

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

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10:00 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 the
Battle Hymn of the Republic

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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. 418

America The Beautiful

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining
sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,*

*confirm thy soul in self control,
thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more
than life!*

*America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining
sea!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sins. You alone know how often we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, and forgotten your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us, and help us to live in your light and to walk in your ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled
Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

Oley Speaks

*Let not your heart be troubled,
Ye believe in God, believe also in me.*

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you;
not as the world giveth, give I unto 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 42

Galatians 5:13-26

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Spiritual Freedom

Rev. Dr. Ian
Rottenberg

*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.**

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

Lead Me, Lord

Wesley

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,
make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only
makest me dwell in safety.*

*HYMN No. 416

Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

(Verses 1-3)

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath
are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his
terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.*

Glory! Glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!

Glory! Glory, hallelujah! Our God is marching on.

*I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling
camps; They have builded him an altar in the evening
dews and damps; I can read his righteous sentence by the
dim and flaring lamps; His day is marching on.*

*Glory! Glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! Glory, hallelujah! Our God is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call
retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before his
judgement seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer him! Be
jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.*

*Glory! Glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! Glory, hallelujah! Our God is marching on.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *The Peace of God* Yarrington
The peace of God which passeth the all understanding,
Be with you now and evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Stars and Stripes Forever* John Philip Sousa

Announcements

Thank You!

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg for joining us in worship this Sunday!

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observation of Independence Day.

Pastoral Search Survey

There's still time! If you have already completed the survey – THANK YOU! If you haven't done so yet, please consider filling out the Pastoral Search Survey. The Search Committee is looking forward to your thoughtful responses that will help us focus on the qualities, skills, and personality of the next person that will guide us on our spiritual journey. A link to the survey is included in the Weekly Monday Email. We ask that all surveys are submitted by Friday, July 9th.

Christmas in July!

Church on the Hill will be celebrating Christmas in July by collecting canned goods for the food pantry at First Reformed Church in College Point. Bring your canned goods to church on Sunday, July 25th!

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
Gerry & Jean Mendler
Miller Family
Sarah Mundy
Ruben & Eva Munoz
Prager Families
Racquel Prager
Barbara Rogers
Ross Family
Rosemary Vazquez
Alison Venable
John Young
Joan Werbel
Katie



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