

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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10:30 A.M.



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Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Improvisation on “Lift High the Cross” Sean Cotty

Welcome

Votum

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

* **Hymn No. 229**

Lift High the Cross - 229

*(Refrain) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.*

(Refrain)

*All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.*

(Refrain)

*O Lord, once lifted on the tree of pain,
Draw all the world to seek you once again.*

(Refrain)

*Let every race and every language tell
Of him who saves our souls from death and hell.*

(Refrain)

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

A Lenten Meditation

Brett Michaels

*Jesus refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the work above.
Oh how your eyes offended,
Gaze upon a sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended,
You endured the pain of all.*

*Dare we pass that Cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,*

*As we see you wounded, bleeding,
See your thorn encircled brow?
Since your sinless death has brought
Us life eternal, peace and rest,
Only what your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.*

*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.*

*Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for you!
May our eyes be ever yearning,
To behold Your cross anew.
'Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the crucified!*

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

Victor Han

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Tempted as We Are”

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 Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God Carl F. Meuller

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
And uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
And sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God!

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

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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

Write These Words in Our Hearts

*Write these words in our hearts,
We beseech you, O Lord.*

*Hymn No. 192

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

*O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherd watching there,
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air:
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.*

*O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy:
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds That blow*

*O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
Of him who walked upon the sea and bade the waves be still:
For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.*

*O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay;
Of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away:
For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.*

*Benediction

Response (seated)

Jesus, Remember Me

*Jesus, remember me
When you come into your Kingdom.*

Postlude

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ
(I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ)

J.S. Bach

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 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.

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!

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*)

Edward Bausman

Diane Blagburn

Susan Brooks

Angela Brunjes

The Family of

Evelyne Gillen Buscher

Ralph Carnesecchi

Jack & Marie Collins

Doris Gessner

Annie Jankowski

Connie McKinstry

The Family of

Charles Mendler

Jeni Pollack

Irene Sirotnak

The Thomas Family

Virginia Young

Gunnar Wisserman



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.



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Consistory & Staff

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