

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 *Thaxted*

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

* HYMN No. 578

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord; make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.

Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew, turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above, to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.

Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring; in your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe; worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.

For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word, and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast God, you reach out to us in mercy even when we rebel against your holy call and prefer to walk in disobedience rather than in the way of your divine truth. Soften our hearts with the warmth of your love, that we may know your Son alive within us. Redeem and raise us up into your eternal presence. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

DUET *Softly and Tenderly* Will L. Thompson

Soloists: Dorien Day and Elizabeth Mahowald

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me,
see at the portal He's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.*

*Come home, come home,
ye who are weary come home.
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading?
Pleading for you and for me.
Why shall we linger in heed not His mercies?
Mercies for you and for me.*

*Think of the wonderful love He has promised,
promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.*

*Come home, come home,
ye who are weary come home.
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.*

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 READING

Psalm 49

Luke 12: 13-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***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.

TRIO

Lift Thine Eyes

Felix Mendelssohn

(from the Oratorio *Elijah*)

Soloists: Dorien Day, Elizabeth Mahowald
& Maureen Saepia-Chen

*Lift thine eyes to the mountains,
whence cometh help.*

*Thy help cometh from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*He hath said, Thy foot shall not be moved:
Thy keeper will never slumber.*

*Lift thine eyes to the mountains,
whence cometh help.*

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. 720

Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle

Christ, whose purpose is to kindle: now ignite us with thy fire; while the earth awaits thy burning, with thy passion us inspire.

Overcome our sinful calmness, rouse us with redemptive shame; baptize with thy fiery Spirit, crown our lives with tongues of flame.

Thou, who still a sword delivers rather than a placid peace: with thy sharpened Word disturb us, from complacency release!

Save us from satisfaction when we privately are free, yet are undisturbed in spirit by our neighbor's misery.

Thou, who in thy holy Gospel wills that we should truly live: make us sense our share of failure, our tranquility forgive. Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife; lift the smallness of our vision by thine own abundant life.

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *May the Lord, Mighty God*

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever; grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see his face and his grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

POSTLUDE

*Allegro Maestoso from
Organ Sonata No. 4*

Mendelssohn

Announcements

Music Notes

Thank you to Elizabeth Mahowald, Dorien Day and Maureen Saepia-Chen for sharing their talents with us in worship this morning!

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

Keeping in mind the continued health and safety of church staff and members of our community, the Consistory at Church on the Hill has decided to close the Bargain Boutique indefinitely.

We will not be accepting donations of any kind until further notice.

Please refer to the church website (churchonthehill.org/bargain-boutique) and weekly emails for updated information regarding the re-opening of the Boutique.

Prayer Requests

*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,
please contact the church office*

Miram Allen	Lynn Lauterbach
Barbara Andrade	Nancy Lee
Bermudez Family	Irene Sirotnak
Diane Blagburn	Jorge & Tiffany Martinez
Susan Brooks	Lesley Mazzotta
Lillian Calfa	Rhonda & Curtis Meadows
Marilyn Cooney	Gerry & Jean Mendler
Henry Detreville	Miller Family
Janet Fiala	Sarah Mundy
John & Hazel Gittens	Ruben & Eva Munoz
Elnora Cristi Gordon & Family	Barbara Rogers
Rosemarie Graffeo	Ross Family
Virginia Haggart	Rosemary Vazquez
Carol Hughes	Alison Venable
Helen Hunt	John Young
Hank Klushin	Joan Werbel
Krieg Family	Katie
Betty Kwong	Carol
Andrew LaClaustra	



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