

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 OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE

Nocturne in C# Minor

Chopin

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 374

Now Thank We All Our God

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life, that by confessing our faults and shortcomings and guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for your and our neighbors. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM

God Gives the Song

Craig Courtney

*When time sweeps yesterday away,
It leaves behind an empty heart,
Weeping through the night
So dark and long.*

*When words are lost among the tears
When sadness steals another day,
God hears our cries
And turns our sighs into a song.*

*Sing to the One who mends
Our broken hearts with music.
Sing to the One who fills
Our empty hearts with love.*

*Sing to the One who gives us light
To step into the darkest night.
Sing to the God who turns
Our sighs into a song.*

*From heaven falls a mercy sweet,
The time for weeping now is gone;
God hears our sighs
And gives us His eternal song.*

*Sing to the One who mends
Our broken hearts with music.
Sing to the One who fills
Our empty hearts with love.*

*Sing to the One who gives us light
To step into the darkest night.
Sing to the God who turns
Our sighs into a song.*

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

Nancy Gessner

Mark 13: 1-8

Ephesians 6: 10-24

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Be Strong In The Lord!"

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 Canticque de Jean Racine Gabriel Faure

*O Lord of Hosts, How lovely are Thy dwellings.
My soul longs for Thy courts, O Lord.
My heart and flesh cry out; O lord,
For Thee my heart and flesh cry out.*

*O blest are they whose hope is forever in Thee;
Who praise Thy name,
Who sing their songs within Thy holy house.
O Lord, incline Thine ear;
Look down, my spirit longs for Thee.
A sun and shield is the Lord of Hosts.*

*O Lord of Hosts, How lovely are Thy dwellings.
My soul longs for Thy courts, O Lord.
My heart and flesh cry out; O lord,
For Thee my heart and flesh cry out.
In Thee I trust;
Look down and hear my prayer.*

***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 Lord

*Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline thine ear to us
And grant us thy peace.
Amen.*

*HYMN No. 661

Be Strong In the Lord

*Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
your mighty defender is always the same.
Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending;
Victory is sure when you call on his name.*

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
And be of good courage for he is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
And rejoice for the victory is yours.*

*So put on the armor the Lord has provided,
And place your defense in his unfailing care.
Trust him for he will be with you in battle,
Lighting your path to avoid every snare.*

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
And be of good courage for he is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
And rejoice for the victory is yours.*

*Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
Your mighty commander will vanquish the foe.
Fear not the battle for the victory is always his;
He will protect you wherever you go.*

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
And be of good courage for he is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
And rejoice for the victory is yours.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

For the Life That You Have Given

*For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises;
Heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing.*

POSTLUDE

Fugue in Eb Major

Bach

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

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The sanctuary is looped for the hard of hearing. In order to connect to the system, please sit in the north set of pews (on your right when you enter the sanctuary) and set your hearing device to the "T" setting.



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