

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
Now Thank We All Our God

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of majesty,
you love us with an everlasting love
and show us the way to justice and peace.
In Jesus Christ, you have reconciled
the whole world to you
and claimed us as your own.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 376

We Gather Together

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
sing praises to his name: he forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!*

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be;
let thy congregation escape tribulation:
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Shepherd God, we confess
that we are not ready for your holy pastures.
You guide us toward right paths,
but we refuse to follow where you lead.
You love and feed and care for us,
but we fail to love and serve others.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

CHORAL ANTHEM *Now Thank We All Our God* J.S. Bach
Featuring Members of the COTH Chancel Choir

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and
voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world
rejoices; who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on
our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*All praise and thanks to God, The Father, now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns with Them in highest heaven.
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore!*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, open your Word.
Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation,
that our eyes may be enlightened
and we may know the hope to which we have been
called;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Matthew 25:31-46

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Life with the Flock

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. 381

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*Come, ye thankful people come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrows grown.*

*First the blade, then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear,
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come
to your final harvest home,
gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in your presence to abide.
Come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on
St. George's, Windsor

Sean Cotty

Announcements

Stewardship Sunday

This Sunday is Stewardship Sunday. Pledge cards can be returned to the church office or dropped in the offering plate. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and generosity!

White Christmas

While worship and social gatherings may look different these days, WHITE CHRISTMAS WILL STILL BE HAPPENING THIS YEAR! We may not have our usual tags and white bags, but we will be partnering with local organizations, such as *PS116*, *La Jornada*, *Ottilie*, *Border of Hope*, and *Housing Plus* to provide gifts of fellowship, love and some necessary holiday cheer. For information on White Christmas giving options this year, please keep an eye out for an email coming this Tuesday!

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

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 Mendler

Gerda Miller

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Rasquinha Family

Roppolo Family

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Joseph Saepia

Alison Venable

Smith Family

Alex Young

Thorsen Family

Joan Werbel

Jocelyn Toner

Mike



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*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.



Consistory & Staff

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