

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

Ave Maria d'Arcadelt

Franz Liszt

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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. 353

For the Beauty of the Earth

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful 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,
Lord of all, to thee we raise*

this our hymn of grateful praise.

*For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life. that by confessing our faults and shortcomings and guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbors. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

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.*

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 138

Matthew 13:1-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Jesus Taught: An Introduction to
the Parables*

*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 *Thou Wilt Keep Him* Samuel Wesley
*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on Thee.
The darkness is no darkness with Thee,
but the night is as clear as the day.*

*The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.
God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee,
for Thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forevermore.*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Confession of Faith

Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again

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 *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*
*Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee;
he never will suffer the righteous to fall:
he is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens:
let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.*

*HYMN No. 568 *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*
*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy
love, at the impulse of thy love.*

*Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee;
take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King,
always, only, for my King.*

*Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee;
take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,
not a mite would I withhold.*

*Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only,
all for thee.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

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

Fugue in C Minor

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Parables of Jesus

Starting today and 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
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
Prager Families
Racquel Prager
Barbara Rogers
Ross Family
Rosemary Vazquez
Alison Venable
John Young
Joan Werbel
Dilip
Katie



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