

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 *Prelude in Db Major (Raindrop)* Chopin

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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. 2 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and
sea;*

*Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

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 *Rejoice in the Lord Alway* H. Purcell

*Rejoice in the Lord alway,
and again I say, rejoice.*

*Be careful for nothing;
but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests*

be made known unto God.

*And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in your promises.

SCRIPTURE READING

Elizabeth Mahowald

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Mark 10:46-52

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In the Fullness of Time Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg

*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 *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake* Richard Farrant

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart
before thee now and evermore.*

***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

Write These Words In Our Hearts

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

*HYMN No. 638

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone;
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,

*and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Rejoice in the Lord Alway (section)* H. Purcell

*And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

POSTLUDE

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

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 accept donations at this time.

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
Lucas Ditta
Marilyn Harlin
Lynn Lauterbach
Curtis Meadows
Rhonda Meadows

Jean Mendler
Tom Mendler
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Jeni Pollack
Neal Seltzer
The Family of Patrick Symes
Diane Thorp
Janine, Madison
& Hailey Thorp



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