

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE

Improvisation on “St. George’s, Windsor”
Sean Cotty

WELCOME

VOTUM

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Hymn No. 190

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

*Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord to you we raise,
Once revealed, when heaven's star brought the wise men from afar:
Branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem,
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.*

*God revealed at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest and king supreme,
Once revealed in power divine changing water into wine:
Cana's holy wedding guest keeping to the last the best,
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.*

*God revealed in valiant fight, conquering the devil's might,
Sins forgiven, sickness healed, life restored and God revealed:
Once revealed in gracious will ever bringing good from ill,
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.*

*Stars shall fall and heavens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made;
Christ will then like lightning shine, all will see the glorious sign:
All will then the trumpet hear, all will see the Son appear,
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.*

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

Duet

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

Soloists - Elizabeth Mahowald and Dorien Day

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.*

*Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed.
Amen.*

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

Elizabeth Mahowald

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Luke 4:14-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Mission of the Messiah”

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.*

Duet

Everywhere I Go

Natalie Sleeth

Soloists - Dorien Day and Elizabeth Mahowald

Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me.

If I call upon him, he will hear me.

Never will I fear, for the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

In the dark of night should things alarm me,

Ever in his sight no ill may harm me.

I will be of cheer, for the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

He is with me day by day, he will be my strength and stay.

From his path I will not stray but follow in his way.

In the coming days of joy or sadness,

I will praise his name with songs of gladness.

For to me it's clear that the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

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. 242

In the Garden

*I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

*I'd stay in the garden with him
Though the night around me be falling,
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Finale from Organ Sonata No. 4* Mendelssohn
Sean Cotty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Note

Thank you to Elizabeth Mahowald and Dorien Day for adding so much to our service in volunteering to read *and* lead singing for us 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 through the weekly email and the Beacon. 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*

Edward Bausman

The Bermudez Family

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Joseph Ragusa

Debi Romano

The Family of Patrick Symes

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