

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

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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 Hyfrydol

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 263

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne:

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty

flood. Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his

blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty

days were o'er shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am

with you evermore"

*With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still;
Thy cross before to guide me.*

*And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.*

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

1 John 4:7-21

John 15: 1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HANGING IN THERE

Rev. Doug Estella

ANTHEM

Hallelujah (from "Mount of Olives") Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God's almighty Son.

*Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs,
in holy songs of joy.*

Man proclaim his grace and glory,

Hallelujah, unto God's almighty Son.

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Confession of Faith

Great is the mystery of the faith:

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

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. 776

Let Us Break Bread Together

*Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.*

[Refrain]

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on St. Columba

Sean Cotty

Announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting

All are encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, May 16th at 1pm**. The meeting will take place virtually via Zoom – a link will be 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
Deegan Family	Miller Family
Diane Blagburn	Sarah Mundy
Blake Family	Ruben & Eva Munoz
Susan Brooks	Dalton-Prager Families
Lillian Calfa	Laura Prager
Marilyn Cooney	Racquel Prager
Henry Detreville	Barbara Rogers
Janet Fiala	Patty Thorp
John & Hazel Gittens	Rosemary Vazquez
Rosemarie Graffeo	Alison Venable
Herbert Family	Alex Young
Helen Hunt	John Young
Hank Klushin	Joan Werbel
Betty Kwong	Buck
Lynn Lauterbach	Dilip
Nancy Lee	Carole
Jorge & Tiffany Martinez	Robin



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.



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.



Consistory & Staff

Jeanne Sarran, **Vice President**

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