

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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Revs. William and Lynn Hanousek — Guest Pastors

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude

Adagio in G minor

J.S. Bach

Maxfield Parish, Violin

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

Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus, guide us on the path toward our destination, and renew our strength as we continue to walk and commune with you. Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us; open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love; and empower us to pass on to others the grace you have shared with us so freely. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

This is the good news which we proclaim to you. **Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!** Walk in the light of his love. **Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.** Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death. **Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.**

* Hymn No. 2

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Trio Trio Sonata in G Minor (l. Mesto) Georg Philipp Telemann
Simon Walsh (flute), Maxfield Parish (violin)

Prayer of Illumination

Open our eyes that we may see. Open our ears that we may hear.
Open our hearts that we might accept your word for our lives. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Ernest Mandler

Luke 24: 13-36

p. 860-861

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"On the road to Emmaus... and belief!"

Rev. Bill Hanousek

* 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.

About the Music

Know your Hymnal.

With the choir off this week, Music Notes focuses on something that is part of each worship service; *The Worshiping Church: A Hymnal*. Today we will look at one hymn and detail the information that is on the page. If you wish to follow along with this note, open your Hymnal to #2, *Holy, Holy, Holy*. Top left is "The Trinity." Each hymn is under a subject category and you can find all the categories and sub-categories in the Table of Contents which precede the hymns. Then comes the title and number. Under the title, you will see the scriptural reference, most often for the first line of the text. There are instances where the reference will reflect the primary focus of the hymn. Below the music on the left, you will find the name of the author/translator/adaptor of the text. The next line shows the composer/arranger or source of the music. Both lines include the date of writing or first publication. On the bottom right you will see (#2) the word NICAEA. This is the name of the hymn tune. Tunes might be named for an event – in this case the Council on Nicaea; the name of the composer (e.g., BEECHER [Henry Ward Beecher], #558, 701, and 789); place (e.g., AUSTRIAN HYMN, #17, 694, 710); the first line of the hymn (e.g., FOR THE BREAD, #772). You will note that some tunes are the music for multiple hymns. The final entry on the lower right is a series of numbers – 11.12.12.10. These numbers tell us that the hymn has four lines; the 1st line has 11 syllables, the 2nd and 3rd have 12 each, and the 4th has 10. As with the tune names, this reference allows for substitutions – any hymn with the same line/syllable construction can substituted for any other. Some hymns will have a different notation, L.M., which stands for Long Meter, and all L.M. hymns have four lines each with eight syllables.

But perhaps the most important thing to know about any hymn isn't on the page at all. It is that when we sing, we join a centuries-old tradition of congregational singing as an important part of worship.

Announcements

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Simon Walsh and Maxfield Parish for providing the music at this morning's service!

BIBLE STUDY

The next Zoom Bible Study date will be **April 18th at 7 pm**. We will discuss Chapter 6, Jesus Understands Disappointment. 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.

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*

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. A sign-up form can be found on **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

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Adam Gonzalez

Ariana Han

Thomas Degnen

Gregory Happ

Richard Iovale

Anne and Bill Lannom

Lynn Lauterbach

Christina Lee

Donna Lemay

Kathy Meyer

Marti and Tom Pearce

The Redfern family

Debi Romano

William Rudnick

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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