

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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Rev. Carlos Rivera

Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Improvisation on Londonderry Air (*Danny Boy*)
Sean Cotty

Welcome

Votum

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, to whom our hearts are open, our desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the gracious power of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

(During the following hymn, Children At Worship will process to Room 2-E.)

* **Hymn No. 2** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love: We confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name.

(Prayers of Silent Confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

In our baptisms, we have been adopted by God. **We are God's beloved children, and brothers and sisters to one another.** In our baptisms, we have been washed by Jesus Christ. **We are forgiven; our shame and guilt are wiped clean.** In our baptisms, we have been anointed with God's Spirit, **We are temples of the Holy Spirit and signs of God's restorative work.** In our baptisms, we have been called to God's mission. **We are disciples, followers of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, called to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.**

Anthem O Jesus Christ, My Life and Light by J.S. Bach

*O Jesus Christ my life and light,
My help, my strength, my rock of might,
On earth naught am I but a guest,
By sin's great burden sore oppressed.*

Prayer of Illumination

All-knowing and all-caring God, we are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, And bathe us in the streams of living water. Through Christ our Lord we pray,
Amen.

Scripture Readings

Maureen Saepia Chen

Jeremiah 31: 33-34
Hebrews 10: 19-22

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Returning”

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 Set Me As A Seal by Joseph M. Martin

*Set me as a seal upon your heart,
As a seal upon your arm.
For love is stronger than death.
Many waters cannot quench love.
Neither can the rivers drown it;
For love burns brighter than flame,
More unyielding than the grave.
Love is a gift of perfect grace.*

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

*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. 193**

O Love, How Deep, How Broad

*O Love, how deep, how broad, how high,
How passing thought and fantasy:
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake.*

*For us baptized, for us he bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptations sharp he knew,
For us the tempter overthrew.*

*For us he prayed, for us he taught,
For us his daily works he wrought,
By words and signs and actions, thus
Still seeking not himself, but us.*

*For us to evil power betrayed,
Scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death,
For us gave up his dying breath.*

*** Benediction**

Response *(please be seated)*

Set Me As A Seal (fragment)

For love is stronger than death.

Postlude Sonatina from "Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit"

("God's Time Is Best") by J.S. Bach (arr. Alexandre Guilmant)



This

is a

New

Covenant ...

I will forgive

their wickedness

and will remember

their sins no more.



Announcements

New Consistory Members

In May, church members in good standing will elect new Consistory members. The current members whose terms are ending are: Dana Chan, Dorien Day, Maureen Saepia-Chen and Jeanne Sarran.

Children at Worship — COTH's Children's Ministry will begin again!

Last week Jeanne Sarran started a six-week program for children at worship, which runs to April 10, 2022. The program is open to children, ages 5 to 12. During the service, the children will process out and be led to the Music room, where the focus for the lessons will be on the life of Jesus; his teaching and parables. Sharing the Good News with our children!

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!

Teresa (*anonymous*)

Diane Blagburn

Angela Brunjes

Ralph Carnesecchi

Jack & Marie Collins

Lucas Ditta

Annie Jankowski

Connie McKinstry

The Family of

Charles Mendler

Nicole Phillips

Jeni Pollack

Debi Romanolrene Sirotnak

The Thomas Family

Alex Ubertini

Gunnar Wisserman

Virginia Young



Buildings & Grounds

Consistory Reps.: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

Christian Education & Youth

Chair: Jeanne Sarran

Community, Mission & Outreach

Chair: Heather Allison

Community Nursery School Board

President: Ginny Chan

Consistory Rep: Rhoda Jabbour

Congregational Care

Chair: Angela Brunjes

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Chair: Doris Krsnak

Consistory Rep: Margret Dougherty

Personnel

Chair: Dana Chan

Worship & Music

Chair: Irma Schubert

*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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Consistory & Staff

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