

# Church on the Hill

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

**August 21, 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** Grande Pièce Symphonique (Andante) César Franck

**Welcome**

**Votum**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

**Sentences of Scripture**

**Prayer of Invocation**

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

O sing to the Lord a new song; **sing to the Lord, all the earth.** Sing to the Lord; bless his name; **tell of his salvation from day to day.** Declare his glory among the nations, **his marvelous works among all the peoples.**

\* **Hymn No. 70**

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

**Prayer of Confession**

**O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory: holy is your name, Lord God almighty. In our sinfulness we cry to you**

**to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**Solo**

Ave Maria

Bach/Gounod

Soloist- Maureen Saepia-Chen

*(Sung in Latin)*

*Hail Mary, full of grace,*

*The Lord is with you.*

*Blessed are you among women,*

*And blessed is the fruit of your womb,*

*Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,*

*Pray for us sinners,*

*Now and at the hour of our death.*

*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**

Psalm 36: 5-9

1 John 4: 7-21

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"God is Love"

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.

**Duet**

The Gift of Love  
Soloists- Emerson Chen and Maureen Saepia-Chen  
Hal H. Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love; my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed.*

*By this we worship and are freed.*

*Amen.*

**\* 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. 556**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

Fugue in C Major BWV 545

J.S. Bach

# Announcements

## MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Emerson Chen and Maureen Saepia-Chen for singing at this morning's 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!

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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](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org)*

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