

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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10:30 AM



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Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Guest Pastor
Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director
Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Improvisation on Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Sean Cotty

Welcome

Votum

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

Sentences of Scripture

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

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon earth. **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.** The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. **May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

* **Hymn No. 25**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor to all people in distress. Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like, he tends and spares us; all our hopes and fears he knows. In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him, you behold him face to face. Sun and moon bow down before him; all who dwell in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of Grace.

* **Prayer of Confession**

Psalm 51

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

For The Beauty Of The Earth

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies*

(Refrain)

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise*

*For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light*

*For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild*

*For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven*

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

Revelation 21: 10, 22 - 22: 5

John 5: 1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Source of Our Healing" 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 All Things Bright and Beautiful John Rutter

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,*

The Lord God made them all.

*Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sing,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.*

*The purple headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;*

*The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one;*

*He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.*

*** 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

All Things Come of Thee, O Lord

*All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we given thee.*

*** Hymn No. 634**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this
barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty - hold me with
thy powerful hand: Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed
me till I want no more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no
more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream
doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my
journey through: Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou
still my strength and shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still
my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears
subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me
safe on Canaan's side: Songs of praises, songs of praises I
will ever give to thee, (give to thee,) I will ever give to thee.*

*** Benediction**

Response *(please be seated)*

Sevenfold Amen

Postlude

Fugue in Eb

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour has been suspended until further notice.

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, **today**, 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

Beatus Musica will perform June 4 at 4pm. More information to follow!

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

Randy Eastman

Janet Fiala

Jayne Halley

Annie Jankowski

Betsy Mahowald

Marie & Rick Mark

Connie McKinstry

Jean Mandler

Kathy Meyer

Joan Petigo

Nicole Phillips

Jeni Pollack

The Redfern family

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Kathleen & Robin

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Jennifer & Douglas

Shelina Surujballi

Gerald Surujballi

The Thomas Family

Virginia Young



Buildings & Grounds

Consistory Reps.: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

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Community Nursery School Board

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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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Consistory & Staff

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