

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 *O Filii et Filiae* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 249 *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*
O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
O'er death and hell rose triumphing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

That Easter morn at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,
who sat and spake unto the three,

*"Your Lord doth go to Galilee."
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*That night the apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear
and said, "My peace be on all here."
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*On this most holy day of days,
our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise
to thee, in jubilee and praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO *Alleluia from Exultate Jubilate* W. A. Mozart
Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

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

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24: 36-48

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Children of God

Rev. Doug Estella

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM *Ave Verum Corpus*

W.A. Mozart

(English Translation)

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death!*

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. 242

In the Garden

*I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,*

*and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing.*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.*

*I'd stay in the garden with him
though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling.*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you.

*The Lord lift his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.*

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Festive Processional

David Lasky

Announcements

Clothing Drive

One World Girl is working with Bottomless Closet, an organization that supports disadvantaged NYC women who are re-entering the workforce to organize a clothing drive! Today through April 25th, we will be collecting some "most needed" women's clothing items:

- **Blazers**
- **Suits**
- **Tops (size Large and up)**
- **Black Pants (size 12 and up)**
- **Plus Size and Flat shoes. (No high heels)**

All items should be interview/career appropriate, clean and in good condition - No casual clothing please! Please put all donations in a plastic bag.

Annual Congregational Meeting

All are encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, May 16th at 1pm**. The meeting will take place virtually via Zoom – a link will be included in the weekly emails. During the meeting, Vice President of Consistory, Jeanne Sarran, and other committee members will report on the previous year, and the congregation will vote on the annual budget and new Consistory members. The following candidates have been nominated to serve: **Rhoda Jabbour as Elder** and **Heather Allison as Deacon**.

Join us as we celebrate the ministry of Church on the Hill and look ahead to the coming year!

Weekly Calendar

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings and ministries of Church on the Hill!

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
Angela Berdon
Deegan Family
Diane Blagburn
Blake Family
Susan Brooks
Carolyn Brunjes
Lillian Calfa
Marilyn Cooney
Henry Detreville
Janet Fiala
John & Hazel Gittens
Rosemarie Graffeo
Herbert Family
Helen Hunt
Hank Klushin
Betty Kwong
Lynn Lauterbach
Nancy Lee
Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Gerry & Jean Mandler
Barbara & Neil Meurer
Miller Family
Sarah Mundy
Ruben & Eva Munoz
Dalton-Prager Families
Laura Prager
Racquel Prager
Barbara Rogers
Patty Thorp
Rosemary Vazquez
Alison Venable
Alex Young
John Young
Joan Werbel
Buck
Dilip
Carole
Robin



Community, Mission & Outreach

Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

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President: Ginny Chan
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Congregational Care

Chair: Angela Brunjes

Buildings & Grounds

Chair: Joe Macaluso
Consistory Rep: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

Christian Education & Youth

Chair: Jeanne Sarran

Finance

Chair: Doris Krsnak
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Personnel

Chair: Dana Chan

Worship & Music

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.



Consistory & Staff

Jeanne Sarran, **Vice President**
Nancy Gessner, **Clerk**

Elders

Angela Brunjes
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