

# Church on the Hill

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

**July 3, 2022**  
**10:30 AM**



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**Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Guest Pastor**  
**Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director**  
Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

**Prelude** Improvisation on the Star- Spangled Banner 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**

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 33: 1-5

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. **Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.** Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. **For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

\* **Hymn No. 422**

O God of Every Nation

## \* Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from your truth and from your holy will. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

**Solo**

The Lord's Prayer

Alfred Hay Malotte

Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

*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 debts,  
As we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory for ever.  
Amen.*

## 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

Romans 13: 1-17

Matthew 22: 15-22

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“God and Government”

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<sup>†</sup> Church,**

**The communion of saints,**

**The forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body,**

**And the life everlasting. Amen.**

<sup>†</sup> *The word "catholic" means "universal,"  
referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.*

**Solo**

God Bless America

Irving Berlin

Soloist- Maureen Saepia-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**

**Postlude**

The Stars and Stripes Forever

John Phillip Sousa

# Announcements

## **MUSIC NOTE**

Thank you to Maureen Saepia-Chen for singing for this mornings 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](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org)**.



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.

## 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](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org). Thank you!*

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