

Church on the Hill

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

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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 Trio Sonata No. 4 in E Minor (II. Andante)

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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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. 72**

To God Be The Glory

* **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

Anthem Almighty and Everlasting God O. Gibbons

*Almighty and everlasting, and everlasting God,
Mercifully look upon our infirmities,
And in all our dangers and necessities
Stretch forth Thy right hand, to help and defend us;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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 139: 1-18

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Life in the Spirit" 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.*

Anthem

Grant Peace, We Pray

Felix Mendelssohn

*Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord,
In our time peace, oh, send us!
For there is none on earth but Thee,
None other to defend us.
Thou only Lord, canst fight for us.*

*** 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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Walford

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known:
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempters snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

*** Hymn No. 298**

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

*** Benediction**

Response *(please be seated)*

Rejoice in the Lord Always (section)

H. Purcell

*And the peace of God,
Which passeth all understanding,
Shall keep your hearts and minds
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Postlude

Trio Sonata No. 4 in E Minor (III. Un poco Allegro)

Announcements

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Dorien Day, Arden Beron, Bruce Hoffacker, and Steve Hoffacker for providing the music 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!

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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.



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. Thank you!

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