

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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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 "Ode to Joy" Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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. 20

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!*

*All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!*

*Thou our Father, Christ our Brother
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips fail to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us the grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen

(from Psalm 51)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Wesley

*Lead me, Lord,
Lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.*

*For it is thou, Lord, only,
That makest me dwell in safety.*

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

John 13: 21-35

Ephesians 3: 14-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Rooted and Grounded in Love”

*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

Consecration

John Ness Beck

*Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice, and let it sing,
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.*

*Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be, I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

***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 *Hear Our Prayer, O Heavenly Father
Hear our prayer, O heavenly Father,
For the dear Redeemer's sake. Amen.*

*HYMN No. 121 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

*Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, thou light of all,
From the best bliss that earth imparts,
We turn unfilled to heed thy call.*

*Thy truth unchanged has ever stood;
Thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee thou art good,
To them that find thee all in all.*

*We taste thee, O thou living bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountainhead,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.*

*Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
Wherever our changeful lot is cast,
Glad when thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.*

O Jesus, ever with us stay,

Prayer Requests

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

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The Family of Patrick Symes
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