

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America  
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**August 8, 2021**

**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 *The Solid Rock*                      Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your 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

\* HYMN No. 517

*The Solid Rock*

*My hope is built on nothing less than  
Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest upon his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way  
he then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When he shall come with trumped sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sins. You alone know how often we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, and forgotten your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us, and help us**

**to live in your light and to walk in your ways. We ask this  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO                      *Nocturne in F Minor (Op. 55, No. 1)*                      Chopin  
                                 Solost: Sean Cotty, Piano

#### 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 145

Luke 10: 25-37

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*Who is My Neighbor?*

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 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.*

## 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. 669

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

*God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient Church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flower.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn your Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us  
free our hearts to work and praise.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.*

*Heal your children's waring madness,  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

*David German*



# Announcements

## Music Notes

Thank you to Jim and Sue Nicholas for leading the hymns 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](http://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	Andrew LaClaustra
Barbara Andrade	Lynn Lauterbach
Bermudez Family	Nancy Lee
Family of Bill Brendel	Irene Sirotnak
Deegan Family	Jorge & Tiffany Martinez
Diane Blagburn	Gerry & Jean Mender
Susan Brooks	Miller Family
Lillian Calfa	Molino Family
Marilyn Cooney	Sarah Mundy
Henry Detreville	Ruben & Eva Munoz
Janet Fiala	Prager Families
John & Hazel Gittens	Racquel Prager
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	



### **Community, Mission & Outreach**

Co-Chairs: Heather Allison & Patrick Symes

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\*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.

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