

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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10:30 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

Córdoba

Isaac Albéniz

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthy things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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. 95 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all;
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life. that by confessing our faults and shortcomings and guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbors. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO *Sonata in A Minor (Allegro Maestoso)*
 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
 Soloist: 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

James 3: 1-12

Mark 8: 27-38

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Confessing Christ”

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.

The Communion Service

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The Communion

Words of Institution

We partake of the Bread.

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

We partake of the Cup.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, **so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,** who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him. **Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord,**

from this time forth forevermore. Amen. *(From Psalm 103, with additions)*

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.**

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

La Campanelle

Franz Liszt

Announcements

New Worship Time!

10:30A M starting today Sunday, September 12th, 2021.

Deacon Ordination and Installation

The Consistory elected Jeanne Sarran to fill Patrick Symes' position. On September 26th during worship, Jeanne Sarran will be ordained and installed as a Deacon at Church on the Hill. Many thanks to Patrick Symes for his devoted service. May he rest in peace.

Prayer List

Beginning September 12th, the prayer list will start anew. Please reach out to the church office if you would like to add or keep a name on the prayer list.

Music Notes

Thank you to Jim and Sue Nicholas for leading the hymns in worship this morning!

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

Barbara Andrade

Bermudez Family

Diane Blagburn

Susan Brooks

Lillian Calfa

Marilyn Cooney

Henry Detreville

Janet Fiala

John & Hazel Gittens

Elnora Cristi Gordon

& Family

Rosemarie Graffeo

Virginia Haggart

Carol Hughes

Helen Hunt

Hank Klushin

Krieg Family

Andrew LaClaustra

Lynn Lauterbach

Irene Sirotnak

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Lesley Mazzotta

Rhonda & Curtis Meadows

Gerry & Jean Mender

Miller Family

Sarah Mundy

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Barbara Rogers

Ross Family

Patrick Symes' Family

Alison Venable

John Young

Joan Werbel

Katie

Carol



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*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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