthem

The Word Was God

Rosephanye Powell

*In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made that have been made.
Nothing was made, He has not made.
All things were made by Him
And the Word was God!*

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

Dorien Day

Matthew 11: 28

2 Kings 6: 8, 14-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Weakness to Strength”

Rev. Carlos Rivera

*** 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.

Anthem

Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester

Malcolm Archer

*Thanks be to thee, our Lord Jesus Christ,
For all the benefits which thou hast given us,
For all the pains and insults
Which thou hast borne us, which thou hast borne for us.
O most merciful Redeemer,
Friend and Brother, Friend and Brother,
May we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
And follow thee more nearly, more nearly.
Amen.*

* **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. 638**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

* **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

Postlude in F

Guilmant

Announcements

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 Program for children ages 5 to 12 is ongoing. During the service, the children will process out and be led to Room 2-E.

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, No Textbooks*

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**

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

Diane Blagburn

Hank Boeckmann

Joan Centor

The Family of

Rosina Cuticone

Joanne Dunckhahn

Randy Eastman

Janet Fiala

Rita Gates

Ariana Han

Richard Iovale

Annie Jankowski

Andrew LaClaustra

Lynn Lauterbach

Christina Lee

Ernest Mendler

Kathy Meyer

Catherine Molino

Nina Proschel

The Redfern family

William Rudnick

Patrick Sullivan

Virginia Young



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