

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

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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 *Nimrod (from the Enigma Variations)* Elgar

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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. 442

O Come to Me, the Master Said

O come to me, the Master said, my Father knows your need;

and I shall be, the Master said, your bread of life indeed.

By faith in him we live and grow and share the broken bread, and all his love and goodness know, for so the Master said.

Abide in me, the Master said, the true and living vine;

my life shall be, the Master said, poured out for you as wine.

His body to the cross he gave, his blood he freely shed, who came in love to seek and save, for so the Master said.

Believe in me, the Master said, for I have called you friends, and yours shall be, the Master said, the life that never ends.

And so, with sin and sorrow past, when death itself is dead, the Lord shall raise us up at last, for so the Master said.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all our wounds, make whole all that is broken in us, speak the truth to all our illusions, and shed light in every darkness so that all creation will see your glory through us and come to know Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO *Largo from Sonata in B minor, Op.1 No. 9* Handel
Soloist: Simon Walsh, Flute

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 37: 1-9

HYMN No. 552

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!*

*May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!*

*While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.*

*When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16: 19-30

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***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

Vivace from Sonata in B minor, Op. 1 No. 9

Handel

Soloist: Simon Walsh, Flute

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. 531

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths
its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze
its day may brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is
not vain that morn shall tearless be.*

*O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms
red life that shall endless be.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Overture
(from Music for the Royal Fireworks)

Handel

Announcements

New Worship Time!

Thank you to all who answered the survey! From the overwhelming positive feedback, the Consistory and Worship committee has approved of changing Sunday Worship time to **10:30AM starting on Sunday, September 12th, 2021.**

Prayer List

Beginning September 12th, the prayer list will start anew. Please reach out to the church office if you would like to add or keep a name on the prayer list.

Music Notes

Thank you to Simon for sharing your talents with us 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) 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	Irene Sirotnak
Barbara Andrade	Jorge & Tiffany Martinez
Bermudez Family	Lesley Mazzotta
Diane Blagburn	Rhonda & Curtis Meadows
Susan Brooks	Gerry & Jean Mandler
Lillian Calfa	Miller Family
Marilyn Cooney	Sarah Mundy
Henry Detreville	Ruben & Eva Munoz
Janet Fiala	Barbara Rogers
John & Hazel Gittens	Ross Family
Elnora Cristi Gordon & Family	Patrick Symes
Rosemarie Graffeo	Rosemary Vazquez
Virginia Haggart	Alison Venable
Carol Hughes	John Young
Helen Hunt	Joan Werbel
Hank Klushin	Katie
Krieg Family	Carol
Andrew LaClaustra	
Lynn Lauterbach	



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