

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America  
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**11:00 a.m.**



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**Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director**  
Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

**Welcome to worship at Church on the Hill!  
We're so glad you have joined us this morning. Please  
read the following for more details about the worship  
service.**

**\*\*Please silence your cell phones prior to the service\*\***

The sanctuary and pews have been thoroughly cleaned in preparation for worship today. During the worship service, we ask that you continue to **wear your masks for the duration of the service**. The congregation is invited to join in responses and the hymn singing—we ask that you **speak and sing at a conversational volume**. We have opened as many windows as possible in the sanctuary to increase ventilation. Please **do not attempt to open the windows that are closed**. Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary; **on your way out of the sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plates**. At the conclusion of the service, **please wait to be dismissed** by the ushers, allowing us to clear any video equipment in the aisle. We ask that you take your bulletin with you and do not leave it in the sanctuary. Bathrooms are available for use in Gessner Hall. There will be no coffee hour after the service.

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE                      Improvisation on *Frère Jacques*                      Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

You invite us, O God to live in your ways,  
and you give us to each other to know and to love  
as we journey in this life.

Show us your will for all creation.

Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts  
so that we may honor what you have made. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN No. 258

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

*Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!*

*to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!*

*Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!*

*Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!*

*There for him high triumph waits, Alleluia!*

*Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!*

*He has conquered death and sin, Alleluia!*

*Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!*

*See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!*

*yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!  
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!*

*See! he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!  
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully  
as creatures in need of your constant care.**

**We confess that we have neither heard your word  
nor followed your will.**

**We have failed our nation, neighbors, families,  
friends, and ourselves.**

**Give us ears to hear your wisdom  
and renew us in your strength. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM

*Lord, for Thy Tender  
Mercies' Sake*

Richard Farrant

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past  
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;  
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart  
before thee now and evermore.*

# PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 1:1-6

John 17:6-19

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Belonging to the World*

Rev. Dr. Ian  
Rottenberg

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.*

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Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
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the awesome acts of God.  
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*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.*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come 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.**

## 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. 130

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.*

*He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;*

*the humble poor believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.*

## BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *May the Grace of Christ Our Savior  
May the grace of Christ our Savior  
and the Father's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favor,  
rest upon us from above. Amen.*

POSTLUDE *Little Fugue in G Minor* J.S. Bach



# Announcements

## Annual Congregational Meeting

All are encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting on **today at 1pm**. The meeting will take place virtually via Zoom – a link has been included in the weekly emails. During the meeting, Vice President of Consistory, Jeanne Sarran, and other committee members will report on the previous year, and the congregation will vote on the annual budget and new Consistory members. The following candidates have been nominated to serve: **Rhoda Jabbour as Elder** and **Heather Allison as Deacon**.

Join us as we celebrate the ministry of Church on the Hill and look ahead to the coming year!

## Clothing Drive

One World Girl is working with Bottomless Closet, an organization that supports disadvantaged NYC women who are re-entering the workforce to organize a clothing drive! Now **through May 23rd**, we will be collecting some "most needed" women's clothing items:

- **Blazers**
- **Suits**
- **Tops (size Large and up)**
- **Black Pants (size 12 and up)**
- **Plus Size and Flat shoes. (No high heels)**

All items should be interview/career appropriate, clean and in good condition - No casual clothing please! Please put all donations in a plastic bag. **\*\*If you plan on dropping off donations during the week, please make an appointment with Molly in the church office.**

## Weekly Calendar

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings and ministries of Church on the Hill!

## Bargain Boutique

The Bargain Boutique will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Please hold all donations until we re-open.

## *Prayer Requests*

*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office*

Miram Allen	Gerry & Jean Mandler
Barbara Andrade	Miller Family
Deegan Family	Sarah Mundy
Diane Blagburn	Ruben & Eva Munoz
Susan Brooks	Dalton-Prager Families
Lillian Calfa	Laura Prager
Marilyn Cooney	Racquel Prager
Henry Detreville	Barbara Rogers
Janet Fiala	Rosemary Vazquez
John & Hazel Gittens	Alison Venable
Rosemarie Graffeo	Alex Young
Virginia Haggart	John Young
Helen Hunt	Joan Werbel
Hank Klushin	Buck
Betty Kwong	Dilip
Lynn Lauterbach	Carole
Nancy Lee	Robin
Jorge & Tiffany Martinez	



### **Community, Mission & Outreach**

Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

### **Community Nursery School Board**

President: Ginny Chan  
Consistory Rep: Dorien Day

### **Congregational Care**

Chair: Angela Brunjes

### **Buildings & Grounds**

Chair: Joe Macaluso  
Consistory Rep: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

### **Christian Education & Youth**

Chair: Jeanne Sarran

### **Finance**

Chair: Doris Krsnak  
Consistory Rep: Margret Dougherty

### **Personnel**

Chair: Dana Chan

### **Worship & Music**

Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

\*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.

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*Consistory & Staff*

Jeanne Sarran, **Vice President**

Nancy Gessner, **Clerk**

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Dorien Day

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