

# 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

# 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

### **Prelude**

Improvisation on The Star-Spangled Banner

Sean Cotty

### **Welcome**

### **Votum**

### **Sentences of Scripture**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Call to Worship**

#### \* **Hymn No. 25**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven - 25

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
To his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!*

*Praise him for his grace and favor  
To all people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same forever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!*

*Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;  
All our hopes and fears he knows.  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely as his mercy flows.*

*Angels, help us to adore him,  
You behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon bow down before him;  
All who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.*

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life**

## **Anthem**

Soon and Very Soon

by Andrae Crouch

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.*

*No more dying there, we are going to see the King;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.*

## **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**

Sue Nicholas

1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6: 27-38

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "The Power Behind the Commands" 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.*

**Anthem**      Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care      by Carl Schalk

*Lord, it belongs not to my care,  
Whether I die or live,  
To love and serve thee is my share,  
And this thy grace must give.  
If life be long,  
I will be glad that I may long obey:  
If life be short,  
Yet why should I be sad to soar to endless day?  
  
Christ leads me through no darker rooms  
Than he went through before;  
He that into God's kingdom comes  
Must enter by this door.  
Come, Lord, when grace has made me meet  
Thy blessed face to see;  
For if thy work on earth be sweet,  
What will thy glory be!*

*My knowledge of that life is small,  
The eye of faith is dim;  
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,  
And I shall be with him.*

### **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**

Hear Our Prayer, O Heavenly Father

*Hear our prayer, O heavenly Father,  
For the dear Redeemer's sake. Amen.*

**\*Hymn No. 433**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

*Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
Where sound the cries of race and clan,  
Above the noise of selfish strife  
We hear your voice, O Son of Man!*

*In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
From paths where hide the lures of greed  
We catch the vision of your tears.*

*The cup of water given for you  
Still holds the freshness of your grace;  
Yet long these multitudes to view  
The strong compassion of your face.*

*O Master, from the mountain side,  
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
Among these restless throngs abide,  
O tread the city's streets again;*

*'Till all the world shall learn your love  
And follow where your feet have trod:  
'Till glorious from your heaven above  
Shall come the city of our God.*

**\*Benediction**

**Response**

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

*May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above. Amen.*

**Postlude**

The Stars and Stripes Forever by John Philip Sousa  
Sean Cotty

*Love* YOUR ENEMIES,

*Do Good* TO THOSE

WHO HATE YOU,

*Bless* THOSE WHO

CURSE YOU,

*Pray* FOR THOSE

THAT MISTREAT YOU.



# Announcements

## Music Note

Throughout February the Chancel Choir will present anthems based on Spirituals and Modern Gospel Music in recognition of Black History Month. "*Soon and Very Soon*" was composed by Gospel giant Andraé Crouch in 1976.

The text is drawn from Revelation 21:3-4: "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'"

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Zoom Coffee Hour

Join us after the service for the **[Zoom Coffee Hour](#)**! It's a chance to catch up with your friends and to hear the latest news of what's happening outside your house!

## 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. Thank you!*

Edward Bausman

Diane Blagburn

Susan Brooks

Angela Brunjes

The Family of

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The Congregational Care Committee is redoing the Prayer List which appears in the Bulletin each week. Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will start with a clean list. If you have anyone that you wish to add to the list, please contact Joe in the office. When you add a name, please let us know when that name should be removed.



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\*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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