

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

Improvisation on
St. George's, Windsor

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 381

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people come;

raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in

ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, does provide

for our wants to be supplied;

come to God's own temple, come,

raise the song of harvest home.

*All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrows grown.
First the blade, then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear,
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come
to your final harvest home,
gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in your presence to abide.
Come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed—by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved

our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM *If You Search With All Your Heart* Craig Courtney
When you seek Me, you shall find Me
If you search with all your heart.

*For I know the plans I have for you:
Plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you:
Plans of hope and a future.*

*I will bring you out of bondage
to the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of bondage
I will bring you home to Me.*

*When you seek me, you shall find me
if you search with all your heart.*

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 19

Matthew 13: 44-53

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Priceless

Rev. Doug
Estella

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Presentation of: Rhoda Jabbour (Elder)
Heather Allision (Deacon)

*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.**

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, do you receive in the name of the Lord, these deacons and elders as duly elected and ordained servants of Christ? **We do.**

Do you promise to respect them for the sake of the offices for which they have been chosen and ordained? **We do.**

Do you promise to encourage and pray for them, to labor together in obedience to the gospel for the unity, purity, and peace of the church, the welfare of the whole world, and the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ? **We do.**

ANTHEM *For The Beauty Of The Earth* John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies*

*(Refrain)
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise*

*For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light*

*For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above*

For all gentle thoughts and mild

*For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN No. 523

Trust and Obey

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he will richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*But we never can prove the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows and the joy he bestows
are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;*

*what he says we will do, where he sends we will go,
never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;
O direct us and protect us
traveling through this wilderness.

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Eugene Gigout

Announcements

Music Notes

If You Search With All Your Heart was commissioned in memory of Brenda Jean Wassink, who was shot and killed at the age of 22 while working in Kansas City, three months before she was to be married. In the months following her death, Brenda's family and fiance found themselves clinging to Jeremiah 29:11:

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (RSV)

This anthem stands as a testament to God's sustaining mercy in our times of deepest grief and sorrow.

-Craig Courtney

A BIG thank you to Sean Cotty and the Chancel Choir for leading us in song each week. Beginning next week, the choir will break for the summer.

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
Lillian Calfa
Marilyn Cooney
Henry Detreville
Janet Fiala
John & Hazel Gittens
Elnora Cristi Gordon
and Family
Rosemarie Graffeo
Virginia Haggart
Carol Hughes
Helen Hunt
Kean Family
Hank Klushin

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



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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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