

Church on the Hill

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

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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

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Prelude

Improvisation on Ode to Joy

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

O Lord Jesus Christ, who counted it all joy to give yourself to suffering and death for us, increase in us that never-ending joy which no adversity can take away. We ask this of the Father in your name and through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Psalm 66: 1-4

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.** Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. **All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.'**

* Hymn No. 20

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Prayer of Confession

1 John 1: 8-9

O God, you have taught us that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us: we humbly confess our sins to you; and we ask you to keep your promise to forgive

us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

Thy Mercy, Jehovah

Benedetto Marcello

*Thy mercy, Jehovah is in the heavens:
Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds
Thy righteousness standeth like as the strong mountains,
Thy judgements are a great deep.
O Lord, thou preservest both man and beast:
How great is thy mercy, O Lord most high.
With thee is the fountain of life;
And in thy light shall we see light.*

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

Philippians 4: 4-7

John 15: 1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Surprised by Joy"

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.*

Anthem Like As We Do Put Our Trust Charles Wesley Junior

*Like as we do put our trust in thee,
Let thy merciful kindness, oh Lord, be upon us.*

*** 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.**

Prayer Response

Abide With Me

W. H. Monk

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.*

*** Hymn No. 34**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*** Benediction**

Response (please be seated)

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee
Theodore Dubois

*Christ, we do all adore thee,
And we do praise thee forever;
For on the holy cross hast thou
The world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee,
And we do praise thee forever.*

Postlude

Mi Vals Soñado (My Dreamed Waltz)

José A. Estella

Announcements

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Steve Hoffacker, Bruce Hoffacker, Abraham Lin, and Jim Nicholas for singing at this morning's service!

The composer of today's postlude, José Anastasio Estella (1870-1943), a Spanish creole Filipino composer and conductor, was educated in Spain and expressed an emerging Philippine nationalism in his music during the Spanish and American colonialism of his lifetime. He was Rev. Doug Estella's grandfather.

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

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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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