

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America  
167-07 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

**November 13, 2022**

**10:30 AM**



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**Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Guest Pastor**

**Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director**

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

**Prelude**

Improvisation on Londonderry Air

Sean Cotty

**Welcome**

\* **Sanctus**

***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!***

**Votum**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

**Sentences of Scripture**

**Prayer of Invocation**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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**

Psalm 105: 1-4

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; **make known his deeds among the peoples.** Sing to him, sing praises to him; **tell of all his wonderful works.** Glory in his holy name; **let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.** Seek the Lord and his strength; **seek his presence continually.**

\* **Hymn No. 45**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**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/God's Wisdom for Life**

#### **Anthem**

Cantique 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.*

#### **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**

Victor Han

Philippians 4: 2-5

Matthew 11: 25-30

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon**

“Gentleness: Grace Under Pressure”

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<sup>†</sup> Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

<sup>†</sup> The word "catholic" means "universal,"  
referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.

**Anthem**

Once to Every Man and Nation

David Stanley York

*Once to every Man and Nation  
Comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood  
For the good or evil side.  
By the light of burning martyrs,  
Jesus' bleeding feet I track,  
Toiling up new Calvaries ever  
With the cross that turns not back  
Though the cause of evil prosper,  
Yet 'tis truth alone is strong.  
Truth forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne.  
Yet the scaffold sways and future,*

*And behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadow,  
Keeping watch above his own.  
Amen.*

**\* 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.**

**Prayer 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. 710**

We Are Called to be God's People

**\* Benediction**

**Response** (please be seated)                      Sevenfold Amen

**Postlude**                      Prelude in G Major BWV 541

J. S. Bach

# Announcements

## **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

Stewardship Sunday will be November 20th. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge to our church. By pledging you help us plan for the fruitful use of our resources next year. Pledge cards are being mailed out and will also be available in the back of the church.

## **QUEENS COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

On Saturday, November 19th at 4:00 pm, the Queens Community Children's Choir will be hosting their fall performance in the sanctuary. They have been working hard preparing their songs this semester, and they sound great! The children will also be joined by violinist, Maxfield Panish, and pianist, Abram Korsunsky, on select songs and classical favorites of the violin/piano repertoire. As always, this performance is free and open to the public. There will be a gala reception to follow.

## **COFFEE HOUR**

Please join us for coffee hour after the service, downstairs in Gessner Hall.

## **FOOD FOR KIDS**

We are starting up our collection of food for children at PS 116Q again! The bags of food are delivered to the school on Fridays for families who otherwise might go hungry over the weekend. A list of specific foods requested can be found in the weekly email, or if you prefer, monetary donations are always greatly appreciated.

## **CHILDREN AT WORSHIP - COTH'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Jeanne Sarran has begun the Fall session of the Children's Ministry program. The program is open to children, ages 5 to 12. During the service, the children will process out and be led to Room 2-E. The focus this Fall is on the book of Exodus, chapters 1 through 14.

## **THANKSGIVING FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

There is a collection box located by the entrance to the Church where we will be collecting Thanksgiving foods to donate to College Point Reformed Church's Food Pantry. Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted.

## **BARGAIN BOUTIQUE**

The Bargain Boutique is open on Saturdays from 10 am- 1 pm. Donations are accepted on Saturdays only. \*No Electronics, No TVs, No Furniture\*

## **JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!**

Be sure to sign up for our email list to keep up with the latest Church on the Hill happenings through the weekly email and the Beacon. Send an email request to the church office at **[office@churchonthehill.org](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org)**

## Prayer Requests

If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list, or if your loved one no longer needs to be on the prayer list, please contact the church office at [office@churchonthehill.org](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org)

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Gerry Mender

Jean Mender

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Catherine Molino

Hans Plambeck

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