

# 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.

Restrooms are available for use downstairs in Gessner Hall.

There will be no coffee hour after the service.

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE      *The Goldberg Variations (selections)*      *J.S. Bach*

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as He is pure; that, when He comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN No. 539                      I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*I want to walk as a child of the light;*

*I want to follow Jesus.*

*God set the stars to give light to the world;*

*The star of my life is Jesus.*

*In him there is no darkness at all;*

*The night and the day are both alike.*

*The Lamb is the light of the city of God:*

*Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.  
I want to see the brightness of God;  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.*

*In him there is no darkness at all;  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God:  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ;  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.*

*In him there is no darkness at all;  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God:  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;  
and I shall keep it, unto the end.*

## 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

Maureen Saepia-Chen

Mark 12: 38-44

Ephesians 5: 1-20

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Walking the Talk”

## \*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

Ave Verum Corpus  
*(English Translation)*

Mozart

*Hail, true Body, born  
Of the Virgin Mary,  
Having truly suffered, sacrificed  
On the cross for mankind,  
From whose pierced side  
Water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]  
In the trial of death!*

**\*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.***

The Communion Service — *(see insert)*

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

Let the Words of My Mouth

*Let the words of my mouth  
And the meditation of my heart  
Be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord,  
My strength and my Redeemer.  
Amen.*

\*HYMN No. 776

Let Us Break Bread Together

*Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,*

*O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

## BENEDICTION

### RESPONSE

Savior Again to Your Dear Name

*Savior, again to your dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
we give you thanks before our worship cease,  
and now departing, wait your word of peace.*

### POSTLUDE

Etude in F Minor Op. 25 No. 2

Chopin

# Announcements

## Music Note

Thank you to Steve Max for filling in for Sean Cotty today!

## 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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The Family of Patrick Symes  
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\*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.

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