

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 *Veni Creator Spiritus* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 298

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of ours.*

*O raise our thoughts from things below,
from vanities and toys,
then shall we with fresh courage go
to reach eternal joys.*

*Awake our souls to joyful songs;
let pure devotion rise,
till praise employs our thankful tongues,
and doubt forever dies.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
and that shall kindle ours.*

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. (all continue to pray in silence) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM *Teach Me, O Lord* Thomas Attwood
*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
and I shall keep it, unto the end.*

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

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Christ for the Nations

Rev. Doug Estella

ANTHEM

Festive Praise

Allen Pote

*Sing to the Lord a song of praise,
a wonderful, marvelous song.
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart,
a wonderful, marvelous song.
Alleluia, amen.*

*Come, come rejoice,
as you sing you will lift up your voices
in praise and thanksgiving to God.*

*Sing all of the heavens,
sing of the glory of God
Sing all of the earth rejoice!
Sing of the glory
the marvelous glory of God.*

*Sing a new song
with the lute and the harp.*

*Make melody
with the sound of the lyre.*

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises,
Rejoice and be glad
for the Lord is our God.*

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

*Hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us
and grant us thy peace.
Amen.*

*HYMN No. 289

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

*Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of the earth to thrones on
high;
living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.*

*Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ:
you we praise with endless worship for your fruits and gifts
unpriced.*

*Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry;
quickenning, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive
sinners free;*

*Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God

*Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing -*

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel The Spirit

Richard Elliott

Announcements

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



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