

# Church on the Hill

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

**May 15, 2022**  
**10:30 AM**



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**Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Stated Supply**

**Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director**

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

# Women in Ministry Sunday

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

**Prelude**           Improvisation on “Be Thou My Vision”   Sean Cotty

**Welcome**

**Votum**

Jeanne Sarran

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

**Sentences of Scripture**

**Prayer of Invocation**

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. This we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

Sarah White

There are different spiritual gifts, **but the same Spirit.** There are many of us, **but the same Spirit who gives to us all.** There are different ministries, **and the same Lord.** There are many places for us to serve, **and the same Lord who calls to us all.** There are different activities, **but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.** There are many of us, **and one God who calls and equips us for service.**

**\* Hymn No. 374**

**Now Thank We All Our God**

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,*

*Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;*

*Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

**Prayer of Confession**

Maureen Saepia Chen

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from your truth and from your holy will. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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

**Anthem**

Sing Unto God

G.F. Handel

*Sing unto God, and high affections raise,  
To crown this conquest with unmeasured praise.*

## **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**

Nancy Gessner

Acts 18: 1-4, 24-26

John 13: 31-35

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

“Partners in Ministry”

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<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**

Lift Thine Eyes (from Elijah) Felix Mendelssohn  
Featuring the Women of the COTH Choir

*Lift thine eyes to the mountains,  
Whence cometh help.  
Thy help cometh from the Lord,  
The Maker of heaven and earth.*

*He hath said, Thy foot shall not be moved:  
Thy keeper will never slumber.  
Lift thine eyes to the mountains,  
Whence cometh help.*

## **\* 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**

Dorien Day

### ***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**

Let the Words of My Mouth

*Let the words of my mouth  
And the meditation of my heart  
Be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord,  
My strength and my Redeemer.  
Amen.*

## **\* Hymn**

## **God of the Women**

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10 ("Be Thou My Vision")

*God of the women who answered your call,  
Trusting your promises, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth -  
Give us their courage to live in your truth.*

*God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,  
Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more -  
May we give freely as they did before.*

*God of the women long put to the test,  
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,  
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" -  
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.*

*God of the women who ran from the tomb,  
Prayed with the others in that upper room,  
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day -  
May we so gladly proclaim you today.*

**\* Benediction**

**Response** *(please be seated)*      *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord lift his countenance upon you,*

*And give you peace.*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon you,*

*And be gracious unto you.*

*Amen.*

**Postlude**

Fugue in G- Minor BWV 542

J.S. Bach



# 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!

## Music Notes

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!

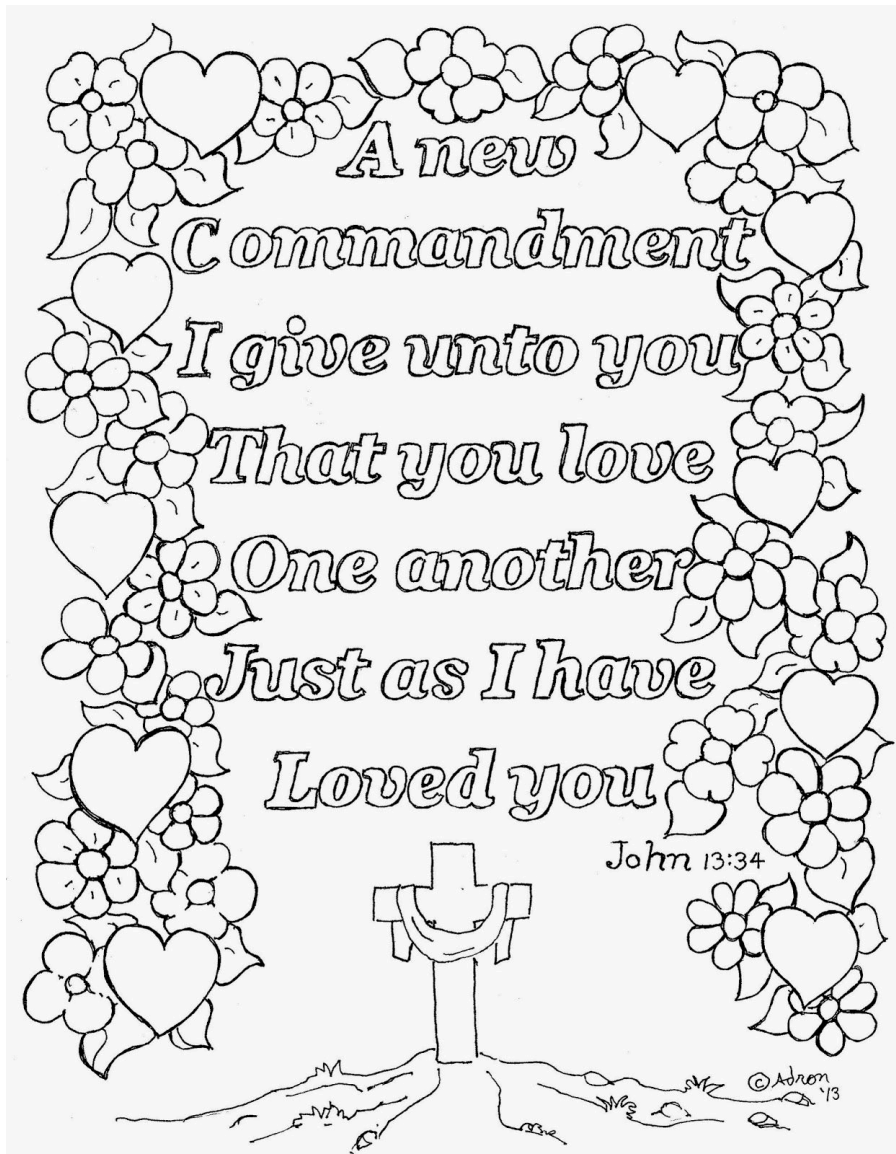
**The Queens Community Children's Choir** will resume group instruction for a short 5-week semester on Thursday afternoons from 5-6pm in the Music Room at COTH. This will run every Thursday from 4/28 to 5/26.



Contact Sean Cotty by email at [sean.cotty@churchonthehill.org](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org). Thank you!

Teresa

Diane Blagburn

Christina Boll

Family of

Evelyne Gillen Buscher

Barbara Burns

Jack & Marie Collins

Lucas Ditta

Randy Eastman

Jayne Halley

Annie Jankowski

Betsy Mahowald

Marie & Rick Mark

Connie McKinstry

Jean Mendler

Joan Petigo

Nicole Phillips

Jeni Pollack

The Redfern family

Debi Romano

Kathleen & Robin

Bernard & Eva

Jennifer & Douglas

Shelina Surujballi

Gerald Surujballi

The Thomas Family

Virginia Young



### **Buildings & Grounds**

**Consistory Reps.:** Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

### **Christian Education & Youth**

**Chair:** Jeanne Sarran

### **Community, Mission & Outreach**

**Chair:** Heather Allison

### **Community Nursery School Board**

**President:** Ginny Chan

**Consistory Rep:** Rhoda Jabbour

### **Congregational Care**

**Chair:** Angela Brunjes

### **Finance**

**Chair:** Doris Krsnak

**Consistory Rep:** Margret Dougherty

### **Personnel**

**Chair:** Dana Chan

### **Worship & Music**

**Chair:** Irma Schubert

\*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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