

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 downstairs in Gessner Hall. There will be no coffee hour after the service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE Improvisation on Simple Gifts Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under His most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 376

We Gather Together

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to his name: he forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!*

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be;
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory:
Holy is your name, Lord God almighty. In our sinfulness we
cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to
speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM Great and Glorious Franz Joseph Haydn

*Great and glorious is the Lord in majesty,
Glorious in power eternal, mighty and loving Father;
Praise Him for all His exceeding greatness.
Great and glorious, mighty in awful majesty,
Let all extol Him, all extol Him forevermore.*

*Praise ye the Lord, for it is good
To sing praises unto our God.
Praise to Thy Name, Thy holy Name forevermore.*

*God is nigh to all that call, truly upon Him;
The Lord upholdeth all who fall
And gently He up-raiseth all who are bowed down.
The mighty and loving Father in power eternal,
Eternal Lord.*

*Great and glorious; call upon Him, mighty and loving,
Glorious ever in majesty, glorious ever in majesty.*

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 READINGS

Heather Allison

Revelation 1: 4-8

John 18: 33-37

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Not Of This World”

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.*

*Praise Him, O Praise Him,
O Come ye people,
Praise the Lord forever.
Sing praise to His holy name.*

*To the God of Glory
Loudest praise now bring,
Source of our Salvation,
Our Eternal King.*

*Praise Him, Praise Him,
Praise the Lord forever,
Come and praise Him,
Come and praise the Lord.*

***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

All Things Come of Thee, O Lord

*All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we given thee.*

*HYMN No. 381

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*Come, ye thankful people come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield,
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrows grown.
First the blade, then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear,
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take his harvest home,
From his field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,*

*Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come
To your final harvest home,
Gather all your people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In your presence to abide.
Come, with all your angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

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 until it is refurbished. 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

Timothy Betjeman

Austin Bird

Diane Blagburn

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