Church on the Hill

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

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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

Children's Day

BOLD – Congregation responds

* - Congregation Stands

Prelude Improvisation on Themes by Mendelssohn

Sean Cotty

Welcome

Intro to Camp Warwick

Christina Schaub

* 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 Vincent Han

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

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

God of steadfast love and mercy, remind us once again that in Jesus Christ everything has become new. For far too often, things seem as they have always been, old habits die hard, difficult situations linger, and failures from our past linger. We look for your promised newness but cannot see it. Speak to us again of your new creation. Open our eyes to its presence in our lives. Call us forth to claim this newness, that we may be healed and made whole. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Annabelle White

In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation. **Everything old has passed away. Everything has become new.** This newness is from God, who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ. **Rejoice and be glad! Everything has become new.**

* Hymn No. 470

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

O God, when we keep silent about our sin, we waste away with regret and guilt; we feel your hand upon us, and our strength dries up. And so, we acknowledge our sin to you, holding nothing back, for you are a hiding place for us; we trust in you to preserve us. Forgive us and reclaim us, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Attila Sanislo

Steadfast love surrounds those who put their trust in God, for God forgives the guilt of their sin. Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven! Be glad in God! Amen.

Anthem

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Prayer of Illumination

Lexy Chan

Open our eyes that we may see. Open our ears that we may hear. Open our hearts that we might accept your word for our lives. **Amen**.

Scripture Readings

Lia Sanislo

John 6: 4-14

p. 867

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"When Little Becomes Much"

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† 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

But The Lord is Mindful of His Own

Felix Mendelssohn

But the Lord is mindful of His own, He remembers His children. Bow down before Him, ye mighty, for the Lord is near us.

* 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

ASL Signed by the Children

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

This Little Light of Mine

Sung by the Children

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

* Hymn No. 518

He's Got the Whole World

* Benediction

Response (please be seated) May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

May the grace of Christ our Savior And the Father's boundless love, With the Holy Spirit's favor, Rest upon us from above. Amen.

Postlude

Fugue in D Minor

Mendelssohn

About the Music

Felix Mendelssohn's (1809-1847) "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own" begins with the word "But." As this suggests, the piece is not a stand-alone work; it is from the oratorio "St. Paul." The previous movement is part of a section designated *The Conversion of Saul* and is titled "And Saul made havock (sic) of the Church." This text is from Acts 8:3. Mendelssohn follows this tale of Saul's persecution of the Church with our anthem inspired by comforting messages to believers: Psalm 115:12 – "The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us..."; 2 Timothy 2:19 – "But God's firm foundation stands..."; and Philippians 4:5 —" The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything...".

Many books have been written about Mendelssohn. One interesting fact is that, although his grandfather, Moses Mendelssohn, was an important Jewish philosopher, Felix was raised without religion. At age seven he was baptized into our Reformed tradition. Also of interest is his full surname; Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. The Bartholdy addition was suggested by his uncle who averred, "There can be no more a Christian Mendelssohn than there can be a Jewish Confucius." There were other additions to Felix's name and the complete version is Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy.

Announcements

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

On July 9th, during worship, Linda Diez will be ordained, and she and Sarah White will be installed as elders. Jerry Lutz will be ordained and installed as a Deacon. We express our immense gratitude to Elders Angela Brunjes and Irma Schubert for their faithful service!

CHILDREN AT WORSHIP - COTH'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The program will conclude for the summer with today's Children's Day service, and resume in the fall.

COFFEE HOUR

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

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

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

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Prayer Requests

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