

**Celebration of Worship
at the Reformed Church of Cortlandtown**

April 28, 2019 — 10:00 A.M.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Gather Together in God's Name

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 150:1-6

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

People: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

People: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" #104

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has invited us to life and yet we have chosen death. Let us confess the state of our lives to our God and before one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and deliver us from our sins. We encounter many roads in life, O guiding One, and at times, choose the road that looks most inviting to us. We often choose the path of least resistance or the trail of greatest personal return. Forgive us when we fail to choose the road, the path where you are ready to meet us. Forgive us when we turn a blind eye. Grant us your grace, we pray. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and deliver us from our

sins. Amen

(a moment of silent prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Come into the light of God's love! Christ is risen! Death has been swallowed up in victory! Know beyond all doubt that God's love is always with you, surrounding you, leading you, comforting you. Be at peace. AMEN.

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(Sung) Tune: Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

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FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

NT, pg.123

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-6

NT, pg. 245

ANTHEM

SHARING TIME WITH CHILDREN

***HYMN**

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

See Insert

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

NT, pg. 115

MESSAGE

The Thinker

A MOMENT OF REFLECTION (Music Interlude)

We Respond to God in Joy

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** (unison)

Hymnal, pg. 14

Led by liturgist

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (see the Prayer Request insert)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Depart to Serve

***HYMN** "Christ is Alive" #108

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



(*Indicates that those who are able may stand.)

Thanks to Those Serving Today

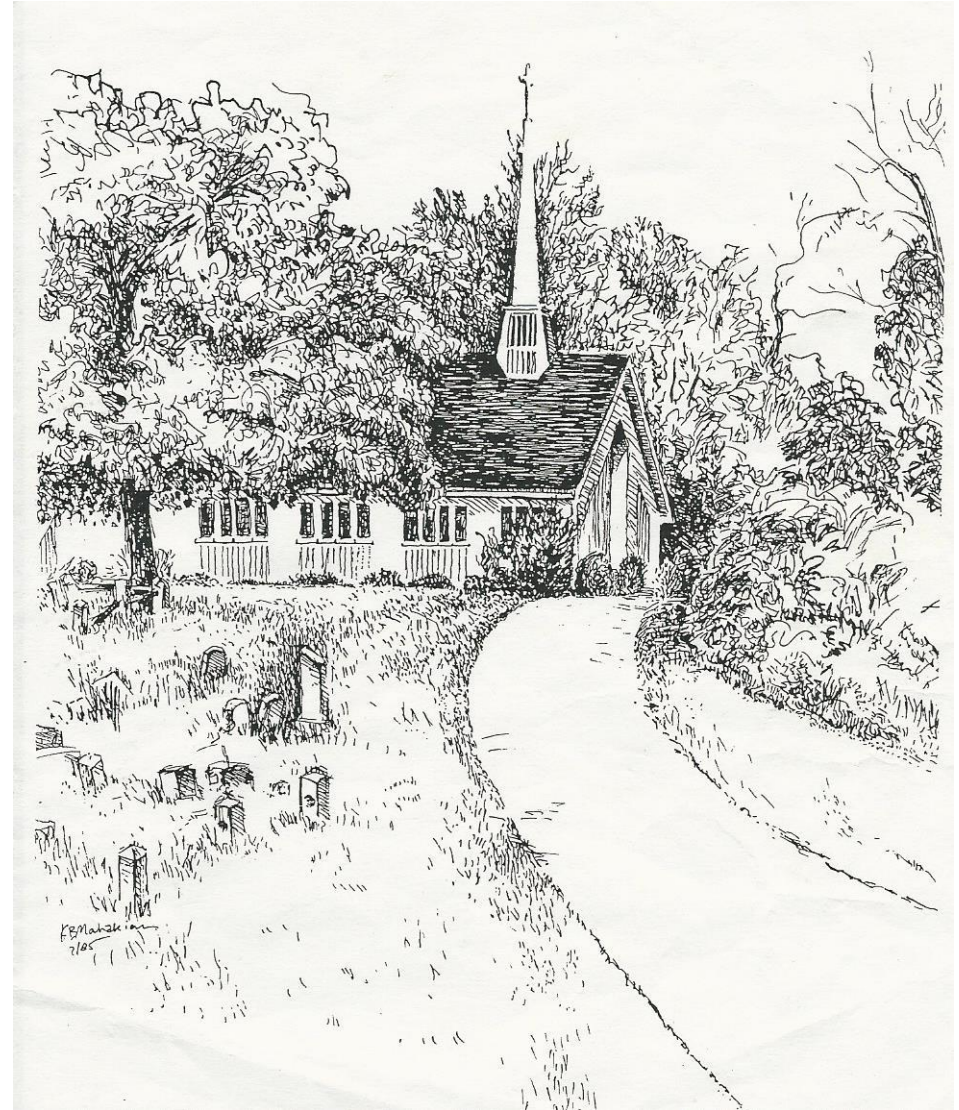
Worship Leader Barbara Howell
 Message: Susan Rescigno
 Music Director Rick Romano
 Anthem Adult Choir
 Liturgist Taylor DeResh, Jill Davis
 Children's Sermon Jan Dyckman
 Greeters/Stewards Maile Candia, Derek DeResh, Ari Medina
 Sunday School Teachers Harmen Bakker, Sue DeResh
 Ari Medina, Senyo Tsedze
 Nursery Lisa Wilson
 Fellowship John Torres, Sean Daugherty

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ann D'Onofrio by the D'Onofrio family.

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly, who at best knows the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly.

Theodore Roosevelt



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