

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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10:00 a.m.



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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 Improvisation on “Plainfield” Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 471 Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

*What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of
Jesus*

*O! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*For my pardon this I see: Nothing but the blood of Jesus
for my cleansing, this my plea: Nothing but the blood of Jesus
O! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Nothing can for sin atone: Nothing but the blood of Jesus
naught of good that I have done: Nothing but the blood of Jesus
O! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*This is all my hope and peace: Nothing but the blood of Jesus
this is all my righteousness: Nothing but the blood of Jesus
O! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

Just As I Am

William B. Bradbury

Soloist: Dorien Day

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,

O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

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 103: 1-14, 20-22

Luke 15: 11-32

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Tale of Two Sons” 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

Victory in Jesus

Eugene Monroe Bartlett

Soloist - Dorien Day

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me.
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me
with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him,
and all my love is due Him.
He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to
see.

And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me
with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him,
and all my love is due Him.
He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood

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. 518

He's Got the Whole World

He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Jeremiah Clarke

Announcements

Christmas in July!

Church on the Hill will be celebrating Christmas in July by collecting canned goods for the food pantry at First Reformed Church in College Point. Bring your canned goods to church on Sunday, July 25th!

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
Family of Bill Brendel
Deegan Family
Diane Blagburn
Susan Brooks
Lillian Calfa
Marilyn Cooney
Henry Detreville
Janet Fiala
John & Hazel Gittens
Gordon Family
Rosemarie Graffeo
Virginia Haggart
Carol Hughes
Helen Hunt
Kean Family
Hank Klushin

Krieg Family
Betty Kwong
Lynn Lauterbach
Nancy Lee
Jorge & Tiffany Martinez
Gerry & Jean Mendler
Miller Family
Molino Family
Sarah Mundy
Ruben & Eva Munoz
Prager Families
Racquel Prager
Barbara Rogers
Ross Family
Rosemary Vazquez
Alison Venable
John Young
Joan Werbel
Katie



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