

# Church on the Hill

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

**August 14, 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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

**Prelude**                      Improvisation on “O Waly Waly”                      Sean Cotty

**Welcome**

**Votum**

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

**Sentences of Scripture**

**Prayer of Invocation**

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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**

I will extol you, my God and King, **and bless your name forever and ever.** Every day I will bless you **and praise your name forever and ever.** Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; **His greatness is unsearchable.**

\* **Hymn No. 593**

The Gift of Love

**Prayer of Confession**

**Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock, you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life, that by confessing our faults and**

**shortcomings, and guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbors. Amen.**

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

**Solo** God's Love is Wide  
Matthew and Rev. Emily Ratering-Youngberg Soloist- Dorien Day

*God's love is wide. It is a home.  
Sheltered in peace, we can be known.  
God's love is wide. It has no walls.  
So come inside. There's room for all.  
We are all so different.  
We are all the same.  
We have all been gathered here  
To worship in God's name.  
By ourselves we're lost for sure.  
By God's love we're found.  
We can try to disappear  
But grace will chase us down.*

## **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**

John 13: 12-20, 31-35

Galatians 6: 1-10

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Taking Care" 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<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.

**Solo**

Marvelous Mystery (He Died for Me)

Joy Sandford  
Soloist- Dorien Day

*Marvelous Mystery!  
Christ was perfect in His Deity,  
Yet, He came to earth that I might see,  
He died for me.  
Worthy I'll never be, still He took my sins to Calvary,  
They were nailed with Him upon the tree to set me free.  
He was the Son of God!  
He didn't have to stay.  
He could have turned His back on me and walked away;  
But lovingly, willingly, He took the road to Calvary,*

*Saving me for all eternity.  
He died for me.*

**\* 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.**

**\* Hymn No. 708**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**\* Benediction**

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

May The Road Rise to Meet You  
Douglas E. Wagner

*May the road rise to meet you;  
May the wind be always at your back;  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
And the rain fall soft upon your fields;  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

**Postlude**

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

# Announcements

## MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Dorien Day for singing at this morning's service!

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

We are helping to collect school supplies to provide for First Reformed Church's food pantry families. There is a collection box located by the entrance to the Church, and you can find a flier on the table at the back of the Church or in our weekly email for more information on what they are looking to collect. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, you can place it in the offering plate. You can also do so through our online giving platform, Tithe.ly, under the "School Supply Project" fund.

## 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).



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.

## 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!*

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