

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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10:30 A.M.



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Rev. I. Douglas Estella – Stated Supply

Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE Improvisation on "Ode to Joy" Sean Cotty

WELCOME

VOTUM

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Hymn No. 20

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!*

*All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast God, you reach out to us in mercy even when we rebel against your holy call and prefer to walk in disobedience rather than in the way of your divine truth. Soften our hearts with the warmth of your love, that we may know your Son alive within us. Redeem and raise us up into your eternal presence. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/GOD'S WISDOM FOR LIFE

Solo

Where Can I Turn for Peace?
by Joleen G. Meredith

*Where can I turn for peace?
Where is my solace when other sources
Cease to make me whole?
When with a wounded heart, anger, or malice,
I draw myself apart, searching my soul?
Where, when my aching grows, Where, when I languish,
Where in my need to know, where can I run?
Where is the quiet hand to calm my anguish?
Who can understand? He, only One.
He answers privately, reaches my reaching
In my Gethsemane, Savior and Friend.
Gentle the peace He finds for my beseeching
Constant He is and kind, Love without 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 READINGS

Emerson Chen

Psalm 36: 5-10

John 2: 1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Glory in the Ordinary”

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.*

Solo

Lord, Make Me an Instrument
by Jonathan Willcocks

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, may there be union,
Where there is doubt, faith;*

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is despair, let there be hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness may there be joy!*

*May we all be in peace, and only peace,
And may that peace come unto each of us.*

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.**

*Hymn No. 638

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome"* Sean Cotty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Note

Thank you to Maureen Saepia-Chen and Emerson Chen for adding so much to our service in volunteering to read **and** sing for us today!

New Year! New Members!

"Introduction to Church On The Hill" happened Sunday, January 9, 2022! We will meet on the Coffee Hour Zoom link following the service. The purpose of the class is to provide an orientation to the beliefs of the Reformed Church in America and to worship life here at Church On The Hill. The class will be led by Rev. Doug Estella.

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

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Neal Seltzer

The Family of Patrick Symes

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