

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America  
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**7:30 P.M.**



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Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

### Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in D major

J. S. Bach

### Call to Worship

○ God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

**Have mercy upon us.**

○ God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

○ God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**Have mercy upon us.**

○ holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

**Have mercy upon us.**

### Prayer of Invocation

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

or you had formed the earth and the world,

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**Teach us, Lord, to count our days**

**that we may gain a wise heart.**

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,**

**so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

**Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Hymn No. 538

## I Need Thee Every Hour

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like thine can peace afford  
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!*

*I need thee every hour, stay thou near by;  
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh  
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!*

*I need thee every hour in joy or pain:  
Come quickly and abide or life is vain  
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!*

*I need thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son!  
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!*

## Prayer of Confession

**Righteous God, in humility and repentance  
we bring our failures in caring, helping, and loving,  
we bring the pain we have caused others,  
we bring the injustice in society of which we are a part,  
to the transforming power of your grace.**

**Grant us the courage to accept the healing you offer  
and to turn again toward the sunrise of your reign,  
that we may walk with you in the promise of peace  
you have willed for all the children of the earth,  
and have made known to us in Christ Jesus.**

*(Silent prayers of unburdening and confession) Amen.*

## ***Imposition of Ashes***

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### ***Readings for Reflection***

#### **To Keep a True Lent – Robert Herrick (1648)**

Is this a fast, to keep  
The larder lean?  
And clean  
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish  
Of flesh, yet still  
To fill  
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,  
Or ragg'd to go,  
Or show  
A downcast look and sour?

No; 'tis a fast to dole  
Thy sheaf of wheat,  
And meat,  
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,  
From old debate  
And hate;  
To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;  
To starve thy sin,  
Not bin;  
and that's to keep thy Lent.

“We too easily forget our Maker and Redeemer, replacing God with things and ambition. Lent is the season that does something about this situation. It calls us back to God, back to basics, back to the spiritual realities of life.”

– Robert Webber

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## **Assurance of Pardon**

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

**If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works that I know very well.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**I try to count them. I come to the end—I am still with you.**

## **Choral Anthem**

If You Search With All Your Heart  
Craig Courtney

*When you seek Me, you shall find Me*

*If you search with all your heart.*

*For I know the plans I have for you:*

*Plans of welfare, not of evil.*

*For I know the plans I have for you:*

*Plans of hope and a future.*

*I will bring you out of bondage*

*To the land I have prepared.*

*I will bring you out of bondage*

*I will bring you home to Me.*

## **Prayer of Illumination**

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will.

**Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill us with the life that is Christ within us.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever,

**Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

Dorien Day

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Homily

Rev. Doug Estella

## Choral Anthem

**Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake**

*Richard Farrant*

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
Lay not our sins to our charge,  
But forgive that is past  
And give us grace to amend our sinful lives;  
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
That we may walk in a perfect heart  
Before thee now and evermore.*

## Prayers of the People

## Congregational Response

Merciful Lord

**Hear our prayer.**

## Hymn No. 200

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*Lord, who throughout these forty days  
For us did fast and pray  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins  
And close by you to stay.*

*As you with Satan did contend  
And did the victory win  
O give us strength in you o fight*

*In you to conquer sin.*

*As you did hunger and did thirst  
So teach us, gracious Lord  
To die to self and so to live  
By your most holy Word.*

*And thru these days of penitence  
And thru your Passiontide  
Forevermore, in life and death,  
O Lord with us abide.*

*Abide with us, that thru this life  
Of doubts and hope and pain  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may at last attain!*

## **Benediction**

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy  
you breathed into dust the breath of life,  
creating us to serve you and our neighbors.

**In this season of repentance, restore to us the joy of our  
salvation and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we  
may reach with confidence for your mercy, in Jesus Christ,  
our Lord.**

Go in peace.

## **Postlude**

Erbarm dich mein, O herre Gott"

J. S. Bach



40  
Days



# Announcements

## **Children at Worship — COTH's Children's Ministry will begin again!**

There will be a six-week program starting March 6, 2022 and running April 10, 2022. The classes will be held during the church service, 10:30-11:30a.m. We will meet in the Sanctuary and then move to a classroom. The program is open to children ages 5 to 12. The focus for the lessons will be on the life of Jesus; his teaching and parables. I am looking forward to sharing the Good News with the 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](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!*

Teresa (*anonymous*)

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