

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

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11:00 a.m.



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Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

**Welcome to worship at Church on the Hill!
We're so glad you have joined us this morning. Please
read the following for more details about the worship
service.**

****Please silence your cell phones prior to the service****

The sanctuary and pews have been thoroughly cleaned in preparation for worship today. During the worship service, we ask that you continue to **wear your masks for the duration of the service**. The congregation is invited to join in responses and the hymn singing—we ask that you **speak and sing at a conversational volume**. We have opened as many windows as possible in the sanctuary to increase ventilation. Please **do not attempt to open the windows that are closed**. Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary; **on your way out of the sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plates**. At the conclusion of the service, **please wait to be dismissed** by the ushers, allowing us to clear any video equipment in the aisle. We ask that you take your bulletin with you and do not leave it in the sanctuary. Bathrooms are available for use in Gessner Hall. There will be no coffee hour after the service.

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE Improvisation on *Londonderry Air* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 227

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which
flowed, be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and
make me pure.*

*Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever
flow. All for sin could not atone; thou must save and thou
alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for
grace; foul, I to the fountain fly, wash me, Savior, or I die!*

*While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close
in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy
judgement throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide
myself in thee.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed
from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too
much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have
offended against your holy laws. We have left undone
those things which we ought to have done; and we have
done those things which we ought not to have done. And
there is no health within us. Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are
penitent, according to your promises declared to the
world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful
God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and
humble life for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO *O, Divine Redeemer!* Charles Gounod

Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

*Ah! turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy,
Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress!
Answer me from Thy throne, haste Thee, Lord,
to mine aid, Thy pity show in my deep anguish!
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,
tho' righteous thine anger, O Lord, shield me in danger,*

O regard me! One Thee, Lord alone will I call.

*O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon,
and remember not, remember not my sins!*

*Forgive me, O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee,
grant me pardon, and remember not,
remember not, O Lord, my sins!*

*Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to Thee;
Come to mine aid, O Lord!*

Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!

Hear my cry, hear my cry!

Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy;

hear my cry, hear my cry!

Come and save me, O, Lord!

*O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon,
and remember not, remember not my sins!*

*Save, in the day of retribution,
from death shield Thou me, O my God!*

O, divine Redeemer, have mercy!

Help me, my Savior!

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

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

John 12: 20-33

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come 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.

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. 213

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in d minor

Bach

Announcements

Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday Reservations

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Services will require reservations to attend in-person. Please make your reservation by filling out the Google forms included in the Weekly Emails or by calling the church office. If you plan on coming to these services, please make a reservation so our ushers are aware of how many people will be in attendance.

Lenten Mission 2021

This year, to address food insecurity in our own area, Church on the Hill has partnered with the food pantry at First Reformed Church of College Point. You can participate by making a financial gift or by collecting and donating food items from the list below. Monetary donations can be made online through Tithe.ly, mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate on Sundays. Please make sure to note that the donation is for the Lenten Mission. **We ask that all food items are donated directly to First Reformed Church.** They are collecting items on **Tuesday evenings from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Food Items:

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| -Canned Beans | -Canned Tuna | -Rice |
| -Canned Vegetables | -Cereal | -Peanut Butter |
| -Canned Fruit | -Pasta | -Jelly |
| -Canned Soup | -Pasta Sauce | -Mac & Cheese |

Easter Flower Donations

We are now collecting donations to the Easter Flower Fund for 2021! Donations can be made online via Tithe.ly, by mail or placed in the offering plate on Sunday. Please include a note of how you would like to donation to appear in the Easter Bulletin. **Please submit your donation by April 28th** if you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

Bargain Boutique

The Bargain Boutique will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Please hold all donations until we re-open.

Prayer Requests

*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,
please contact the church office*

Miram Allen
Andela Family
Bermudez Family
Diane Blagburn
Matthew Blake
Elizabeth Bossis
Susan Brooks
Carolyn Brunjes
Lillian Calfa
David Cerqueira
Gracinda Cerqueira
Jose Cerqueira
Marie Collins
Marilyn Cooney
Helen Cunningham
Rosina Cuticone
Lenny DeSimone
Henry Detreville
Family of Angela Edward

Janet Fiala
The Frocione Family
Gail George
John & Hazel Gittens
Brooke Graffeo
Rosemarie Graffeo
Herbert Family
Hotchkiss Family
Helen Hunt
Hank Klushin
Betty Kwong
Lynn Lauterbach
Nancy Lee
Jorge & Tiffany Martinez
Gerry & Jean Mender
Barbara & Neil Meurer
Gerda Miller
Moore Family

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Ruben & Eva Munoz
Murray Family
Patricia Olney
Betty Dalton Prager
Racquel Prager
Barbara Rogers
Roppolo Family
Smith Family
Jocelyn Toner

Rosemary Vasquez
Alison Venable
Alex Young
John Young
Joan Werbel
Buck
Dilip
Carole
Robin



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Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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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