

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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Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Stated Supply

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

Second Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Improvisation on “O Filii et Filiae” Sean Cotty

Welcome

Votum

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty and everlasting God, who through the resurrection of Jesus Christ established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

Psalm 118

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! **Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!** Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! **Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!** Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! **Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

*** Hymn No. 255**

Good Christians All, Rejoice

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

The Lord of life is risen today;

Deaths mighty stone is rolled away:

Let every tongue rejoice and say:

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

We praise in songs of victory

That love, that life, which cannot die,

And sing with hearts uplifted high:

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

And sing today with one accord

The life laid down, the life restored:

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Prayer of Confession

O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory: holy is your name, Lord God almighty. In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God’s Wisdom for Life

Anthem Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord Donald Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia, shout for joy loud and long;

Alleluia, alleluia, sing to God a glorious new song.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!
Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and has risen!
We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.*

*Come, Let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to the Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!
Alleluia, alleluia, sing to God a glorious new song.*

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

Pearl Liao

Acts 5:27-32
John 20:19-31

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

Sermon

"Encountered by Christ"

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

God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

*God is our refuge and strength;
A present help in time of trouble
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord,
The awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people,
In all the earth

He is the Word, we are His hands,
He will lead us*

*He is the air, we are His song,
We will celebrate His presence all the day long.
God is our refuge and strength;
A present help in time of trouble
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.
Come and behold the work of the Lord,
The awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people,
In all the earth.
He is the rain, we are the stones,
He will cleanse us
He is the air, we are His song,
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.*

*** 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 Hear Our Prayer, O Heavenly Father
*Hear our prayer, O heavenly Father,
For the dear Redeemer's sake. Amen.*

* **Hymn 247** The Day of Resurrection

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "all hail" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
Now let the heavens joyful! Let earth its song begin!
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.*

* **Benediction**

Response *(please be seated)* *Sevenfold Amen*

Postlude Festive Trumpet Tune- David German

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers today are in memory of Anne and Robert Ross who were married here at the Church on the Hill on April 23, 1950.

Coffee Hour

Please join us in Gessner Hall after the service for coffee hour!

Children at Worship

The next session of Children at Worship begins on Sunday, April 24th until June 5th. The program is open to children, ages 5 to 12. During the service, the children are led to room 2-E. The seven lessons will focus on events after Jesus rose from the dead, mainly stories and people from the book of ACTS.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The meeting will take place via Zoom, on May 22nd at 1PM. During the meeting, reports on the previous year will be presented, and the congregation will vote on the annual budget, as well as new Consistory members. The following candidates have been nominated to serve on Consistory: as Elder, **Nancy Gessner** and as Deacons, **Ginny Chan and Emerson Chen**. If you'd like to join the meeting and need assistance with Zoom or require access to technology, please contact the Church Office or speak with a Consistory member.

BARGAIN BOUTIQUES

The Bargain Boutique is closed for renovations and not accepting donations at this time.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings at COTH!

Music Notes

The next "**Community Concerts at COTH**" take place on Saturdays 5/21 and 6/4 in our sanctuary at 4:00pm. As always, performances are free and open to the public.

The Queens Community Children's Choir will resume group instruction for a short 5-week semester on Thursday afternoons from 5-6pm in the Music Room at COTH. This will run every Thursday from 4/28 to 5/26. Contact Sean Cotty by email at sean.cotty@churchonthehill.org or call the church office at (718) 358-3671. All children are welcome. This program is free and open to the Queens community.

Andela Memorial

The memorial for Andrew and Roslyn Andela is May 14, at 2PM. If you have a memory of the Andela's that you would like to share, please send it to: **office@churchonthehill.org**

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. Thank you!

Teresa

Diane Blagburn

Christina Boll

Family of

Evelyne Gillen Buscher

Barbara Burns

Jack & Marie Collins

Lucas Ditta

Annie Jankowski

Betsy Mahowald

Ruben and Eva Munoz

Connie McKinstry

Jean Mendler

Joan Petigo

Nicole Phillips

Jeni Pollack

The Redfern family

Rueben Rodriguez

Debi Romano

Kathleen & Robin

Bernard & Eva

Jennifer & Douglas

Shelina Surujballi

Gerald Surujballi

The Thomas Family

Virginia Young



Buildings & Grounds

Consistory Reps.: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

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Community, Mission & Outreach

Chair: Heather Allison

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Consistory Rep: Rhoda Jabbour

Congregational Care

Chair: Angela Brunjes

Finance

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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