

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 “Out of the Depths”

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

Throughout this Lenten journey, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. We thank you, Lord Jesus, not only for the privilege of believing in you but of suffering for you as well so that we may also be glorified with you. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of the body, we were called to peace. And let us be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. Whatever we do, let us do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. **This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.** Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy

Spirit. **The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with the calling of Christ by faithful obedience to his call. Amen.**

* **Hymn No. 465**

Out of the Depths

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you have shown us such love and stretched out your arms to draw us into your embrace. Yet we so often fail to show that love within our lives or recognize its source. Forgive our short-sightedness, for the times we've failed to see your love in the generosity of friend or stranger, the shoulder to cry on, willing ear to listen, or word of encouragement. Forgive us for failing to notice how much you care for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Solo Sonata in B minor Op. 1, No. 9 (I. Largo) G. F. Handel
Soloist- Simon Walsh, Flute

Prayer of Illumination

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Ernest Mendler

Numbers 32: 1-7

Hebrews 3: 7-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Enter Your Rest"

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

Syrinx, L. 129

Claude Debussy
Soloist- Simon Walsh, Flute

*** 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. 339**

How Long, O Lord?

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue in G Major BWV 541

J.S. Bach



Announcements

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Simon Walsh and Maureen Saepia-Chen for leading the music this morning!

COMMUNITY CONCERT AT COTH

Mark your calendars for a concert at COTH on **Saturday, March 18th at 2:00 pm** in the sanctuary. Croatian pianist Augustin Simat will present a recital of Romantic and Baroque works by Chopin, Liszt, Scarlatti, and Bach. As always, this program is free and open to the public. There will be a reception to follow.

WOMEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

All women are invited to our annual Women's Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 12th at 9:00 am. March is Women's History Month and our theme will be Church on the Hill Women's History. Don't miss it! Please RSVP in person to Ginny Chan or call the church office (718) 358-3671.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

The next Zoom Bible Study date will be February 28th at 7 pm. We will discuss Chapter 3, Jesus Understands a Parent's Love. 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. *We are unable to accept: Electronics, TVs, Furniture, 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

Glenda Burke

The Family of

Rosina Cuticone

Joanne Dunckhahn

Randy Eastman

Janet Fiala

Ariana Han

Thomas Degnen

Gregory Happ

Eugene Hoover

Richard Iovale

Lynn Lauterbach

Christina Lee

Kathy Meyer

The Redfern family

William Rudnick

Jimmy Schehr

Patrick Sullivan

Virginia Young



The sanctuary is looped for the hard of hearing. In order to connect to the system, please sit in the north set of pews (on your right when you enter the sanctuary) and set your hearing device to the "T" setting.



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