

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 *Aberystwyth* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 461

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

*Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!*

*Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, O leave me not alone, still support comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.*

*Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find;
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the
blind.*

*Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.*

*Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my
sin; let the healing streams abound; make and keep me
pure within.*

*Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our
sins. You alone know how often we have wandered from
your ways, wasted your gifts, and forgotten your
love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us, and help us
to live in your light and to walk in your ways. We ask this in
the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

Vocalise

S. Rachmaninoff

Soloist: Simon Walsh, Flute

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 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Surmounting Faith"

Rev. Doug Estella

SOLO

Ave Maria

William Gomez

Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

(Sung in Spanish)

Hail Mary, full of grace,

the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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. 92

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*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.*

Crown him the Lord of life,

*who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear and sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Overture from Music for
the Royal Fireworks*

Handel

Announcements

Mother's Day Flowers

Pick up a carnation after the service in honor of Mother's Day!

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**.

Meeting Questions

If you have questions you would like to have addressed at the Annual Meeting, please submit them to the church office at **office@churchonthehill.org** by **May 12th**.

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*

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| 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**

Nancy Gessner, **Clerk**

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