

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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Andrew Springer — Guest Preacher

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Improvisation on “You’re a Grand Old Flag” Sean Cotty

Welcome

* **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

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

Sentences of Scripture

Matthew 10: 37-39

Prayer of Invocation

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life, we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

(Psalm 108: 1-4)

Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready! **We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!** We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations. **For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

* **Hymn No. 358**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Prayer of Confession

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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Friends, hear the good news. In Christ Jesus, our sins have been forgiven.

Solo Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled Oley Speaks
Soloist- Emerson Chen

*Let not your heart be troubled,
Ye believe in God, believe also in me.
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you;
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.*

Prayer of Illumination

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

Jeanne Sarran

Genesis 22: 1-14

p. 15-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "How Far Would You Go For God?" Andrew Springer

* **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

God Bless America

Irving Berlin
Soloist- Emerson Chen

*While the storm clouds gather
Far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance
To a land that's free.
Let us all be grateful
For a land so fair,
As we raise our voices
In a solemn prayer.
God bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her,
And guide her,
Through the night with
A light from above.
From the mountains,
To the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America
My home, sweet home,*

*God bless America,
My home, sweet home.*

*** 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. 418**

America, the Beautiful

*** Benediction**

Response (please be seated)

God Be With You

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude

The Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa

Announcements

INTRODUCTION

Andrew Springer is a journalist, producer, entrepreneur, and starting this August, a first-year seminarian at Yale Divinity School. He's been active in the church his whole life and has spent the first part of his career working for ABC News and NBC News. Recently, he launched his own startup focused on bringing the news to young people through Snapchat and TikTok. He lives in Red Hook with his partner Anthony and their rescue pup Porkchop. He's excited to be here with you today!

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Emerson Chen for singing this morning!

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Next Sunday, 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!

COFFEE HOUR

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

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

The Bargain Boutique is open 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

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

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Debi Romano

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The Umana Family

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