

# Church on the Hill

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

**May 7, 2023**  
**10:30 AM**



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**Dr. Prophet F.W. Hood — Guest Preacher**

**Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director**

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

**Prelude**

Improvisation on “Duke Street”

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**

O God, who chased the gloom of the disciples with the gospel of the Resurrection and drowned their desert of despair in a sea of grace, surprise us this day. Take from us the presumption that leans on our strength instead of yours, that mistakes our wisdom for yours, and equates our will with yours. Assure us once again that our Lord's promise to be with us always still holds good. And be present with us now, as in the days of Jesus, to make us whole and to make us holy. **Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving! **We come in celebration and song.** We come in gratitude of your inheritance. **We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.** We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief. **We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.** O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving! **We come in celebration and song.**

\* **Hymn No. 239**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

## Prayer of Confession

**We confess that we find your medicine hard to swallow. The quick fixes of this world are so much more pleasant, leaving us free to go back to our usual routines. But your medicine is powerful. And if we take it, it will remake and renew our lives. It will reorient us to you and to you alone. Turn us toward your love for justice and true worship. Forgive our sins, for which you weep. Forgive our hesitation. Grant us courage to choose you as our physician, and to serve you and you alone. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

### **Anthem**

God Rules in Might and Splendor

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (arr. Hal H. Hopson)

*God rules in might and splendor forever.*

*Sing forth God's glory.*

*Praise the Lord.*

*The world God made shall not be shaken.*

*All people clap your hands, sing, be joyful.*

*All earth, sing, be joyful.*

## 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

Abraham Lin

Luke 22: 14-20

p. 857

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"Don't Forget to Remember"

Dr. Prophet F.W. Hood

## \* 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<sup>†</sup> Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

*<sup>†</sup> The word "catholic" means "universal,"  
referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.*

**Anthem**      Bless Us with Your Love      W.A. Mozart (arr. Douglas E. Wagner)

*Father in heaven, hear now your children,  
Hear and bless us with your love.  
Ever and ever, stronger yet merciful, is your love for us,  
Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia,  
Thanks and praise be to God forevermore.*

**\* 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**

### **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 singing:

**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 in the highest! Hosanna in 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**      All Things Come of Thee, O Lord

*All things come of thee, O Lord,  
And of thine own have we given thee.*

\* **Hymn No. 776**      Let Us Break Bread Together

\* **Benediction**

**Response** (please be seated)      Alleluia Round      William Boyce

**Postlude**      Fugue in G Major BWV 541      J.S. Bach

## **Announcements**

### **FLOWERS**

The flowers in church today are given by Sue and Jim Nicholas, in honor of the birthday of Jim's sister, Glenda Nicholas-Burke.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Dr. Prophet F.W. Hood has been chosen by God to walk in the office of Prophet. He is an ordained Baptist minister that serves as the founder of F.W. Hood Ministries. Prophet Hood has a specialized Educational, Homiletics, and Spiritual Formation Ministry that is orchestrated by the Holy Ghost to create a Prophetic Ministry that fully nurtures, cultivates, and nourishes the individual in a holistic manner. Transforming the individual while empowering communities as well.

Dr. Hood received his Bachelor's Degree in Humanities at The College of New Rochelle, a Master of Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, a Master of Religion and Religious Education in Spiritual Direction from Fordham University, and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Transformational Preaching from New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Dr. Hood's secular ministry has been in the field of social services, working for programs that service those who are homeless, who suffer abuses of all kinds. Those living with HIV/AIDS, rape victims, drug/alcohol abuse, and those involved in drug treatment (family court). He has served in many capacities from counselor to outreach coordinator to job developer to developing and conducting seminars. Prophet Hood states, "I have learned and experienced a lot through serving the needs of others and have become the better for it."

He continues to say, "The life of any servant of God is not an easy life and as I say often to those that I Minister to, a walk with God is intense but a walk in God is sublime." My Prophetic walk in God has not made me popular or made me welcome, however, what it continues to do is fashion my life in a way that honors God, and a life of devotion which pleases God.

### **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.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Please join us for coffee hour after the service, 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](http://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](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org)*

Diane Blagburn

Glenda Burke

Joanne Dunckhahn

Randy Eastman

Janet Fiala

Adam Gonzalez

Thomas Degnen

Gregory Happ

Richard Iovale

Anne and Bill Lannom

Lynn Lauterbach

Christina Lee

Donna Lemay

Kathy Meyer

Paul Mobius

Marti and Tom Pearce

The Redfern family

Debi Romano

William Rudnick

Patrick Sullivan

Virginia Young



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.



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