

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 Organ Sonata No. 4 (III. Allegretto) Felix Mendelssohn

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

O God, whose holiness is not limited to grand cathedrals or saintly persons, spectacular mountains or mountain-moving leaders; O God, whose holiness is often discovered in simple everyday places and simple everyday folk, plant Your holiness in this place, in us now. Grow us this hour, that we might flower, right where we are, with the beauty of Your holiness. Through Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Give thanks to Yahweh! **Praise God's name and make known God's deeds to the nations!** Sing to God! **Sing praise and tell of all God's wonderful works.** Glory in God's holy name; **let the hearts that seek Yahweh rejoice!**

* **Hymn No. 108**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this

pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom. We fail to see your Kingdom in parables because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Solo Fantasy in f# minor (l. Con moto agitato) Felix Mendelssohn
Sean Cotty, Piano

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

Sue Nicholas

2 Corinthians 1: 1-11

p. 937-938

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"When tough times come... stop talking, start listening... start praying!"

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.

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 Rondo Capriccioso (Excerpt)

Felix Mendelssohn
Sean Cotty, Piano

*** 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. 34**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Organ Sonata No. 4 (I. Allegro con brio)

Felix Mendelssohn

About the Music

What's in the Choir Library?

If you have ever gone into the Music Room you might see a good deal of music. Perhaps half the wall space is shelving that contains numbered boxes – each with copies of a single piece of music. These are works that have been purchased over decades; some old enough to be completely falling apart. There are over 1,500 boxed pieces and we continue to add new ones. But that is not the extent of the library!

There are anthem books that might contain 40 or more individual pieces. There are also complete oratorios, and if you count the individual choruses they might have 20 individual pieces. For example, there are 17 choruses in Handel's Messiah. In total, there are probably close to 2,000 pieces that the Church's Music Director can choose from at any time. In an average year, the choir probably sings 70-80 pieces. Buried in that 2,000 total are perhaps 100 different pieces/extended works for children's or youth choirs.

All the works are categorized in two ways. A computer file has details on each numbered piece in order. There is also a card file for each piece alphabetized by title.

You will also see some bookshelves crammed with music. One contains our hymnal library with books from many of the Protestant traditions in multiple editions, as well as specialized hymnals. The other case contains individual copies of many works that can be used as references.

The Church on the Hill has invested in its music programs since its founding and the Library is a living testament to all the musicians who have helped lead its worship.

Announcements

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Jim and Sue Nicholas for leading us in song this morning!

INTRODUCTION

A native of Astoria, the Rev Bill Hanousek has served churches in Hasbrouck Heights (New Jersey), Canarsie, The Upper East Side, and Queensboro Hill (Flushing). He was ordained in 1969. Bill has led worship at Church on the Hill in the past and with his good friend, The Rev. Bob Perless, competed in numerous NYC marathons.

The Rev. Lynn Hanousek graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1989. She has served churches in the Bronx, Yonkers, and Queensboro Hill. Pastors Bill and Lynn have been married 52 years and are blessed with three children and their spouses, 6 grandchildren, and 2 cats.

BIBLE STUDY

The next Zoom Bible Study date will be **April 25th at 7 pm**. We will discuss Chapter 7, Jesus Understands Self-Offering, and the Conclusion: The Understanding Christ. 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

Glenda Burke

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Randy Eastman

Janet Fiala

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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