

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Guest Pastor

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

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Prelude Improvisation on “Veni Creator Spiritus” 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, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! **Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

* **Hymn No. 289**

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

* Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

Come Down Lord

Stan Pethel

Come down Lord; Dwell among us today.

Come down Lord; Send your spirit, O Lord we pray.

We are gathered in your name, Lord,

We are here to lift you up;

We are praising who you are, Lord,

You're the life that fills our cup.

We're believing all you taught us,

As we live from day to day;

We are asking for your blessing.

And as one we come to say:

Come down Lord; Dwell among us today.

Come down Lord; Send your spirit, O Lord we pray.

We are in your loving family,

We are one in heart and soul;

We rejoice in your salvation,

For your Word has made us whole.

Bless the infants, bless the children,

*Bless the young and bless the old;
Be our Master be our Shepherd;
As we gather in your fold.*

*Come down Lord; Dwell among us today.
Come down Lord; Send your spirit, O Lord we pray.*

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

Elizabeth Mahowald

Acts 2: 1-21

Romans 8: 14-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Witness of the Spirit”

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

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

Harold W. Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve thee faithfully.*

*** 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.*

The Communion Service

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna is the highest!

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body



and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The Communion—Words of Institution

(We partake of the Bread.)

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

(We partake of the Cup.)

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and do not forget all his benefits—**

Who forgives all your iniquity, **who heals all your diseases,**

Who redeems your life from the Pit, **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, **so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

As far as the east is from the west, **so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children, **so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**

Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him. **Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

(From Psalm 103, with additions)

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

Hear Our Prayer, O Heavenly Father

Hear our prayer, O heavenly Father,
For the dear Redeemer's sake. Amen.

*** Hymn No. 297**

Spirit of the Living God

*** Benediction**

Response *(please be seated)*

Come Holy Ghost

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heavenly aid
To fill the hearts which thou hast made.*

Postlude

Improvisation on "Come Holy Ghost"

Sean Cotty

Announcements

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!

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!

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!

Family of

Evelyne Gillen Buscher

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Jayne Halley

Betsy Mahowald

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Jean Mendler

Kathy Meyer

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Chair: Irma Schubert

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