

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Improvisation on "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Sean Cotty

Welcome

Votum

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

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

* **Hymn No. 212**

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

*When I was sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!*

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

Blest Be The Name Of Jacob's God
(from: Six English Psalms) - Franz Joseph Haydn

*Blest be the name of Jacob's God,
Whose love in happiest hour bestowed,
Has given within my lot to fall
The strong built city's guarding wall.*

*A while with uncollected mind,
As banished from thy fight I pined;
But thou thy servant's prayer hast heard,
In anguish of my heart preferred.*

*Ye souls, devoted to his fear,
With thankful love thy God revere;
Who wakes your chosen train to guard,
And deals to pride its just reward.*

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

Helmut Beron

Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Keep Your Eye on the Prize!”

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 This Do In Remembrance of Me Judy Hunnicutt

*This do in remembrance of me;
Keep this feast and together we'll be.
This do in remembrance of me;
Till you come to my kingdom*

*This is my body, broken for you,
Take and eat in remembrance of me.
Broken that you might rise up from death
Into a life everlasting.*

*This is my blood, I shed it for you.
Take and drink in remembrance of me.
Shed that you might rise up from death
Into a life everlasting.*

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.***

The Communion Service

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!



The Communion—Words of Institution

(We partake of the Bread.)

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

(We partake of the Cup.)

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and do not forget all his benefits—**

Who forgives all your iniquity, **who heals all your diseases,**

Who redeems your life from the Pit, **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, **so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

As far as the east is from the west, **so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children, **so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**

Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him. **Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore.**

Amen. *(From Psalm 103, with additions)*

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. 213**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

* **Benediction**

Response *(please be seated)*

Dona Nobis Pacem

Postlude

Fugue in D-Minor

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Music Notes

On Saturday, April 23rd, we will resume our **Community Concert Series**. This performance at 4:00pm in the COTH sanctuary, will focus on the musical form Theme and Variations. Pianist, Steve Max, will perform Rzewski's "The People United Will Never Be Defeated!," based on a popular Chilean song. Organist, Raphael Attila Vogl, will perform his own transcription of Reger's Variations on a Theme by Mozart. As always, performances are free and open to the public. The next concerts take place on Saturdays 5/21 and 6/4 in our sanctuary at 4:00pm.

The Queens Community Children's Choir will resume group instruction. This will be a short 5-week semester on Thursday afternoons from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in the Music Room at COTH. This will run every Thursday from 4/28 to 5/26. Please 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.

Coffee Hour Has Returned

Following the service, **please join us downstairs in Gessner Hall** for a time of fellowship at Coffee Hour. Everyone is welcome!

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 has begun again!

Jeanne Sarran began 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 be led to Room 2-E, 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. Send an email request 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 at COTH!

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

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



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

Diane Blagburn

Christina Boll

Barbara Burns

Jack & Marie Collins

Evelyn dePalo

Lucas Ditta

Annie Jankowski

Connie McKinstry

The Family of

Charles Mendler

Joan Petigo

Nicole Phillips

Jeni Pollack

Debi Romano

Kathleen & Robin Surujballi

Bernard & Eva Surujballi

Jennifer & Douglas Surujballi

Shelina Surujballi

Gerald Surujballi

The Thomas Family

Virginia Young



Buildings & Grounds

Consistory Reps.: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

Christian Education & Youth

Chair: Jeanne Sarran

Community, Mission & Outreach

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Community Nursery School Board

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Chair: Doris Krsnak

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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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