

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America

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**11:00 a.m.**



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**Rev. Blaine D. Crawford – Pastor**

**Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director**

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

**Welcome to worship at Church on the Hill!  
We're so glad you have joined us this morning. Please  
read the following for more details about the worship  
service.**

**\*\*Please silence your cell phones prior to the service\*\***

The sanctuary and pews have been thoroughly cleaned in preparation for worship today. During the worship service, we ask that you continue to **wear your masks for the duration of the service**. The congregation is invited to join in responses and the hymn singing—we ask that you **speak and sing at a conversational volume**. We have opened as many windows as possible in the sanctuary to increase ventilation. Please **do not attempt to open the windows that are closed**. Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary; **on your way out of the sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plates**. At the conclusion of the service, **please wait to be dismissed** by the ushers, allowing us to clear any video equipment in the aisle. We ask that you take your bulletin with you and do not leave it in the sanctuary. Bathrooms are available for use in Gessner Hall. There will be no coffee hour after the service.

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE                      *Symphony No. 6 (Movement IV)*                      Widor

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

You invite us, O God to live in your ways,  
and you give us to each other to know and to love  
as we journey in this life.  
Show us your will for all creation.  
Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts  
so that we may honor what you have made. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The One who calls you together this day yearns for each  
of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.  
Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words  
for the healing of the world.  
Speak, O Lord, for your servants are listening.

\* HYMN No. 638

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone;*

*hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully  
as creatures in need of your constant care.**

**We confess that we have neither heard your word  
nor followed your will.**

**We have failed our nation, neighbors, families,  
friends, and ourselves.**

**Give us ears to hear your wisdom  
and renew us in your strength. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness,  
and by grace you have been saved.

In Jesus' name you are forgiven.

Your sins are no more; you have been made clean.

God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit.

SOLO

*God Bless America*

Irving Berlin

Soloist - Maureen Saepia-Chen

While the storm clouds gather  
far across the sea,  
let us swear allegiance  
to a land that's free.

Let us all be grateful  
for a land so fair,

as we raise our voices  
in a solemn prayer.

God bless America,  
Land that I love.  
Stand beside her,  
and guide her,  
through the night with  
a light from above.

From the mountains,  
to the prairies,  
to the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America  
My home, sweet home,  
God bless America  
My home, sweet home.

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes,  
our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word  
so that it comes to live within us. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

John 1:43-51

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Path of the Disciple*

Rev. Dr. Ian  
Rottenberg

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

### The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come 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.**

## 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. 263

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne:

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er

shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"

Alleluia! heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay:

Alleluia! hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,

where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on  
*We Shall Overcome*

Sean Cotty

# **Announcements**

## **Sanctuary Air Circulation**

As the temperatures begin to drop, the ushers will be opening fewer windows during the worship. However, we have installed new air filters for the sanctuary in order to meet current COVID-19 standards. We will continue to take all necessary precautions for your health and safety.

## **Weekly Calendar**

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings and ministries of Church on the Hill!

## **Bargain Boutique**

The Bargain Boutique will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Please hold all donations until we re-open.



## *Prayer Requests*

*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office*

Miram Allen

Roslyn Andela

Babinsky Family

Bermudez Family

Diane Blagburn

Christina & Sadie Boll

Elizabeth Bossis

Susan Brooks

Carolyn Brunjes

Lillian Calfa

David Cerqueira

Gracinda Cerqueira

Jose Cerqueira

Marie Collins

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

The Frocione Family

John & Hazel Gittens

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Alex Guzman

Hotchkiss Family

Helen Hunt

Betty Kwong

Lynn Lauterbach

Nancy Lee

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Jean Mandler

Gerda Miller

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Barbara Rogers

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Roppolo Family

Smith Family

Jocelyn Toner

Rosemary Vasquez

Alison Venable

Vera Family

Alex Young

Joan Werbel



### **Community, Mission & Outreach**

Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

### **Community Nursery School Board**

President: Ginny Chan  
Consistory Rep: Dorien Day

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Consistory Rep: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

### **Christian Education & Youth**

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### **Personnel**

Chair: Dana Chan

### **Worship & Music**

Chair: Rev. Crawford  
Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

\*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.

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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.



*Consistory & Staff*

Rev. Blaine Crawford, **President**

Nancy Gessner, **Clerk**

**Elders**

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- Victor Han
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