

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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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 Bunesan

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

Gracious God, make each of us an instrument of your grace. Weave us into a community showing forth your power and tenderness. Bless us and our differences and under gird our courage to stand together. We call on you today to gather us in your love. Lead us to better know you and glorify you on each step of the journey of our lives. In the name of Jesus, let us now keep silence and breathe in the love of God. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

We come to worship you, God, **and we long for comfort. In your arms, this morning, can our distress subside?** In the name of Jesus, you hold us as your children and you promise us life, life eternal, life with you. **May these promises guide our thoughts and our prayers this morning. Amen.**

* **Hymn No. 362**

Morning Has Broken

Prayer of Confession

God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet. God of

healing, God of wholeness, this precious moment in your presence and power grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Solo His Eye is on the Sparrow Charles H. Gabriel
Maureen Saepia-Chen (Soprano), Jim Nicholas (Harmonica)

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:*

*His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*Let not your heart be troubled, His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears.
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see:*

*His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

Prayer of Illumination

How we praise and thank You for the holy Scriptures which You have caused to be written for our learning. Thank You for Your written Word, which reveals to us the living Word of God, in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You that in Him has been revealed all wisdom and grace, all knowledge and understanding, all truth and hope, all life and light. And thank You, Father, that in Him You have spoken to us, Your children. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Ernest Mendler

Numbers 14: 5-9

1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Faithful is He Who Has Called Us"

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.

Solo

Where Can I Turn for Peace?

Joleen G. Meredith

Maureen Saepia-Chen (Soprano)

*Where can I turn for peace?
Where is my solace when other sources
Cease to make me whole?
When with a wounded heart, anger, or malice,
I draw myself apart, searching my soul?
Where, when my aching grows, Where, when I languish,
Where in my need to know, where can I run?
Where is the quiet hand to calm my anguish?
Who can understand? He, only One.
He answers privately, reaches my reaching
In my Gethsemane, Savior and Friend.
Gentle the peace He finds for my beseeching*

Constant He is and kind, Love without end.

*** 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.**

*** Hymn No. 669**

God of Grace and God of Glory

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Trio Sonata No. 4 (III. Un poco Allegro)

J.S. Bach

Announcements

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Maureen Saepia-Chen, Sue Nicholas, and Jim Nicholas for leading the music for today's service!

QUEENS COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Queens Community Children's Choir will be starting its spring semester soon! The group will meet on eight Thursdays (3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11). Each class will take place at 5:00 pm in the music room at Church on the Hill. Children of all ages are welcome to join! Please either register on the church's website or email our music director Sean Cotty at sean.cotty@churchonthehill.org.

COMMUNITY CONCERT AT COTH

The next community concert will be Saturday, 2/25 at **2:00 pm** in the sanctuary. Sean Cotty, Kelsey Sheldon, and Steve Max will present a program of all French works. This will include cello, piano, and organ pieces by Franck, Debussy, Fauré, Duruflé, and Rameau. As always, this program is free and open to the public. There will be a reception to follow in Gessner Hall.

BIBLE STUDY

The next Zoom Bible Study dates will be February 21st and 28th at 7 pm. These will be the two classes for the month of February. We will be discussing the book, **Seven Last Words**, An Invitation To A Deeper Friendship with Jesus, by James Martin, SJ. The Zoom link can be found in the Weekly Email.

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 making weekly deliveries of bags of food for children at PS 116Q! The bags 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 - LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Service with Rev. Carlos Rivera

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

Glenda Burke

The Family of

Rosina Cuticone

Joanne Dunckhahn

Randy Eastman

Janet Fiala

Ariana Han

Thomas Degnen

Gregory Happ

Richard Iovale

Lynn Lauterbach

Christina Lee

Kathy Meyer

The Redfern family

William Rudnick

Patrick Sullivan

Virginia Young



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