

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Stated Supply

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

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Prelude

Improvisation on Llanfair

Sean Cotty

Welcome

Votum

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

Sentences of Scripture

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Psalm 118

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! **Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!** Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! **Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!** Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! **Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

*** Hymn No. 250**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!*

Prayer of Confession

Steadfast God, you reach out to us in mercy even when we rebel against your holy call and prefer to walk in disobedience rather than in the way of your divine truth. Soften our hearts with the warmth of your love, that we may know your Son alive within us. Redeem and raise us up into your eternal presence. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

Soloist- Elizabeth Mahowald

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

He taketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley

Of the shadow of death, I fear no evil:

For you are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life: and I will dwell

In the house of the Lord forever.

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

Elizabeth Mahowald

Acts 9: 36-43

John 10: 22-30

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“God’s Work”

Rev. Doug Estella

*** 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

Ave Maria

Jacques Arcadelt

(translation)

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,

And blessed, is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now, and at the hour of our death,

Amen.

*** 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,
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 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!*

*** Benediction**

Response *(please be seated)* *For the Life That You Have Given*

*For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises;
Heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing.*

Postlude *Fantasia in G Minor - J.S. Bach*

Announcements

Coffee Hour

Please join us in Gessner Hall after the service for coffee hour!

Children at Worship

Children at Worship began on Sunday, April 24th and will run until June 5th. The program is open to children, ages 5 to 12. During the service, the children are led to room 2-E. The seven lessons will focus on events after Jesus rose from the dead, mainly stories and people from the book of ACTS.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The meeting will take place via Zoom, on May 22nd at 1PM. During the meeting, reports on the previous year will be presented, and the congregation will vote on the annual budget, as well as new Consistory members. The following candidates have been nominated to serve on Consistory: as Elder, **Nancy Gessner** and as Deacons, **Ginny Chan, Adriene Toy, and Emerson Chen**. If you'd like to join the meeting and need assistance with Zoom or require access to technology, please contact the Church Office or speak with a Consistory member.

BARGAIN BOUTIQUES

The Bargain Boutique is closed for renovations and not accepting donations at this time.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings at COTH!

Music Notes

Please join us for the next "**Community Concert at Church on the Hill,**" Saturday, May 21, at 4PM, when Elizabeth and Joe Mahowald will perform "*An Evening On Broadway,*" a concert of theater music. Beatus Musica will perform June 4. More information to follow!

The Queens Community Children's Choir will resume group instruction for a short 5-week semester on Thursday afternoons from 5-6pm in the Music Room at COTH. This will run every Thursday from 4/28 to 5/26.

Contact Sean Cotty by email at sean.cotty@churchonthehill.org or call the church office at (718) 358-3671. All children are welcome. This program is free and open to the Queens community.

Andela Memorial

The memorial for Andrew and Roslyn Andela is May 14, at 2PM. If you have a memory of the Andela's that you would like to share, please send it to: **office@churchonthehill.org** no later than **tomorrow**, May 9th.

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. Send an email request to the church office at **office@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. Thank you!

Teresa

Diane Blagburn

Christina Boll

Family of

Evelyne Gillen Buscher

Barbara Burns

Jack & Marie Collins

Lucas Ditta

Jayne Halley

Annie Jankowski

Betsy Mahowald

Marie & Rick Mark

Connie McKinstry

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Joan Petigo

Nicole Phillips

Jeni Pollack

The Redfern family

Rueben Rodriguez

Debi Romano

Kathleen & Robin

Bernard & Eva

Jennifer & Douglas

Shelina Surujballi

Gerald Surujballi

The Thomas Family

Virginia Young



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Worship & Music

Chair: Irma Schubert

*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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