

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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10:30 AM



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Rev. Carlos Rivera — Guest Pastor

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Piano Sonata No. 8 (II. Adagio cantabile) Beethoven

Welcome

* **Gloria Patri**

***Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.***

Votum

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

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place. **Let us dwell in you again and again.** You are God from everlasting to everlasting. **Help us glimpse your infinite power and love today.** You sweep away the days like a dream. **Sweep away all our doubts and fears, holy God. Grant us a wise and worshiping heart.**

* **Hymn No. 429**

Let Your Heart Be Broken

Prayer of Confession

Father, you were with us in the beginning, calling us to be a spiritual presence in this community. You were with us through times of conflict, recession, and uncertainty. And here we are, still proclaiming the good news. But if our fervor has lessened, our enthusiasm for evangelism ebbed, our personal devotion grown dim. Forgive us. Awaken us to what you want us to accomplish. Send a renewed spirit to us, Lord. Give us your vision for our future. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.*

*The purple headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;*

*The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one;*

*He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.*

Prayer of Illumination

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe and believing, we

may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Steve Sarran

Leviticus 19: 33-34

3 John 1: 1-4

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Walking in Truth”

Rev. Carlos Rivera

*** 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

For The Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies*

(Refrain)

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise
For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light
For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven.*

*** 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

Write These Words in Our Hearts

*Write these words in our hearts,
We beseech you, O Lord.*

* Hymn No. 539

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

* Benediction

Response (please be seated)

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

Prelude in G Major BWV 541

J.S. Bach

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY

The Zoom Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 31st at 7 pm. There will be two classes a month. We will be discussing the book, **Seven Last Words**, An Invitation To A Deeper Friendship with Jesus, by James Martin, SJ. The Zoom link can be found in the Weekly Email.

COFFEE HOUR

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

CHILDREN AT WORSHIP - COTH'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Sunday Program for children ages 5 to 12 is ongoing. During the service, the children will process out and be led to Room 2-E.

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.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

There is a collection box located by the entrance to the Church where we accept donations of boxed/canned goods throughout the year.

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, No Textbooks*

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

Diane Blagburn

Glenda Burke

Joan Centor

The Family of

Rosina Cuticone

Joanne Dunckhahn

Randy Eastman

Janet Fiala

Ariana Han

Richard Iovale

Lynn Lauterbach

Christina Lee

Kathy Meyer

The Redfern family

William Rudnick

Patrick Sullivan

Virginia Young



The sanctuary is looped for the hard of hearing. In order to connect to the system, please sit in the north set of pews (on your right when you enter the sanctuary) and set your hearing device to the "T" setting.



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