

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 Improvisation on *Old Hundredth* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 130 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,*

*'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.*

*He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM *Great Lord God! Thy Kingdom Shall Endure* G.F.
Great Lord God! Thy kingdom shall endure, Handel
thy kingdom shall endure forevermore, forevermore.

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 8

Ephesians 2: 1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Made Alive by 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.

ANTHEM

In Remembrance

Buryl Red

*In remembrance of me, eat this bread,
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time,
when God's own will is done.*

*In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door,
and let your brother in.*

*Take, eat, and be comforted,
Drink and remember, too
that this is my body and precious blood,
Shed for you.*

*In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above,
but in your heart.*

Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

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.*

COMMUNION SERVICE

(See bulletin insert)

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 *Write These Words in Our Hearts*

*Write these words in our hearts,
we beseech you, O Lord.*

*HYMN No. 704 *As Songs of the Day and Daughters of Light*

*As sons of the day and daughters of light,
no longer we sleep like creatures of night,
for Jesus has died that with him we may live;
by all he has given we learn how to give.*

*One body in Christ, let all play their part:
the lazy be warned, the timid take heart;
let those who are hurt never pay back with wrong,
but serve one another: together be strong!*

*Be constant in prayer, at all times rejoice,
in all things give thanks - let God hear your voice!
Alive to the Spirit, alert to the word,
test all things, and hold to what pleases the Lord.*

*May God who first called, gave peace and made whole,
preserve us from fault in body and soul;
our Lord Jesus Christ keep us firm in his grace
until at his coming we meet face to face.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Gigout

Announcements

Join Our Email List!

Be sure to sign up for our email list to keep up with the latest Church on the Hill happenings. Add your name and email to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or send an email to the church office at **office@churchonthehill.org**.

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.

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.

Prayer Requests

*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,
please contact the church office*

The Bermudez Family
Diane Blagburn
Susan Brooks
Rosina Cuticone
Marilyn Harlin
Lynn Lauterbach
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The Family of Patrick Symes
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Janine, Madison
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