

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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10:30 A.M.



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Rev. I. Douglas Estella – Stated Supply

Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Improvisation on Shenandoah Sean Cotty

Welcome

Votum

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

* **Hymn No. 115**

Fairest Lord Jesus

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,*

Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,

And all the twinkling, starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,

Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be thine!

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

Steal Away

Arr. Brian Tate

Steal away, steal away,

Steal away to Jesus.

Steal away, steal away home

I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, He calls me,

He calls me by the thunder,

The trumpet sounds within-a my soul;

I ain't got long to stay here.

*Green trees are bending,
Poor sinner stands a-trembling,
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.*

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

Maureen Saepia-Chen

Exodus 34: 29-35

Luke 9: 28-36

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“God Unveiled”

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[†] 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

Alleluia Round

William Boyce

Alleluia

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

All Things Come of Thee, O Lord

*All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we given thee.*

***Hymn No. 562**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
Triumph over shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near,
Daystar, in my heart appear!*

*Dark and cheerless is the dawn
'Till your glories shine on me;
Joyless is the day's return
'Till your mercy's beams I see:
As they inward light impart,
Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.*

*Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief:
More and more yourself display,
Shining to the perfect day!*

***Benediction**

Response (*seated*)

Grant us peace.

Postlude

Eugene Gigout

Dona Nobis Pacem

Toccata in B-minor

Sean Cotty



Announcements

Music Note

"Steal Away" is one of the most beloved of African American Spirituals. Unlike many spirituals, the authorship of this song is credited to Wallis Willis, a Choctaw freedman, composed sometime before 1862. As with many spirituals there are layers of meaning, the song being both a religious song and an Underground Railroad song with hidden messages for the means of escape.

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. Add your name and email to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or send an email to the church office at office@churchonthehill.org.

PRAYER LIST

Please reach out to the church office if you would like to add a name to the prayer list. Email office@churchonthehill.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings and ministries of Church on the Hill!

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

Keeping in mind the continued health and safety of church staff and members of our community, the Consistory at Church on the Hill has decided to close the Bargain Boutique until it is refurbished. We will not accept donations at this time.

Zoom Coffee Hour

Join us after the service for the [Zoom Coffee Hour](#)! It's a chance to catch up with your friends and to hear the latest news of what's happening outside your house!

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. Thank you!

Edward Bausman

Diane Blagburn

Susan Brooks

Angela Brunjes

The Family of

Evelyne Gillen Buscher

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