

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America  
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**April 9, 2023**

**10:30 AM**



**Revs. William and Lynn Hanousek — Guest Pastors**

**Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director**

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Easter Sunday

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

### Prelude

“Sarabande” from Partita No. 1  
Primavera - Ludovico Einaudi

Bach/ Grandjany  
Ludovico Einaudi  
Emily John, Harp

### 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 of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere. **Amen.**

### Call to Worship

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed.** We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed.** We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always. Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.**

#### \* Hymn No. 234

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

## Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew our whole creation. We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear. We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weaknesses. Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

### **Anthem**

King All- Glorious

George M. Vail

Soloist- Maureen Saepia-Chen

*Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love:  
When he had purged our stains, He took a seat above.  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! The Lord is King!  
King all-glorious, Lord of Hosts almighty,  
Thou art revealed in victory, o'er all the world ascended,  
King all-glorious! Thou art revealed in victory.  
Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem  
Drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity. Amen.*

## 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

John 20: 1-21

Helmut Beron

p. 882-883

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“You Gotta Be Kidding, Right?”

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<sup>†</sup> Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

<sup>†</sup> *The word "catholic" means "universal,"  
referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.*

**Anthem**

Christ Our Passover

William Macfarlane

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:  
Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Not with old leav'n, neither with  
The leaven of malice and wickedness,  
But with the unleavened bread  
of sincerity and truth  
Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:  
Death hath no more dominion over Him.  
For in that He died, He died unto sin once:  
But in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.*

*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:  
But alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Christ is risen, is risen from the dead:  
And become the first fruits of them that slept.  
For since by man, for since by man came death:  
By man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam, for as in Adam all die:  
Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*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.*

**\* 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**

Fantasy on "Lord of the Dance/ Simple Gifts and Grandjany Pastorale"  
Emily John, Harp

**\* Hymn No. 254**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

**\* Benediction**

**Response** (please be seated)

Hallelujah Chorus (From "The Messiah)

G. F. Handel

*Hallelujah!*

*For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!*

*Hallelujah!*

*The kingdom of this world is become*

*The kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ!*

*And he shall reign for ever and ever!*

*King of kings and Lord of lords!*

*King of kings and Lord of lords!*

*And He shall reign forever and ever!*

*Forever and ever!*

*Hallelujah!*

**Postlude**

Trio Sonata No. 4 in E minor (III. Un Poco Allegro)

J.S. Bach

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### *About the Music*

There is only one music note for Easter Sunday — He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

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## **Announcements**

### **CHILDREN AT WORSHIP - COTH'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

There is no Children at Worship today. All children are welcome to participate in our Easter Egg hunt in lieu of coffee hour.

### **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\* Please hold donations until after Easter, when the boutique is open on 4/15.

### **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](http://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](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org)*

Diane Blagburn

Glenda Burke

Joanne Dunckhahn

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



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# *Easter Donations 2023*



## *Music Fund*

**In appreciation of our dedicated Search Committee**

*By Hong and Ginny Chan*

**In memory of my parents, Dorothy and Joseph  
Altman**

*By Doris Cosmatos*

**In memory of Arnold and Betty Gessner**

*By Nancy Gessner*

**In memory of Yvonne Clark, Beryl Sealy, and  
Rudolph Gittens**

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**In memory of our parents, Ernest and Eileen  
Mendler, and Charles and Mildred Iovale**

*By Jean and Gerry Mendler*

**In appreciation of Sean Cotty and the COTH Choir**

*By Larry and Catherine Molino*

**In memory of Marina and Dino Tomasi**

*By Franchesca Pearlman*

**In appreciation of all the people who help to keep  
COTH running smoothly**

*By Adriene and Bill Toy*

**In appreciation of loved ones, here and gone**

*By Sue and Jim Nicholas*

## *Food For Kids*

**In appreciation of our COTH family**

*By Junie and Lexy Chan*

**In memory of William Knese**

*By Brenda DeMelo*

**In memory of our three little girls, Jeanne Marie  
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*By The DeMelo, Knese, and Proschel Families*

**In appreciation of Jeanne and Steve Sarran**

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*By Jan Sanislo*

**In appreciation of Our Church Family**

*By Steve and Jeanne Sarran*

**In memory of Alfred Ubertini**

*By Joan Ubertini*

**In memory of Loved Ones**

*By Edward Uebler*

## Community Concerts

**In appreciation of Sean Cotty  
and our magnificent Choir**

*By Angela Brunjes*

**In appreciation of Emerson  
Chen and Michael Chan and  
their expertise in technology**

*By Nancy Gessner*

**In appreciation of Church on  
the Hill**

*By Larry and Catherine Molino*



## Sanctuary Technology

**In appreciation of Rhoda Jabbour**

*By Dana Chan*

## Carillon/ Church Bells

**In memory of those I have loved**

*By Irma Schubert*

