

Church on the Hill

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

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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

Nocturne Op. 48 No. 2

Chopin

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 2

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and
sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from your truth and from your holy will. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

God Bless America

Irving Berlin

Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

*While the storm clouds gather
far across the sea,
let us swear allegiance
to a land that's free.*

*Let us all be grateful
for a land so fair,*

*as we raise our voices
in a solemn prayer.*

*God bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her,
and guide her,
through the night with
a light from above.*

*From the mountains,
to the prairies,
to the oceans white with foam,
God bless America
My home, sweet home,
God bless America
My home, sweet home.*

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

Isaiah 6:1-6

Romans 8:12-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A God Greater than Ourselves

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. 358

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
o'er which our traffic runs amain
by mountain pass or valley low;
wherever, Lord, thy children go,
protect them by guarding hand
from every peril on the land.*

*O Spirit, whom the Father sent
to spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by thy might
save all who dare the eagle's flight,
and keep them by thy watchful care
from every peril in the air.*

*O Trinity of love and power,
thy children shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them where-so-e'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to
you.
Deep peace of Christ to you.

POSTLUDE

Etude Op. 33 No. 5

Rachmaninov

Announcements

Today's Music

Thank you to Dora Galit for filling in for Sean Cotty today and leading us in song!

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
Barbara Andrade
Bermudez Family
Deegan Family
Diane Blagburn
Susan Brooks
Lillian Calfa
Marilyn Cooney
Henry Detreville
Janet Fiala
John & Hazel Gittens
Elnora Cristi Gordon
and Family
Rosemarie Graffeo
Virginia Haggart
Carol Hughes
Helen Hunt
Hank Klushin
Betty Kwong

Lynn Lauterbach
Nancy Lee
Jorge & Tiffany Martinez
Carol Meadows
Gerry & Jean Mandler
Miller Family
Sarah Mundy
Ruben & Eva Munoz
Dalton-Prager Families
Laura Prager
Racquel Prager
Barbara Rogers
Rosemary Vazquez
Alison Venable
Alex Young
John Young
Joan Werbel
Dilip
Katie



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