

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
The Glory of These Forty Days

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world.

Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN *(not in hymnal)*

The Glory of These Forty Days

*The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.*

*Alone and fasting Moses saw
The loving God who gave the law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came*

The steeds and chariots of flame.

*So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
Delivered from the lions' might;
And John, the Bridegroom's friend became
The herald of Messiah's name.*

*Then grant that we like them be true,
Consumed in fast and prayer with you;
Our spirits strengthen with your grace,
And give us joy to see your face.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.
We claim to follow Jesus
but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.
We profess to be disciples,
but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.
We affirm the virtue of self-denial,
but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for sincere repentance
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO *Out of the Depths* Alan Hovhaness

Soloist: Elizabeth Mahowald

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice, hear my voice:

let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities,

*O Lord, who shall stand?
I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait.*

*My soul waiteth for the Lord
more than they that watch for the morning:
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit,
open our hearts to receive your Word,
reveal to us the good news,
and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 22:23-31

Mark 8:31-38

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Path of Jesus

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. 636

If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

*If you will trust in God to guide you
and place your confidence in him,
you'll find him always there beside you.
to give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
build on the rock that will not move.*

*What gain is there in futile weeping,
in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in his care and keeping,
in sorrow will he love you less?
For he who took for you a cross
will bring you safe through every loss.*

*In patient trust await his leisure,
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er your Father's pleasure
and all-discerning love have sent.
Doubt not your inmost wants are known
to him who chose you for his own.*

*Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully,
and trust his word; though undeserving,
you'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
the soul that trusts in him indeed.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Toccata from Suite for
Organ Op. 5 (excerpt)*

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Announcements

Goodbye & Good Luck Drive/Walk-By

Join us this afternoon for a farewell to Rev. Blaine, Brittnee and Avery Crawford!

We will meet at Bowne Park and line up our cars on 159th street facing 32nd Avenue. We will drive to 35th Avenue and then turn left on 168th Street to drive passed the Parsonage. If you would like to walk by, please wait in front of the church on 35th Ave.

**Rain/Snow date: March 6 or 7.*

Special Coffee Hour

There will be a special virtual coffee hour on March 7th following Rev. Crawford's final service at Church on the Hill. Zoom information will be included in the weekly Monday email.

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	Henry Detreville
Andela Family	Family of Angela Edward
Babinsky Family	Janet Fiala
Bermudez Family	Matt Field
Diane Blagburn	The Frocione Family
Matthew, Cathay & Brian Blake	Gail George
Christina & Sadie Boll	Doris Gessner
Elizabeth Bossis	John & Hazel Gittens
Susan Brooks	Brooke Graffeo
Carolyn Brunjes	Rosemarie Graffeo
Lillian Calfa	Herbert Family
David Cerqueira	Hotchkiss Family
Gracinda Cerqueira	Helen Hunt
Jose Cerqueira	Hank Klushin
Marie Collins	Betty Kwong
Dana Chan	Lynn Lauterbach
Marilyn Cooney	Nancy Lee
Helen Cunningham	Jorge & Tiffany Martinez
Rosina Cuticone	Gerry & Jean Mender
Lenny DeSimone	Barbara & Neil Meurer
	Gerda Miller

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Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Betty Dalton Prager

Barbara Rogers

Roppolo Family

Smith Family

Jocelyn Toner

Rosemary Vasquez

Alison Venable

Alex Young

Joan Werbel

Buck

Dilip



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