

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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10:30 AM



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Victor Han — Guest Preacher

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude

Improvisation on “O Waly Waly”

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

1 Peter 5: 6- 11

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

Oh the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! **How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!** For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid? **For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.**

* Hymn No. 568

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

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

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the East is from the West, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Solo

Just As I Am

William B. Bradbury
Soloist- Dorien Day

*Just as I am, without one plea
But that my 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

Acts 6: 1-6

Jeanne Sarran

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Elders and Deacons”

Victor Han

* **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

Flee As a Bird

Spanish Folksong (arr. John F. Wilson)
 Soloist- Dorien Day

*Flee as a bird to the mountain,
 Thou who art weary of sin.
 Go to the clear flowing fountain,
 Where you may wash and be clean.
 Fly for the avenger is near thee,
 Call, and the Savior will hear thee.
 He on His bosom will bear thee,
 O thou who art weary of sin.*

*He will protect thee forever,
Wipe every falling tear.
He will forsake thee? No, never!
Sheltered so tenderly there.
Hasten then, the hours are flying,
Spend not the moments in sighing.
Cease from your sorrow and crying,
The Savior will wipe every tear.*

*** 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.**

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacon

Presentation of	Sarah White (Elder)
	Linda Diez (Elder)
	Jerry Lutz (Deacon)

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, do you receive in the name of the Lord, these elders and deacon as duly elected and ordained servants of Christ? **We do.**

Do you promise to encourage and pray for them, to labor together in obedience to the gospel for unity, purity, and peace of the church, the welfare of the whole world, and honor of our Lord Jesus Christ? **We do.**

* **Hymn No. 579**

I Surrender All

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Trio Sonata No. 4 (III. Un poco Allegro)

J.S. Bach

About the Music

The hymn “Flee as a Bird” – today offered as an anthem– shows text by M.B.S. Dana – a designation that understates the complexity of the author’s name. Mary Stanley Bunce Palmer (1810-1883) added Dana upon marriage to become Mary Stanley Bunce Palmer Dana. You can see that our music has the initial sequence wrong. After the death of her husband, she later remarried and became Mary Shindler. You can find her music listed under Mary Dana, Mary Dana Shindler, Mary Shindler, and Mary S.B. Dana. Apparently, she was best known as Mrs. Dana.

The anthem text draws on a multitude of Biblical texts. The source listed is Psalm 11:1. However, only the phrase “flee as a bird” comes from that Psalm. In ancient, non-Biblical, texts the phrase meant a hasty, disorganized retreat from battle but to the Psalmist the phrase is used to indicate a return to God’s love and law. For Dana, we are lone and helpless birds fleeing and seeking refuge from our sins. In today’s arrangement (by L. B. Sateren, 1913-2007) the initial indication is Legato – most generally treated as slow with notes connected and sung smoothly. When we get to the text, “Fly, for the avenger is near you” the direction is “Brighter.” The original version of the work shows a change at this point to a major key and the direction is “Agitato.” In either case, the music moves from a mood of contemplation to urgency with the arrival of the avenger. We need a place of refuge. We need God.

Announcements

INTRODUCTION

Victor Han- Upon finding God at a Tri-Annual Festival at Indiana University while in High School in 1985, started attending Staten Island Presbyterian Church shortly thereafter. In 1986, became a youth leader at SI Presbyterian Church, which kick-started my journey as a Sunday School Teacher. In 1987, became a permanent member of the Korean American Presbyterian Church in Queens (KAPCQ). In 1988, became a Sunday School Teacher for Junior and Senior High students. Taught at KAPCQ till 2005. In 1994, was certified in Reverend D. James Kennedy's Evangelism Explosion. In 2000, was ordained as a Deacon at KAPCQ and was the President of the Young Men's Group (ages 25 to 35). Attended KAPCQ until June of 2006. In 2009, started attending The Salvation Army, Flushing Corps. Shortly upon attending, became a Sunday School Teacher for High School and College Students. In 2014, promoted to Young Person Sergeant Major (Youth Elder) and led the English Ministry until June of 2016. From August of 2016 to November of 2018, attended Choongsyn Korean Church in NY (Reformed Church in America) and was a High School Sunday School teacher till November 2018. In December of 2018, started attending Church on the Hill, where I was ordained as an Elder in June of 2020.

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Dorien Day for singing this morning!

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for a special coffee hour after the service, downstairs in Gessner Hall, the last of the summer!

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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The Umana Family

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