

Church on the Hill

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

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10:30 AM



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Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg — Guest Pastor

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Romance from “Eine kleine Nachtmusik” Mozart

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

God of light and life, we call on your name and we listen for your word. Prepare us to meet you and to meet one another with open hearts and open minds. Grant us your peace, which passes all understanding. Bless this hour, making it a holy time for your presence to take hold in our lives. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Psalm 17

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; **incline your ear to me; hear my words.** Wondrously show your steadfast love, **Guard me as the apple of the eye;** hide me in the shadow of your wings. **I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

* **Hymn No. 519**

It Is Well With My Soul

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we come before you knowing that we have not fully loved you, and that we have not fully loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. We ask forgiveness for angry words, for hurtful thoughts, and

for harmful actions. Make us whole through your love, granting us your grace that we may do better in the days to come. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

*God is our refuge and strength;
A present help in time of trouble
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.*

*Come and behold the work of the Lord,
The awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people,
In all the earth.*

*He is the Word, we are His hands,
He will lead us
He is the air, we are His song,
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.*

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Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
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*Come and behold the work of the Lord,
The awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people,
In all the earth.*

*He is the rain, we are the stones,
He will cleanse us
He is the air, we are His song,
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.*

Prayer of Illumination

Open our eyes, that we may see. Open our ears, that we may hear.
Open our hearts, that we might accept your word for our lives. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Maureen Saepia-Chen

Romans 12: 1-21

Matthew 5: 43-48

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Living Peaceably”

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

Ave Verum Corpus

Mozart

(English Translation)

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

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

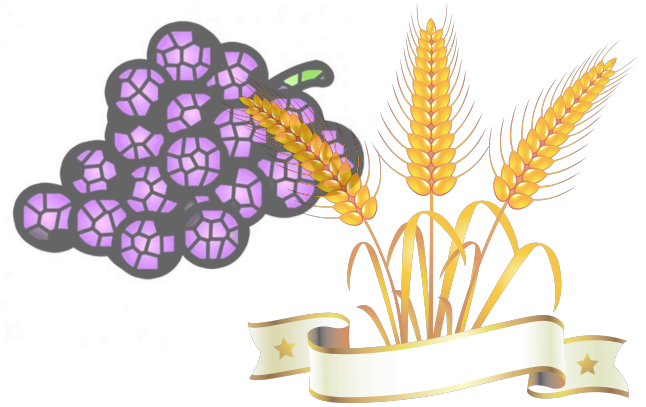
Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name saying:



Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna is the highest!

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and

these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The Communion—Words of Institution

(We partake of the Bread.)

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

(We partake of the Cup.)

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and do not forget all his benefits—**

Who forgives all your iniquity, **who heals all your diseases,**

Who redeems your life from the Pit, **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, **so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

As far as the east is from the west, **so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children, **so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**

Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him. **Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.** *(From Psalm 103, with additions)*

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 All Things Come of Thee, O Lord

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

* **Hymn No. 514** Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

* **Benediction**

Response (please be seated) Dona Nobis Pacem

Grant us peace.

Postlude Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa

Announcements

MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Save the date! All men and boys are welcome to come together for the Men's Communion Breakfast on November 13th at 9 am in Gessner Hall. Contact the office to let us know if you plan to attend.

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. 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.

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*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings at COTH!

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**

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

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Vivian Christopoulos

Anita DeNoia

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Richard Iovale

Annie Jankowski

Andrew LaClaustra

Christina Lee

Connie McKinstry

Carol Meadows

Gerry Mender

Jean Mender

Kathy Meyer

Catherine Molino

Nina Proschel

The Redfern family

William Rudnick

Patrick Sullivan

Ed Surujballi

Virginia Young



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