

# Church on the Hill

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

**May 14, 2023**

**10:30 AM**



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**Dr. Prophet F.W. Hood — Guest Preacher**

**Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director**

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

**Prelude**

Ave Maria

Schubert

**Welcome**

\* **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

**Votum**

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

**Sentences of Scripture**

**Prayer of Invocation**

Gracious God, on this day of the festival of the Christian Home, the celebration of Mother's Day, the witness to the eternal love of Christ, remind us that we are responsible for caring for each other. We are called to lift up rather than tear down; to support rather than abandon, to reach out when others have turned away. Give us hearts of love that, in all places and times, we may be a witness to the hope that is found in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

The Lord is our refuge. **We can find peace in God's abiding love.** When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord. **When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.** Welcome this day to God's house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One. **We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary. Amen.**

\* **Hymn No. 247**

The Day of Resurrection

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Patient and forgiving God, we come to you this day. For many there is a celebration of Mother's Day and all that our mothers have given to us and taught us; but for some, these memories are too painful, of those who could not parent, who were afflicted. Remind us that your blessings are poured out in many ways, through many people. Give us the confident faith that reaches beyond our own lives to help others. Forgive us when we sink into our own selfishness and pettiness. For it is in those times that we turn our back on you. Bring us back to you, to the awareness of your eternal love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life**

Christ, our cornerstone and our salvation, offers to us hope and comfort. On this Mother's Day Sunday, this Festival of the Christian, help us to make our home in you. Amen.

## **Anthem**

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love; my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed.  
By this we worship and are freed.*

*Amen.*

## **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.**

John 19: 25-28

p. 882

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Imagine That”

Dr. Prophet F.W. Hood

**\* 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<sup>†</sup> Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

<sup>†</sup> *The word "catholic" means "universal,"  
referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.*

**Anthem**

Ave Maria

Jacques Arcadelt

(translation)

*Hail Mary, full of grace,*

*The Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou among 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.

**\* 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.***

**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. 532**

Be Thou My Vision

**\* Benediction**

**Response** (please be seated)

For The Life That You Have Given

*For the life that you have given,  
For the love in Christ made known,  
With these fruits of time and labor,  
With these gifts that are your own:  
Here we offer, Lord, our praises;  
Heart and mind and strength we bring;*

*Give us grace to love and serve you,  
Living what we pray and sing.*

**Postlude**

Chorale No. 3 in A Minor (excerpt)

Franck

## **Announcements**

### **FLOWERS**

The pink carnations on the chancel are given by Julian and Elliot Krsnak, with love and in honor of their mother, Paige. They will be distributed following the service.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Dr. Prophet F.W. Hood has been chosen by God to walk in the office of Prophet. He is an ordained Baptist minister that serves as the founder of F.W. Hood Ministries. Prophet Hood has a specialized Educational, Homiletics, and Spiritual Formation Ministry that is orchestrated by the Holy Ghost to create a Prophetic Ministry that fully nurtures, cultivates, and nourishes the individual in a holistic manner. Transforming the individual while empowering communities as well.

Dr. Hood received his Bachelor's Degree in Humanities at The College of New Rochelle, a Master of Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, a Master of Religion and Religious Education in Spiritual Direction from Fordham University, and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Transformational Preaching from New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Dr. Hood's secular ministry has been in the field of social services, working for programs that service those who are homeless, who suffer abuses of all kinds. Those living with HIV/AIDS, rape victims, drug/alcohol abuse, and those involved in drug treatment (family court). He has served in many capacities from counselor to outreach coordinator to job developer to developing and conducting seminars. Prophet Hood states, "I have learned and experienced a lot through serving the needs of others and have become the better for it." He continues to say, "The life of any servant of God is not an easy life and as I say often to those that I Minister to, a walk with God is intense but a walk in God is sublime." My Prophetic walk in God has not made me popular or made me welcome, however, what it continues to do is fashion my life in a way that honors God, and a life of devotion which pleases God.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Please join us for coffee hour after the service, downstairs in Gessner Hall.

## CHILDREN AT WORSHIP - COTH'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Sunday Program for children ages 5 to 12 is ongoing. During the service, the children will process out and be led to Room 2-E.

## BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

The Bargain Boutique is open on Saturdays from 10 am- 1 pm. Donations are accepted on Saturdays only. \*We are unable to accept: Electronics, TVs, Furniture, Textbooks\*

## 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. A sign-up form can be found on **[churchonthehill.org](http://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](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org)*

Diane Blagburn

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Susan Laurita

Lynn Lauterbach

Christina Lee

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Kathy Meyer

Paul Mobius

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Debi Romano

William Rudnick

Patrick Sullivan

Ed Surujballi

The Umana Family

Virginia Young



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