

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
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10:30 AM



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Andrew Springer — Guest Preacher

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude

Improvisation on “O Waly Waly”

Sean Cotty

Welcome

* Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Votum

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Sentences of Scripture

Matthew 7:21

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty and loving God, you have given us eyes to see the light that fills this room; give us the inward vision to behold you in this place and receive your truth. You have made us feel the morning wind upon our limbs; help us to sense your presence and feel your love as we bow in worship of you. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

(Psalm 62: 1-6)

For God alone my soul in silence waits; from him comes my salvation. **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.** How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall? **They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; lies are their chief delight.** They bless with their lips, but in their hearts they curse. **For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in him.**

* Hymn No. 374

Now Thank We All Our God

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Friends, hear the good news. In Christ Jesus, our sins have been forgiven.

Anthem

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed.*

Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, whether we take what is written in the Bible as fact, metaphor, myth, or story, we humbly pray that the Holy Spirit come into this place and into our hearts, revealing your truth to us, in this passage we are about to hear. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Doris Cosmatos

Romans 10: 5-15

p. 921

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.

Anthem

Lord, Lead Us Still

Johannes Brahms

*Along the varied paths of life,
 Through hours of joy and sorrow keen,
 In grim temptation's mortal strife,
 In doubt or confidence serene,
 Lord, lead us still, O lead us still.*

*Through all the changes of the years,
 Whate'er of good or ill betide,
 In laughter gay or bitter tears,
 O keep us ever at Thy side;
 Lord, lead us still, O lead us still.*

*And when at last the tale is told,
 The victory won by Thy good grace,*

*May we Thy glory, Lord, behold,
In that blest Homeland see Thy face;
Lord, lead us still, O lead us still.*

*** 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. 40**

Let The Whole Creation Cry

*** Benediction**

Response (please be seated)

Dona Nobis Pacem

Grant us peace.

Postlude

Trio Sonata No. 4 in E Minor (I. Adagio- Vivace)

J. S. Bach

Announcements

INTRODUCTION

Andrew Springer is a journalist, producer, entrepreneur, and starting this August, a first-year seminarian at Yale Divinity School. He's been active in the church his whole life and has spent the first part of his career working for ABC News and NBC News. Recently, he launched his own startup focused on bringing the news to young people through Snapchat and TikTok. He lives in Red Hook with his partner Anthony and their rescue pup Porkchop.

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to the choir for providing the music for this midsummer service!

SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT

We are helping First Reformed Church of College Point collect school supplies again this year to provide to their food pantry families. There are lists of needed supplies on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We have a collection box for donations at the entrance of the Church. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can place your donation in the offering plate during worship. You can also give via our online giving platform, Tithe.ly, to the "School Supply Project" Fund. **Donations should be received no later than August 20th.**

PRAYING FOR RESTORATION

Your Regional Synod is saddened over the disaster and hardship some of our churches are experiencing due to recent storms that caused major flooding in some areas. Our hearts and prayers go out to all the churches impacted by the storm. For churches that need it, the Regional Synod of New York will provide some funding to assist with clean-up.

To support the effort of our regional synod and help our fellow churches and their communities we are asking for donations to aid this effort. Donations may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, sent to the church office, or given via Tithe.ly under the Regional Synod - Flood Relief fund.

Please make checks out to Church on the Hill and indicate 'Flood Relief' in the memo line.

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

The Bargain Boutique is open on Saturdays from 10 am- 1 pm. Donations are accepted on Saturdays only. *We are unable to accept: Electronics, TVs, Furniture, Textbooks* *Please hold donations until further notice.*

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. A sign-up form can be found on **churchonthehill.org**

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

Diane Blagburn

The Family of

Anna Marie Brennan

The Family of

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Randy Eastman

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Susan Laurita

Lynn Lauterbach

Donna Lemay

Rose McLain

Kathy Mendler-Murphy

Paul Mobius

Rev. Bob Perless

The Redfern family

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Patrick Sullivan

Ed Surujballi

Virginia Young

The Prayer List will be getting a refresh in September - In an effort to start with a clean list, please contact the Church Office to add or remove a loved one from the list.



The sanctuary is looped for the hard of hearing. In order to connect to the system, please sit in the north set of pews (on your right when you enter the sanctuary) and set your hearing device to the "T" setting.



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