

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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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

Single Petal of a Rose

Duke Ellington

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

Isaiah 40: 31

Prayer of Invocation

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

(Psalm 89: 1-4)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; **with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.** I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; **your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.** You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" **Praise the Lord! Amen.**

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.

Anthem

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
And I shall keep it, unto the end.*

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life! Help us now to hear and obey what you say to us today. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Dorien Day

Romans 8: 12-25

p. 919

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“So... What Next?”

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.*

Anthem

Lead Me, Lord

Wesley

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,
Make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only
Makes me dwell in safety.*

*** 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. 661

Be Strong in the Lord

* 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

Improvisation on "Shall We Gather at the River?"

Evan Swanson

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 before launching his own startup focused on bringing the news to young people on Snapchat and TikTok. He lives in Red Hook with his partner Anthony and their rescue pup Porkchop. He's excited to be back at Church on the Hill today!

SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT

We are helping First Reformed Church of College Point collect school supplies again this year to provide to their food pantry families. There are lists of needed supplies on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We have a collection box for donations at the entrance of the Church. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can place your donation in the offering plate during worship. You can also give via our online giving platform, Tithe.ly, to the "School Supply Project" Fund. **Donations should be received no later than August 20th.**

PRAYING FOR RESTORATION

Your Regional Synod is saddened over the disaster and hardship some of our churches are experiencing due to recent storms that caused major flooding in some areas. Our hearts and prayers go out to all the churches impacted by the storm. For churches that need it, the Regional Synod of New York will provide some funding to assist with clean-up.

We realize that all this will take time, so the Regional Synod is preparing to provide initial clean-up assistance to assist the churches in continuing ministry.

To support the effort of our regional synod and help our fellow churches and their communities we are asking for donations to aid this effort. Donations may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, sent to the church office, or given via Tithe.ly under the Regional Synod - Flood Relief fund.

Please make checks out to Church on the Hill and indicate 'Flood Relief' in the memo line.

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Evan Swanson and our Chancel Choir for providing the beautiful music this morning!

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* *Please hold donations until further notice.*

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. A sign-up form can be found on **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

Diane Blagburn

The Family of

Anna Marie Brennan

The Family of

Glenda Burke

Joanne Dunckhahn

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Adam Gonzalez

Thomas Degnen

Lucas Ditta

Gregory Happ

Susan Laurita

Richard Iovale

Lynn Lauterbach

Christina Lee

Donna Lemay

Kathy Meyer

Paul Mobius

The Redfern family

Debi Romano

William Rudnick

Patrick Sullivan

Ed Surujballi

The Umana Family

Virginia Young

The Prayer List will be getting a refresh in September - In an effort to start with a clean list, please contact the Church Office to add or remove a loved one from the list.



The sanctuary is looped for the hard of hearing. In order to connect to the system, please sit in the north set of pews (on your right when you enter the sanctuary) and set your hearing device to the "T" setting.



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