

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America  
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**June 26, 2022**  
**10:30 AM**



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**Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Guest Pastor**

**Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director**

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus



\* **Hymn No. 50**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

\* **Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from your truth and from your holy will. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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

**Anthem**

Lord, Keep Us Closer to You

Don Besig

*In the quiet of this moment,  
Here in this holy place,  
Help us feel your presence, Lord;  
Help us know Your grace.  
Renew each spirit,  
Heal every soul.  
Come and touch us with Your love  
And make us whole.*

*In this fellowship together,  
Friendship and love have grown.  
Keep us ever faithful, Lord;  
Claim us as Your own.  
Grant us Your mercy,  
Calm every fear.  
There is peace within our hearts  
When You are near.*

*Lord as we turn to You,  
Humbly we pray.  
Help us to trust in You;  
Show us Your way.  
O, Lord, in all we say and do,  
Keep us, our whole life through,  
Lord, closer to You,  
Keep us closer to You.*

*In the troubled world around us,  
Help us to share Your light.  
Walk along beside us, Lord;  
Keep us in your sight.  
Guide every footstep;  
Help us to be true.  
Draw us closer every day.  
Give us strength to live in faith  
And follow You.*

## **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 96

Galatians 1: 11-24

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      “Good News for the Nations”      Rev. Doug Estella

## **Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons**

The Presentation

\* **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.*

## **Congregational Response**

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 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**

Lead Me, Lord

Garth Edmunson

*Lead me, Lord.*

*Lead me in Thy righteousness,*

*O Lord, make Thy ways*

*Plain before my face.*

*Thou O Lord,*

*It is Thou who makes me dwell*

*With Thee in safety.*

*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**

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

*Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline thine ear to us  
And grant us thy peace.  
Amen.*

**\* Hymn No. 731**

O Christians Haste

**\* Benediction**

**Response** *(please be seated)*

God Be With You

*God be with you till we meet again,  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.*

**Postlude**    Prelude No. 1 "La Colombe" (The Dove)    Messiaen

# **Announcements**

## **MUSIC NOTE**

We would like to thank Steve Max for playing piano today! We would also like to thank our Chancel Choir for their service to COTH during the 2021-2022 program year. They will be taking a break for the summer after this Sunday, but we look forward to hearing their voices again in the fall!

## **ELDER AND DEACON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

Today, during worship, Nancy Gessner will be installed as an Elder, and Emerson Chen will be installed as a Deacon. Ginny Chan and Adriene Toy will be ordained and installed as Deacons. We express our immense gratitude to Dorien Day, Elder, and to Deacons Jeanne Sarran, Dana Chan, and Maureen Saepia-Chen for their faithful service! A celebratory coffee hour in Gessner Hall will follow the service!

## **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

There is a collection box located by the entrance to the Church where we accept donations of boxed/canned goods throughout the year.

## **BARGAIN BOUTIQUE**

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!

## 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](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org).



Psalm 96

## 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). Thank you!*

Family of

Evelyne Gillen Buscher

Diane Blagburn

Randy Eastman

Janet Fiala

Jayne Halley

Annie Jankowski

Betsy Mahowald

Marie Mark

Connie McKinstry

Jean Mendler

Kathy Meyer

Family of

Jeni Pollack

The Redfern family

Virginia Young



### **Buildings & Grounds**

**Consistory Reps.:** Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

### **Christian Education & Youth**

**Chair:** Jeanne Sarran

### **Community, Mission & Outreach**

**Chair:** Heather Allison

### **Community Nursery School Board**

**President:** Ginny Chan

**Consistory Rep:** Rhoda Jabbour

### **Congregational Care**

**Chair:** Angela Brunjes

### **Finance**

**Chair:** Doris Krsnak

**Consistory Rep:** Margret Dougherty

### **Personnel**

**Chair:** Dana Chan

### **Worship & Music**

**Chair:** Irma Schubert



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