

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America

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**Ash Wednesday**

**February 17, 2021**

**7:30 p.m.**



**Rev. Blaine D. Crawford – Pastor**

**Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director**

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

# ASH WEDNESDAY

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in Bb-Minor*

Bach

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of righteousness, you see the secret acts of our devotion and know the hidden motives of our hearts. Confirm in us a spirit of humble obedience, that without regard to earthly honor we may live as your faithful children and receive the treasure of eternal life with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 538

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford  
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my savior, I come to thee!*

*I need thee every hour, stay thou near by;  
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.  
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my savior, I come to thee!*

*I need thee every hour in joy or pain;*

*come quickly and abide or life is vain.  
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my savior, I come to thee!*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have been a rebellious people.  
We have broken your covenant,  
and we have tolerated injustice in our land.  
We have not shared our food with the hungry,  
we have not sheltered the homeless,  
and we have not aided the destitute.  
We quarrel and fight among ourselves,  
and we use religion to cover our deceit.  
We have become a mockery of our heritage;  
the world looks at us and asks, Where is their God?  
Forgive us, O God.  
Subdue our rebellious hearts  
and restore in us the light of salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO *With These Ashes* Gerard Chiusano &  
Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen Mary Hochman

*With these ashes, we know your love, O Lord.  
With these ashes, we turn our hearts to you.  
Daughters and sons, we journey as one.  
With these ashes, we know your love, O Lord.*

*Joining together on this journey with you,  
we walk these forty days and nights.*

*Called by your grace, we answer in faith;  
O Lord, lead us to your light.*

*With prayer and service, we will answer your call.  
With voices raised, we share your word.  
Called by your grace, we answer in faith;  
O Lord, let our cry be heard.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

By the illumination of your Holy Spirit, O God,  
open our hearts that we may hear your Word  
and amend our lives. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 58:6-12

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

SERMON *Having Nothing, Possessing Everything* 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. 212

What Wondrous Love Is This

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down;  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing!  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Erbarm dich mein, O herre Gott

Bach