

# Church on the Hill

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

**September 25, 2022**  
**10:30 AM**



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**Rev. Carlos Rivera — Guest Pastor**

**Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director**

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

## Prelude

Improvisation on “Finlandia”

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

Almighty God, as we stand in awe of your goodness and mercy today, we invite you to be present amongst us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Father, we declare that we love you. Thank you that you have made the way of love known through your son Jesus Christ. We pray that you would reveal this great love to us all today as we gather to worship. Lead us by your Spirit to praise you. In the wonderful name of Jesus we pray, **Amen.**

## Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! **Serve the Lord with gladness!** Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\* Hymn No. 458

Search Me, O God

## Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Amen.

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

**Anthem**      Like as a Hart Desireth the Water-brooks      Vincent Novello

*Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks,  
So longeth my soul after Thee, O God.  
Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul,  
And why art thou so disquieted within me.  
O put thy trust, thy trust in God.*

## Prayer of Illumination

Almighty Holy God, make us partakers of your Holy Spirit. Enlighten us, O God. May we taste this heavenly gift that you reserve for your righteous people. Cleanse us of any barriers in our hearts and minds that may stop us from feeling your presence. Flood any dark spots in our hearts with your light. Help us to walk in your light and shine your beauty and grace on everyone we meet. **Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

Angela Brunjes

Psalm 51: 10-13

2 Corinthians 7: 8-10

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Godly Sorrow”

Rev. Carlos Rivera

**\* 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.

**Anthem**

I Love Thee

Benjamin Harlan

*I love thee, my Lord;  
I love thee, my Savior, I love thee, my God:  
I love thee, and that thou dost know;  
But how much I love thee my actions will show.*

*O Jesus, my Savior, with thee I am blest,  
My life and salvation, my joy and my rest:  
Thy name be my theme, and thy love be my song;  
Thy grace shall inspire both my heart and my tongue.*

*Oh, who's like my Savior? He's Salem's bright King;  
He smiles and He loves me and helps me to sing:  
I'll praise Him with notes loud and clear,*

*While rivers of pleasure my spirit shall cheer.*

**\* 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. 507**

I Then Shall Live

**\* Benediction**

**Response** (please be seated)

Dona Nobis Pacem

*Grant us peace.*

**Postlude**

Prelude in G Major BWV 541

J. S. Bach

# Announcements

## **CHILDREN AT WORSHIP - COTH'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Jeanne Sarran has begun the Fall session of the Children's Ministry program. The program is open to children, ages 5 to 12. During the service, the children will process out and be led to Room 2-E. The focus this Fall is on the book of Exodus, chapters 1 through 14.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

This year's festival will take place on Saturday, October 15th with a rain date of October 22. Any donations can be brought to the Church office with an appointment.

## **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 Grand Reopening of the Bargain Boutique will be Saturday, October 15th, from 10am- 2pm. Donations accepted starting September and October, only on Saturdays. No electronics, no TVs, no furniture.

## **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)*

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