

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Improvisation on "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Sean Cotty

Welcome

Votum

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

(During the following hymn, Children At Worship will process to Room 2-E.)

* **Hymn No. 60**

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To be thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Prayer of Confession

Great God, receiver of our sins and sorrows, we come before you confessing our sin: all that within us is shallow, shameful, and without hope. We have protected our own self-interests and have forgotten others. We have yielded to cynicism and fear. We have embraced our doubts and denied our faith. We come before you, tender God, asking from you the forgiveness which conquers all death and sets the captives free. Forgive us, we pray, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem There is a Green Hill Far Away Herbert Sumsion

*There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
To save us all.
We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.
He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good;
That we might at last go to heaven,
Saved by His precious blood.
There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate of heaven,
And let us in.
O dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood,
And try his works to do.*

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

Edward Surujballi

Isaiah 55:1-9

Luke 13:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* **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 Into the Woods My Master Went Peter Lutkin

*Into the woods my Master went, clean for-spent.
Into the woods my Master came,
For-spent with love and shame.
But the olives, they were not blind to Him*

*The little gray leaves were kind to Him;
The thorn tree had a mind to Him
When into the woods He came.*

*Out of the woods my Master went,
And He was well content;
Out of the woods my Master came,
Content with death and shame.*

*When death and shame would woo Him last,
From under the trees they drew Him last,
'Twas on a tree they slew Him last
When out of the woods He came.*

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

All Things Come of Thee, O Lord

*All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we given thee.*

*** Hymn No. 461**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

*Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
Hide me, O my Savior, hide till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!*

*Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, O leave me not alone, still support comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.*

*Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.*

*Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.*

*** Benediction**

Response *(please be seated)*

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

Postlude Fugue in B-Flat Minor

J.S. Bach *(arr. Alexandre Guilmant)*

Ukraine Relief



We have been praying about so many of the human issues and needs that have arisen from the war in the Ukraine.

The Consistory discussed these issues at its meeting last week. If you are looking for an established charity to assist

Ukrainian refugees we wholeheartedly recommend the **Missionary and Refugee Ministry; part of the Reformed Church's Global Mission**. Church on the Hill regularly supports this ministry in our benevolence budget.

RCA missionaries and trusted organizational partners are already at work providing immediate support to refugees, working to provide housing and short-term resettlement, and exploring ways to assist in dealing with the long-term effects of this tragedy.

If you feel able to contribute through the church today, use the white envelope in the bulletin and **please write the check to "Church On The Hill"** and write **"Ukraine Relief" in the Memo line** of your check. We will continue to collect donations over the coming weeks.

Some of you may remember JJ TenClay who is the Coordinator of Missionary and Refugee Ministries of the RCA. Her business card includes the following verse from Hebrews 13: ***"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that, some have entertained angels without knowing it."***

Announcements

New Consistory Members

In May, church members in good standing will elect new Consistory members. The current members whose terms are ending are: Dana Chan, Dorien Day, Maureen Saepia-Chen and Jeanne Sarran.

Children at Worship — COTH's Children's Ministry has begun again!

Jeanne Sarran has begun a six-week program for children at worship, which runs to April 10, 2022. The program is open to children, ages 5 to 12. During the service, the children will process out and be led to Room 2-E, where the focus for the lessons will be on the life of Jesus; his teaching and parables. Sharing the Good News with our children!

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.

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!



On Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, our Sanctuary will be decorated with beautiful spring flowers. Following the Easter service, we will plant these flowers on the church grounds or distribute them to shut-ins.

**(All donations must be received
no later than April 11, 2022.)**

To help beautify the Church on the Hill for Easter 2022, please accept my donation in the amount of

\$ _____

**(Fill in the name(s) as you wish them
to appear in the Easter Sunday
Bulletin)**

Given by _____

In memory of _____

In appreciation of _____

**(Please make check payable to
Church on the Hill: memo "Easter
Flowers")**

Nominations for Consistory Election

In May, at our annual congregational meeting, Church on the Hill will **elect one (1) new Elder** and **three (3) new Deacons** to consistory. At this time, the congregation has the opportunity to nominate members of the congregation to serve in this office.

When discerning who you might nominate to serve in this office, please keep in mind the following:

1. Elders are women and men set apart for a ministry of care and oversight of all the ministries and members of the congregation. The elders are called to provide spiritual care to the members of the church and to the minister. They are to be people of spiritual commitment, desiring to love and serve both God and neighbor in the church and in the world.
2. Deacons are women and men set apart for a ministry of mercy, service, and outreach. Deacons are called to oversee the benevolences of the church and to care for those in material need. They are to be people of spiritual commitment and compassionate spirit, desiring to love and serve both God and neighbor in the church and in the world.
3. Nominations and elections are not a popularity contest in the church. Rather, we should prayerfully consider the character, wisdom, spiritual gifts, and talents of individuals that will contribute to the leadership of the congregation and the overall mission of the church.

I nominate the following person(s) for the office of...

Elder at Church on the Hill:

Deacon at Church on the Hill:

Nominated by: _____

Nominations may only be made by active confessing members of Church on the Hill. Nominations that are anonymous will not be considered. You may place your nomination in the offering plate or you can drop it off in the church office no later than March 20th.

After nominations are submitted, the nominations committee will present a slate to Consistory for approval. The Consistory-approved slate will then be presented to the congregation prior to the congregational meeting, at which, members will vote to elect our new Consistory member.

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!

Teresa (*anonymous*)

Diane Blagburn

Christina Boll

Angela Brunjes

Ralph Carnesecchi

Jack & Marie Collins

Lucas Ditta

Annie Jankowski

Connie McKinstry

The Family of

Charles Mendler

Jackson Pappas

Nicole Phillips

Jeni Pollack

Debi Romano

Irene Sirotnak

The Thomas Family

Alex Ubertini

Gunnar Wisserman

Virginia Young



Buildings & Grounds

Consistory Reps.: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

Christian Education & Youth

Chair: Jeanne Sarran

Community, Mission & Outreach

Chair: Heather Allison

Community Nursery School Board

President: Ginny Chan

Consistory Rep: Rhoda Jabbour

Congregational Care

Chair: Angela Brunjes

Finance

Chair: Doris Krsnak

Consistory Rep: Margret Dougherty

Personnel

Chair: Dana Chan

Worship & Music

Chair: 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.



Consistory & Staff

Dorien Day, **Vice President**
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Elders

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