

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

Organ Sonata No. 1 (II. Adagio)

Mendelssohn

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 Father, majestic is your name! Hear us in the name of Your Son, for He has promised that where two or three of us are gathered in Your name, He would be with us and our prayer would be heard. Hear us in the name of Your Son. For He is the revelation of your wisdom, the outpouring of your glory, the incarnation of your mercy. To You be the glory, all praise and honor, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, now and evermore. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, **will enter your house.** I will bow down toward your holy temple **in the fear of you. Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.**

* Hymn No. 661

Be Strong in the Lord

Prayer of Confession

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

O Be Joyful

Albert, Prince Consort

*O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before His presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God;
It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise;
Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name.
For the Lord is gracious,
And His mercy is everlasting;
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.
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.*

Prayer of Illumination

O God, who hast caused each day to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of the Light within us, so may we also perfectly enjoy him; with thee and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Joshua 1: 7-9

2 Timothy 3: 16-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Freedom of the Seas”

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

In Heavenly Love

Mendelssohn

*In heavenly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid,*

*But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?*

*** 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

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord,
And he shall sustain thee;
He never will suffer the righteous to fall:
He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great
And far above the heavens:
Let none be made ashamed
That wait upon thee.*

*** Hymn No. 523**

Trust and Obey

*** Benediction**

Response (please be seated)

Sevenfold Amen

Postlude

Scherzo in E Minor

Mendelssohn

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

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Janet Fiala

Rita Gates

Ariana Han

Richard Iovale

Annie Jankowski

Lynn Lauterbach

Christina Lee

Kathy Meyer

Nina Proschel

The Redfern family

William Rudnick

Patrick Sullivan

Virginia Young



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