Church on the Hill

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

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

Welcome to worship at Church on the Hill! We're so glad you have joined us this morning. Please read the following for more details about the worship service.

Please silence your cell phones prior to the service

The sanctuary and pews have been thoroughly cleaned in preparation for worship today. During the worship service, we ask that you continue to wear your masks for the duration of the service. The congregation is invited to join in responses and the hymn singing—we ask that you speak and sing at a conversational volume. We have opened as many windows as possible in the sanctuary to increase ventilation. Please do not attempt to open the windows that are closed. Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary; on your way out of the sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plates. At the conclusion of the service, please wait to be dismissed by the ushers, allowing us to clear any video equipment in the aisle. We ask that you take your bulletin with you and do not leave it in the sanctuary. Bathrooms are available for use in Gessner Hall. There will be no coffee hour after the service.

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* - Congregation Stands

PRELUDE

Variations on a Theme by Robert Schumann, Op. 9

Brahms

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 559 Make Room Within My Heart, O God Make room within my heart, O God, that you may form in me the image you have shown in Christ, my very life to be. Inspire my thought, O lofty One, to reach the highest plane, that I may know the mind of Christ, and him as greatest gain.

Direct my will, O King of kings, subject it to your own, that every impulse, action, word, may make your kingdom known. Effect my prayer, great Trinity, eternal Three in One, combine each part of me to praise the Father, Spirit, Son.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast God, you reach out to us in mercy even when we rebel against your holy call and prefer to walk in disobedience rather than in the way of your divine truth. Soften our hearts with the warmth of your love, that we may know your Son alive within us. Redeem and raise us up into your eternal presence. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

Sonata in A Minor for Solo Flute C.P.E. Bach (Movement I) 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

Psalm 20

Matthew 13:1-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Sower: The Word in the World

Rev. Doug Estella

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried: he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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.

SOLO

Flute Sonata in Eb Major (Movement II – Siciliano) Simon Walsh, Flute

J.S. Bach

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. 328 God's Holy Ways Are Just and True God's holy ways are just and true, his promises are ever new, O praise him, alleluia!

Let every heart with praises sing and make this house with voices ring;
O praise him, O praise him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Bring back to mind his grace and love, our needs provided from above;
O praise him, alleluia!
He kept his word and Jesus came to make a people for his name;
O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tell once again his deeds of old, the story of our mighty God, O praise him, alleluia! For all his glorious works and ways we shall rejoice through endless days; O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Etude in C

Etude in C Major, Op. 10 No. 1

Chopin

Announcements

Parables of Jesus

Throughout the summer, Pastor Doug will be speaking on the parables of Jesus. We will allow them to impress us with not only their wisdom but to grip us with their power to impact our lives and change us.

Weekly Calendar

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings and ministries of Church on the Hill!

Bargain Boutique

The Bargain Boutique will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Please hold all donations until we re-open.

Prayer Requests

If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list, please contact the church office

Miram Allen

Barbara Andrade

Bermudez Family

Deegan Family

Diane Blagburn

Susan Brooks

Lillian Calfa

Marilyn Cooney

Henry Detreville

Janet Fiala

John & Hazel Gittens

Elnora Cristi Gordon

and Family

Rosemarie Graffeo

Virginia Haggart

Carol Hughes

Helen Hunt

Hank Klushin

Betty Kwong

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Nancy Lee

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

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Ross Family

Rosemary Vazquez

Alison Venable

John Young

Joan Werbel

Dilip

Katie



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*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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