

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

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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 *Forest Green* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of righteousness,
you overcome those who abuse their power
and lift up those who suffer.
Even now, when evil seems to hold sway,
we know that you will have the last word.
Keep us faithful as we wait for your coming realm,
when you will welcome all your children
into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 349 *I Love You, Lord, My Strength, My Rock*
I love you, Lord my strength, my rock, my fortress, and my
aid. My refuge and salvation's hope, to you I long have
prayed. Though cords and snares encompassed me,
confronting me with death, in my distress I called to you,
my life and source of breath.

In your own courts you heard my plea, my crying reached
your ear. The mountains shook, foundations reeled, your
anger strikes such fear. You came to me on wings of wind,

with storm and lightning's power. You saved me from my enemies, you give me strength each hour.

*Your statutes, Lord, I daily keep, my actions seek your will.
In loyalty I walk your way; my heart is steadfast still.
You pay the righteous with right things, yet bring the
haughty low: a perfect shield for all in need, destruction to
your foe.*

*For who is God except the Lord, my rock, my strength, my
stay. Salvations' shield you give to me, you widen victory's
way. Blest be your name, O Living God, the victory you
have won. Your name I will proclaim to all, O saving
Sovereign One.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice
and nurtured us with love.**

Even so, we have not lived according to your will.

We cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance.

We hold tight to privilege and forget your laws.

Have mercy on us, Lord,

for we are weak and prone to disobedience.

Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

Nocturne in c#-minor
Sean Cotty, Piano

Frederic Chopin

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Shine your light on your Word, O Lord;
by your Spirit let us see your wonder.
For your justice outruns our sense of fairness;
your love overwhelms our deepest affections.
Open our eyes, unstop our ears,
and show us the most excellent way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Judges 4:1-7

Matthew 25:14-30

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Not To Do

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.**

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. 366 *God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven*
*God, who made the earth and heaven, darkness and
light: You the day for work have given, for rest the night.
May your angel guards defend us, slumber sweet your
mercy send us, holy dreams and hopes attend us all
through the night.*

*And when morn again shall call us to run life's way,
may we still, whate'er befall us, your will obey.
From the power of evil hide us, in the narrow pathway
guide us, never be your smile denied us all through the
day.*

*Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, and, when we die,
may we in your mighty keeping all peaceful lie.*

When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not forsake us, but to reign in glory take us with you on high.

*Holy Father, throned in heaven, all holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely give, blest Three in One: grant us grace,
we now implore you, till we lay our crowns before you, and
in worthier strains adore you while ages run.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale from Symphony No. 6

Widor

Announcements

Stewardship Sunday

Next Sunday, November 22, is Stewardship Sunday. Pledge cards have been mailed to the congregation. They can be returned to the church office or dropped in the offering plate next Sunday. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and generosity!

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

Babinsky 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

Gessner Family

John & Hazel Gittens

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Alex Guzman

Hotchkiss Family

Helen Hunt

Betty Kwong

Lynn Lauterbach

Nancy Lee

Justin & Jessica Mark

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Jean Mandler

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Roppolo Family

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Joseph Saepia

Alex Young

Smith Family

Joan Werbel

Jocelyn Toner

Mike

Alison Venable



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Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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.



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