

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 *O Waly Waly* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;*

*we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish - but naught changeth thee.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light and hideth thee.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(from Psalm 51)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM *The New 23rd* Ralph Carmichael

*Because the Lord is my shepherd,
I have everything that I need.
He lets me rest in meadows green
And leads me beside the quiet stream:
He keeps on giving life to me
And helps me to do what honors Him the most.*

Even when walking through the dark valley of death,

*I will never be afraid,
for he is close beside me,
Guarding, guiding all the way,
He spreads a feast before me
In the presence of my enemies
He welcomes me as His special guest
with blessing overflowing.*

*His goodness and unfailing kindness
shall be with me all of my life,
and afterwards I will live with Him,
Forever and ever, in His home.*

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

Mark 10:17-31

Ephesians 2: 11-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Christ Our Cornerstone 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

Alleluia Round

William Boyce

***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.**

RESPONSE

Cast Thy Burden

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord,
and he shall sustain thee;
he never will suffer the righteous to fall:
he is at thy right hand.*

*Thy mercy, Lord, is great
and far above the heavens:
let none be made ashamed
that wait upon thee.*

*HYMN No. 708

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;*

*our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.*

*We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.*

*When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*
*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;
O direct us and protect us
traveling through this wilderness.*

POSTLUDE *Little Fugue in G-Minor* Bach

Announcements

Harvest Festival

Join us on the church lawn for the Annual Harvest Festival on **October 16th from 10AM to 3PM**. We are also in need of volunteers to make this event a success!

How Can you help?:

- Donate frozen meals – See Anita DeNoia at the back of the sanctuary to pick up food containers and for more information.
- Donate baked goods – Email Jean Mendler at ycrew815mom@gmail.com to sign up.
- Join the set-up and clean-up crew! – Email Nancy Gessner at puppyylr@aol.com to volunteer!
- Spread the word! Share information about the Harvest Festival with your friends, family and neighbors.

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

Please reach out to the church office if you would like to add a name to the prayer list. Email office@churchonthehill.org.

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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Neal Seltzer
The Family of Patrick Symes
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