

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 an
American Folk Song

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, you are our hope and our salvation, for in Jesus Christ you conquered death. Baptized in him, we are raised to new life. Increase in us our faith and keep us watchful, that we may welcome Christ with joy when he comes to set the whole world free. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 523

Trust and Obey

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!*

*While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.*

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he will richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.*

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*But we never can prove the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows and the joy he bestows
are for them who will trust and obey.*

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go,
never fear, only trust and obey.*

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious God,
you are our strength and our delight;
you give us all we need to live.
Yet we are distracted by all that glitters,
continually grasping for more.
Rather than trust in your provision,
we chase after our own happiness.
Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you,
for we know that you are the source of life,
the fount of all that is good. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM

Alleluia Round

William Boyce

Featuring members of the COTH Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us of your promises that we might hear your truth and enjoy you forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Matthew 25:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Professing our Faith

Rev. Blaine
Crawford

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Presentation of the Confirmands:

Thomas Aiello

Joshua Menendez

Jean Luc-Supplice

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.**

Congregational Response:

Welcome our brothers in Christ!

Joyfully we receive you!

**Join with us as we give witness to the world to the
good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!**

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. 20

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!*

*All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Intermezzo from Symphony No. 6

Widor

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

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

Lynn Lauterbach

Justin & Jessica Mark

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Jean Mendler

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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Personnel

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Chair: Rev. Crawford
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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