

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

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10:30 AM



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Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Stated Supply

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

Third Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

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Prelude Improvisation on "Duke Street" Sean Cotty

Welcome

Votum

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Psalm 118

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! **Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

* **Hymn No. 239**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

*I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everliving Head!
He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule his church in love.
He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;*

*He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend!
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!
He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!*

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. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

Near the Cross

Letha Cole

Soloist - Elizabeth Mahowald

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calvary's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest,
Beyond the river.
Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star*

Shed his beams around me.

*Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow over me.*

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.*

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest,
Beyond the river.*

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

Dorien Day

Revelation 5: 11-14

John 21: 1-19

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Restoring Relations"

Rev. Doug Estella

* **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[†] Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

[†] The word "catholic" means "universal,"
referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.

Anthem

Softly and Tenderly

Will L. Thompson

Arr. Wallingford Riegger

Soloists - Dorien Day and Elizabeth Mahowald

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me,
See at the portal He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home,
Ye who are weary come home.
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.
Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading?
Pleading for you and for me.
Why shall we linger in heed not His mercies?
Mercies for you and for me.
Think of the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home,
Ye who are weary come home.
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.*

* 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.*

The Communion Service

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Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna is the highest!

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been

gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The Communion—Words of Institution

(We partake of the Bread.)

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

(We partake of the Cup.)

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and do not forget all his benefits—**

Who forgives all your iniquity, **who heals all your diseases,**

Who redeems your life from the Pit, **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, **so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

As far as the east is from the west, **so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children, **so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**

Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him. **Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.** *(From Psalm 103, with additions)*

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

Cast thy burden upon the Lord
Felix Mendelssohn

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord,
And he shall sustain thee;
He never will suffer the righteous to fall:
He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great
And far above the heavens:
Let none be made ashamed
That wait upon thee.*

*** Hymn 242**

In the Garden

*I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

*I'd stay in the garden with him
Though the night around me be falling,
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

*** Benediction**

Response (please be seated) My Peace Keith Routi

*My peace I give unto you.
It's a peace that the world cannot give.
It's a peace that the world cannot understand,
Peace to know, peace to live.
My peace, I give unto you.*

Postlude Organ Sonata No. 4 (Finale - Allegro Maestoso)
Mendelssohn

Announcements

Coffee Hour

Please join us in Gessner Hall after the service for coffee hour!

Children at Worship

Children at Worship began on Sunday, April 24th and will run until June 5th. The program is open to children, ages 5 to 12. During the service, the children are led to room 2-E. The seven lessons will focus on events after Jesus rose from the dead, mainly stories and people from the book of ACTS.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The meeting will take place via Zoom, on May 22nd at 1PM. During the meeting, reports on the previous year will be presented, and the congregation will vote on the annual budget, as well as new Consistory members. The following candidates have been nominated to serve on Consistory: as Elder, **Nancy Gessner** and as Deacons, **Ginny Chan, Adriene Toy and Emerson Chen**. If you'd like to join the meeting and need assistance with Zoom or require access to technology, please contact the Church Office or speak with a Consistory member.

BARGAIN BOUTIQUES

The Bargain Boutique is closed for renovations and not accepting donations at this time.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings at COTH!

The Queens Community Children's Choir will resume group instruction for a short 5-week semester on Thursday afternoons from 5-6pm in the Music Room at COTH. This will run every Thursday from 4/28 to 5/26. Contact Sean Cotty by email at sean.cotty@churchonthehill.org or call the church office at (718) 358-3671. All children are welcome. This program is free and open to the Queens community.

Music Notes

Thank you to Dorien Day and Elizabeth Mahowald for providing the music this Sunday!

Please join us for the next **“Community Concert at Church on the Hill,”** Saturday, May 21, at 4PM, when Elizabeth and Joe Mahowald will perform *“An Evening On Broadway,”* a concert of theater music. Beatus Musica will perform June 4. More information to follow!

Andela Memorial

The memorial for Andrew and Roslyn Andela is May 14, at 2PM. If you have a memory of the Andela's that you would like to share, please send it to: **office@churchonthehill.org** no later than May 9th.

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. Send an email request to the church office at **office@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. Thank you!

Teresa

Diane Blagburn

Christina Boll

Family of

Evelyne Gillen Buscher

Barbara Burns

Jack & Marie Collins

Lucas Ditta

Annie Jankowski

Betsy Mahowald

Marie & Rick Mark

Connie McKinstry

Jean Mendler

Joan Petigo

Nicole Phillips

Jeni Pollack

The Redfern family

Rueben Rodriguez

Debi Romano

Kathleen & Robin

Bernard & Eva

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Gerald Surujballi

The Thomas Family

Virginia Young



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Chair: Doris Krsnak

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Chair: Dana Chan

Worship & Music

Chair: Irma Schubert

*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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