

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

Improvisation on
Lobe Den Herren

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Creator God,
the heavens radiate your glory!
You have set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a joyful bridegroom
from his wedding canopy.
May we emerge from night's waiting
with such rampant joy
that we too radiate your glory throughout this day.
In the name of the Son of Righteousness
who has risen with healing in his wings. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 735

One Race, One Gospel, One Task

*One is the race of mankind under sin's condemnation,
one is the gospel that frees us from death's domination;
one is our task sin, death, and hell to unmask,
showing God's way of salvation.*

*One is the Word that can speak to our fallen condition:
Jesus alone can redeem us and give sin's remission.*

*His saving name we must forever proclaim:
only in Christ is salvation.*

*One is the task that our Lord to his Church has committed;
his is the Spirit by whom for his work we are fitted.
No more our own, we serve one Master alone
Jesus, who won our salvation!*

*One is the hope of eternal rejoicing before us;
one is the song we shall share in God's heavenly chorus:
till that glad day let us Christ's mandate obey
tell the whole world of salvation!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity,
out of the house of slavery.**

Forgive us when we willingly return to our old ways.

**Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we
do not rest and enjoy your presence.**

**Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare
not rest and sit with ourselves.**

**Forgive us through Christ,
who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery
that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and
community. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

One Song
Soloist: Joe Mahowald

Alan Bergman,
Marilyn Bergman,
& Marvin Hamlisch

*If we all sing one song,
One song of love,
One song of peace,*

*One song to make all our troubles cease,
One hymn, one theme, one hope, one dream
Imagine what tomorrow would bring
If we all sing one song.*

*If we all learn the words,
Just think how great the song would be.
And since the song is in freedom's key,
One voice you'd hear, so pure, so clear,
Imagine what tomorrow would bring
If we all sing one song.*

*There's just one sun that warms our day,
The same moon and stars light our way.
This little ball whirling in space,
It's our only home, our only place.*

*If we all sing one song
One song of love,
One song of peace,
One song to make all our troubles cease.
Imagine what tomorrow would bring
If we all sing one song!*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God who speaks, your law is perfect, reviving the soul;
your commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes.
May your Spirit illumine this Word
that our eyes may be opened
and our souls revived. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Matthew 21:33-46

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's Gift, God's Test

Rev. Blaine
Crawford

*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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Confession of Faith

Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again

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. 130

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;*

*his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.*

*He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on
Azmon

Sean Cotty

Announcements

Bargain Boutique

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

Weekly Calendar

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

Harvest Festival

Unfortunately, the Church on the Hill annual Harvest Festival has been postponed. We are looking at possible options for Spring 2021 but this will be dependent on the state of global and community health.

Prayer Requests

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

Miram Allen	John & Hazel Gittens
Babinsky Family	Brooke Graffeo
The Cipriani Family	Rosemarie Graffeo
Diane Blagburn	Alex Guzman
Christina & Sadie Boll	Hotchkiss Family
Elizabeth Bossis	Lynn Lauterbach
Jack Brennan	Jorge & Tiffany Martinez
Susan Brooks	Jean Mendler
Lillian Calfa	Ruben & Eva Munoz
David Cerqueira	Murray Family
Gracinda Cerqueira	Patricia Olney
Jose Cerqueira	Roppolo Family
Marie Collins	Joseph Saepia
Helen Cunningham	Smith Family
Rosina Cuticone	Jocelyn Toner
Lenny DeSimone	Alison Venable
Michael Doliner	Joan Werbel
The Durdik Family	Mike
The Frocione Family	Stacey
Betty Gessner	



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