

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

*Prelude and Fugue in C# minor
(from WTC Book II)*

Bach

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal Father, you established your Kingdom by sending your only-begotten Son into the world. Give us eyes to see signposts of that Kingdom's growth in this world, and reveal to us its fullness in the world to come, through Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit: One God now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 692

Faith of Our Fathers

*Faith of our fathers! living still
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword:
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whenever we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
we will be true to thee till death!*

*Faith of our fathers! we will strive
to win all nations unto thee,
and through the truth that comes from God,*

*we all shall then be truly free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!*

*Faith of our fathers! we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife:
and preach thee too, as love knows how,
by kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
we will be true to thee till death!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all our wounds, make whole all that is broken in us, speak the truth to all our illusions, and shed light in every darkness so that all creation will see your glory through us and come to know Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM

This is My Song

Sibelius

(Lyrics by Stone/Morgan)

This is my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is, Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine. But other hearts in other lands are beating, With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, And skies are everywhere as blue

as mine. This is my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for their land and for mine. So let us raise this melody together, Beneath the stars that guide us through the night; If we choose love, each storm we'll learn to weather, Until true peace and harmony we find, This is our song, a hymn we raise together; A dream of peace, uniting humankind.

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 92

Matthew 13: 24-43

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Growth We Don't See

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.**

ANTHEM

Sweet Is the Name of Jesus

G.F. Handel

Arr. Andrew Andela

*Sweet is the name of Jesus, the name of our salvation,
sing, oh my soul, His praises, in wonder and adoration;
Oh sweet is the name of Jesus, all precious names above;
name over all most worthy, the name of redeeming love.*

*Thou who all grace and glory art, how shall I rightly sing to
Thee,*

*Oh what can a sinner bring to Thee, from out a burning
heart?*

*Thee will I love, Lord Jesus, and joy in Thy salvation,
honor and praise and bless Thee, in worship and
adoration;*

*Oh sweet is the name of Jesus, all precious names above;
name over all most worthy, the name of redeeming love.*

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.**

RESPONSE *Sweet Hour of Prayer* William Walford

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known:
in seasons of distress and grief
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*

*HYMN No. 697 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

*In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child*

is surely kin to me.

*In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Rejoice in the Lord Always* (section) H. Purcell
And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POSTLUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter
 (arranged for solo piano)

Announcements

Music Notes

Today's anthem, "This is My Song," may sound familiar. It uses the hymn tune "Finlandia" by Jean Sibelius which is also the tune for our hymnal's "Be Still My Soul" (#530) and "Then Shall I Live" (#507). The lyrics for our arrangement today come from two sources. Verses 1 and 2 are by the poet Lloyd Stone. Verse 3 is by Blake Morgan. Mr. Morgan arranged the full piece and it is on his arrangement that we have based our adaptation. If you want to hear Mr. Morgan's complete version it can be found on YouTube if you search for "voces8 finlandia."

Thank you to Dora Galit for filling in for Sean Cotty this morning! And thank you to the wonderful quartet: Dorien Day, Bruce and Steve Hoffacker, and Elizabeth Mahowald!

Elder and Deacon Ordination and Installation

On June 27th during worship, Rhoda Jabbour will be installed as an Elder and Heather Allison will be ordained and installed as a Deacon at Church on the Hill. Many thanks to Yoon Ryo, Deacon, and Jeanne Sarran, Elder, for their faithful service over the past four years!

Virtual Coffee Hour

The last virtual coffee hour of the spring/summer season will be June 27th. Virtual Coffee Hour will resume the Sunday after Labor Day.

Parables of Jesus

Throughout the summer, Pastor Doug will be speaking on the parables of Jesus. We will allow them to impress us with not only their wisdom but to grip us with their power to impact our lives and change us.

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

Family of Bill Brendel

Deegan Family

Diane Blagburn

Susan Brooks

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Rosemarie Graffeo

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Helen Hunt

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Nancy Lee

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

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Gerry & Jean Mendler

Miller Family

Sarah Mundy

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