

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America  
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**August 15, 2021**

**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

*Reverie*

Debussy

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN No. 60

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to be thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

#### 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/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

*The Prayer*

David Foster/  
Carole Sager

Soloist: Joe Mahowald

*I pray you'll be our eyes  
and watch us where we go  
and help us to be wise  
in times when we don't know  
Let this be our prayer  
when we lose our way*

*Lead us to a place  
Guide us with your grace  
To a place where we'll be safe*

*I pray we'll find your light  
and hold it in our hearts  
when stars go out each night  
Let this be our prayer  
when shadows fill our day*

*Lead us to a place  
Guide us with your grace  
To a place where we'll be safe*

*We ask that life be kind  
and watch us from above  
we hope each soul will find  
another soul to love  
Let this be our prayer  
just like every child*

*Lead us to a place*

*Guide us with your grace  
To a place where we'll be safe*

## 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 READING

Psalm 4

Luke 18: 1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      *The God Who Answers Prayer*      Rev. Doug Estella

## \*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 Church\*,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The word "catholic" means "universal," referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.

SOLO

*If My People Will Pray*

*Jimmy Owens*

*Soloist: Elizabeth Mahowald*

*If My people which are called by My name  
shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves  
and pray,*

*If My people which are called by My name  
shall seek My face and turn from their wicked ways;*

*Then will I hear from heaven, then will I hear from heaven,  
Then will I hear and will forgive, and forgive their sin,  
I will forgive their sin, will forgive their sin, and heal their  
land.*

*If My people which are called by My name shall humble  
themselves and pray.*

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.**

\*HYMN No. 532

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in D Major*

Bach



# Announcements

## **Music Notes**

Thank you to Joe & Elizabeth Mahowald for leading the hymns in worship this morning!

## **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**

Keeping in mind the continued health and safety of church staff and members of our community, the Consistory at Church on the Hill has decided to close the Bargain Boutique indefinitely.

We will not be accepting donations of any kind until further notice.

Please refer to the church website ([churchonthehill.org/bargain-boutique](http://churchonthehill.org/bargain-boutique)) and weekly emails for updated information regarding the re-opening of the Boutique.

## *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  
Diane Blagburn  
Susan Brooks  
Lillian Calfa  
Marilyn Cooney  
Henry Detreville  
Janet Fiala  
John & Hazel Gittens  
Elnora Cristi Gordon  
& Family  
Rosemarie Graffeo  
Virginia Haggart  
Carol Hughes  
Helen Hunt  
Hank Klushin  
Krieg Family  
Betty Kwong  
Andrew LaClaustra

Lynn Lauterbach  
Nancy Lee  
Irene Sirotnak  
Jorge & Tiffany Martinez  
Lesley Mazzotta  
Gerry & Jean Mendler  
Miller Family  
Sarah Mundy  
Ruben & Eva Munoz  
Barbara Rogers  
Ross Family  
Rosemary Vazquez  
Alison Venable  
John Young  
Joan Werbel  
Katie  
Carol  
Jeremy  
Robin



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

Co-Chairs: Heather Allison & Patrick Symes

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### **Personnel**

Chair: Dana Chan

### **Worship & Music**

Chair: Irma Schubert  
Consistory Rep: Rhoda Jabbour

\*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.

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