

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

The Sunken Cathedral

Debussy

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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. 45

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise his name - I'm fixed upon it - name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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

ANTHEM

I Love Thee

Benjamin Harlan

I love thee, my Lord;

I love thee, my Savior, I love thee, my God:

I love thee, and that thou dost know;

But how much I love thee my actions will show.

*O Jesus, my Savior, with thee I am blest,
my life and salvation, my joy and my rest:
Thy name be my theme, and thy love be my song;
Thy grace shall inspire both my heart and my tongue.*

*Oh, who's like my Savior? He's Salem's bright King;
He smiles and He loves me and helps me to sing:
I'll praise Him with notes loud and clear,
While rivers of pleasure my spirit shall cheer.*

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

Jeremiah 31: 7-14

Ephesians 1: 1-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Recipients of Blessings

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 *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the Earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.*

*O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia.*

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.**

RESPONSE

Let the Words of My Mouth

*Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord,
my strength and my Redeemer.
Amen.*

*HYMN No. 689

The Church's One Foundation

*The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation, by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,*

*her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How
long?" and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of
song.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at
rest.*

*Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is
won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with
thee.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Savior Again to Your Dear Name*
*Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we give you thanks before our worship cease,
and now departing, wait your word of peace.*

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Aurelia

Sean Cotty

Announcements

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

The prayer list has started anew. Please reach out to the church office if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

Music Notes

Thanks and welcome back to the Church on the Hill Chancel Choir!

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*

Diane Blagburn

Susan Brooks

Marilyn Harlin

Lynn Lauterbach

Curtis Meadows

Rhonda Meadows

Diane Thorp

The Family of Patrick Symes



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