

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 — Guest Pastor
Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director
Rev. Robert A. Perless — Pastor Emeritus

The Ascension of Our Lord

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Improvisation on “The Star Spangled Banner”
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

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; **shout to God with loud songs of joy.** For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, **a great king over all the earth.** God has gone up with a shout, **the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.** Sing praises to God, sing praises; **sing praises to our King, sing praises.** For God is the king of all the earth; **sing praises with a psalm!**

* **Hymn No. 734**

Christ High- Ascended

* **Prayer of Confession**

Psalm 51

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips fail to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a

consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us the grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Solo Flute Sonata No. 5 in E Minor (Movement III- Andante)
J.S. Bach 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

Acts 1: 1-11

Ephesians 1: 15-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Ascended" 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.*

Solo

Flute Sonata No. 5 in E Minor (Movement I- Adagio ma non tanto)

J.S. Bach

Soloist- Simon Walsh, Flute

*** 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.**

*** Hymn No. 260**

All Authority and Power

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata from Suite pour Orgue, Op. 5

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Announcements

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Simon Walsh and Maureen Saepia-Chen for providing the music for today's service!

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour has been suspended until further notice.

ELDER AND DEACON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

On June 26th, during worship, Nancy Gessner will be installed as an Elder, and Emerson Chen will be installed as a Deacon. Ginny Chan and Adriene Toy will be ordained and installed as Deacons. We express our immense gratitude to Dorien Day, Elder, and to Deacons Jeanne Sarran, Dana Chan, and Maureen Saepia-Chen for their faithful service!

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.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

There is a collection box located by the entrance to the Church where we accept donations of boxed/canned goods throughout the year.

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

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

On Saturday, June 4th, we will resume our **Community Concert Series**. The performance at 4pm brings Beatus Musica to our sanctuary to feature piano, violin, and vocal selections from composers like Gershwin, Chopin, and Brahms. As always, performances are free and open to the public.

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

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Jennifer & Douglas

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Gerald Surujballi

The Thomas Family

Virginia Young



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Chair: Irma Schubert

*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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