

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 *Shenandoah* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 356 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!*

*Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,*

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
sing his praises, Alleluia!*

*Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!*

*Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 51)

Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life: that by confessing our faults and shortcomings and guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbors. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

God Is My Shepherd

Antonín Dvořák

Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

*God is my shepherd, I want for nothing.
My rest is in the pleasant meadows.
He leadeth me where quiet waters flow
My fainting soul doth He restore
and guideth me in the way of peace,
to glorify His name.*

*And through in death's dark valley
my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear,
for Thou art by me still.
Thy rod and staff are with me,
and they shall comfort me.*

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

Psalm 23

John 10:11-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Good Shepherd

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.**

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. 615 *The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well*

*The Lord my Shepherd guards me well,
and all my wants are fed:
a-mid green pastures made to lie,
beside still waters led.
My careworn soul grows strong and whole
when God's true path I tread.*

*Thou I should walk in darkest ways
through valleys like the grave,
no evil shall I ever fear;
your presence makes me brave.
On my behalf your rod and staff
assure me you will save.*

*For me a table has been spread
where all my foes can see;
you bathe my head with fragrant oil
to soothe and honor me.
My heart and cup are both filled up
with joyful ecstasy.*

*Your steadfast love will follow me
to shield me all my days
and bring me to your holy house,
redeemed from error's ways,
my whole life long to join the song
of those who sing God's praise.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Nun danket alle Gott –
Marche Triomphale*

Sigfrid
Karg-Elert

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! Now **through May 23rd**, 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. If you plan on dropping off donations during the week, please make an appointment with Molly in the church office.

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



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Congregational Care

Chair: Angela Brunjes

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

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Chair: Jeanne Sarran

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Chair: Doris Krsnak
Consistory Rep: Margret Dougherty

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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