

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. Carlos Rivera — Guest Pastor

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

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Prelude

Improvisation on “He Leadeth Me”

Sean Cotty

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

Almighty God, as we stand in awe of your goodness and mercy today, we invite you to be present amongst us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Father, we declare that we love you. Thank you, that you have made the way of love known through your son Jesus Christ. We pray that you would reveal this great love to us all today as we gather to worship. Lead us by your Spirit to praise you. In the wonderful name of Jesus we pray, **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Listen, for this is good news! **God’s grace and provision is wider than our wildest imaginations.** God’s grace embraces us as we are and where we are, and draws us out to be the people we were created to be. **Through your grace, help us to grow in the knowledge of who you are as our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Come, let us worship the Lord of all mercy and grace!**

* Hymn No. 635

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, you are devoted to us. Forgive us when we are not devoted to you. We would rather be secure than be brave. We would rather be in control than be faithful. We know that you call out for us to follow, but we look for you in all the wrong places. Forgive us, God of mercy. Heal us from our self-centeredness. Empower us to know the depth of your grace, and lead us to share that grace with the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

I Shall Not Be Moved

Alice Parker

*Glory Hallelujah, I shall not be moved,
Anchored in Jehovah, I shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
I shall not be moved.*

*In his love abiding, I shall not be moved,
And in him confiding, I shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
I shall not be moved.*

*Though all hell assail me, I shall not be moved,
Jesus will not fail me, I shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
I shall not be moved.*

*Though the tempest rages, I shall not be moved,
On the rock of ages, I shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
I shall not be moved.*

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 your provision and guidance in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Victor Han

Numbers 14: 26-28

Philippians 4: 10-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Contentment is the Goal”

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

Soon and Very Soon

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.*

*** 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. 776** Let Us Break Bread Together

* **Benediction**

Response (please be seated) Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God.

Postlude Fantasia in G Major BWV 572 (Excerpt) J.S. Bach

Announcements

COMMUNITY CONCERT AT COTH

The next community concert will be Saturday, 2/25 at **2:00 pm** in the sanctuary. Sean Cotty, Kelsey Sheldon, and Steve Max will present a program of all French works. This will include cello, piano, and organ pieces by Franck, Debussy, Fauré, Duruflé, and Rameau. As always, this program is free and open to the public. There will be a reception to follow in Gessner Hall.

BIBLE STUDY

The next Zoom Bible Study dates will be February 21st and 28th at 7 pm. These will be the two classes for the month of February. 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 making weekly deliveries of bags of food for children at PS 116Q! The bags 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

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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Tackle Hunger with Souper Bowl of Caring!

Help us take care of our neighbors in need.

**Our collection will take place:
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023**

We will collect:

Canned Foods: Soup, Vegetables, Tuna, and Beans.

Other food items: Peanut Butter and Jelly (16oz, plastic jars only), Cup of Noodles.

The food items will be donated to The First Reformed Church of College Point's Food Pantry and The Food for Kids Program, which helps feed children at P.S.116 over the weekends.

Monetary Donations will also be accepted. (Cash or Checks made out to Church on the Hill with the memo- Souper Bowl, or via Tithe.ly under the Souper Bowl fund)

Help us to make a difference in the lives of others!
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