

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

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10:30 AM



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Revs. William and Lynn Hanousek — Guest Pastors

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude

Improvisation on “O Filii et Filiae”

Sean Cotty

Welcome

* Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Votum

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

Christ Jesus, we come into your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering. As you welcome us into your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise. Salt us with your grace and flavor us with your mercy. Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world. In your holy name, we pray. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth! **Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!** Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here. **We come with songs of praise, with prayers too deep for words.** Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth! **Blessed be the Lord!**

* Hymn No. 353

For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Confession

O God, so often we take you for granted. We take for granted that you will answer our prayers, that you will heal us and make us whole. We take for granted that you love us. Forgive us for not appreciating your grace and presence in our lives. Help us to be more thankful. Give us faith to see you in everything and everyone around us, so that we may be truly grateful. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

If With All Your Hearts (from Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn (arr. Kenneth E. Runkel)

*"If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me,
Ye shall surely find me." Thus saith our God.
Oh! That I knew where I might find Him,
That I might even come before His presence!*

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

Emerson Chen

Ephesians 5: 15- 20

p. 951-952

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"With Head and Heart!"

Rev. Bill Hanousek

* 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 Canon of Praise Johann Pachelbel (arr. Hal H. Hopson)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
All within me bless his holy name.
O hear, you righteous,
Know that the Lord is good.
We remember all his love,
He crowns our lives with hope and truth
God the Lord is gracious,
His mercy is the same forever.
As a father loves his children,
So the Lord loves his own.
Those who love the Lord,
They claim his ever-present help.*

*** 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,**

Announcements

QUEENS COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

On Saturday, May 13th, the Queens Community Children's Choir will present their Spring Concert! This will take place at 2 pm in the COTH sanctuary. The children will be joined by guest artists Chris Miley (saxophone) and Jeremy Parker (soprano). As always this performance is free and open to the public. There will be a gala reception to follow the performance.

INTRODUCTION

A native of Astoria, the Rev Bill Hanousek has served churches in Hasbrouck Heights (New Jersey), Canarsie, The Upper East Side, and Queensboro Hill (Flushing). He was ordained in 1969. Bill has led worship at Church on the Hill in the past and with his good friend, The Rev. Bob Perless, competed in numerous NYC marathons.

The Rev. Lynn Hanousek graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1989. She has served churches in the Bronx, Yonkers, and Queensboro Hill. Pastors Bill and Lynn have been married 52 years and are blessed with three children and their spouses, 6 grandchildren, and 2 cats.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for coffee hour after the service, and in expressing our gratitude to Rev. Bill and Rev. Lynn for their time here leading us in worship, downstairs in Gessner Hall.

CHILDREN AT WORSHIP - COTH'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Sunday Program for children ages 5 to 12 is ongoing. During the service, the children will process out and be led to Room 2-E.

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

The Bargain Boutique is open on Saturdays from 10 am- 1 pm. Donations are accepted on Saturdays only. *We are unable to accept: Electronics, TVs, Furniture, Textbooks*

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. A sign-up form can be found on **churchonthehill.org**

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 at office@churchonthehill.org

Diane Blagburn

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Adam Gonzalez

Ariana Han

Thomas Degnen

Gregory Happ

Richard Iovale

Anne and Bill Lannom

Lynn Lauterbach

Christina Lee

Donna Lemay

Kathy Meyer

Marti and Tom Pearce

The Redfern family

Debi Romano

William Rudnick

Patrick Sullivan

Virginia Young



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