

# 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 *Thaxted*                      Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord God,

in this season of Lent

we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death  
and our celebration of his resurrection.

We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today  
our anticipation for these events

and our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection  
are a sure source of hope and life.

In the power of Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN (Not In Hymnal)

*O God Beyond All Praising*

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;*

*For we can only wonder at every gift you send,*

*at blessings without number and mercies without end:*

*We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,*

*We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrow be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, how fickle we are;  
we sin against you without even knowing it.  
Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin,  
and save us from willfully ignoring your way.  
Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you.  
Forgive us our failing to honor all our relationships.  
Help us to depend on you alone  
and to rest in your peace.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

*A Flower Remembered*

John Rutter

Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

*A flower remembered can never wither:  
For ever blooming as bright as day,  
Its fragrance lingering like music softly playing,  
A gentle voice that's saying, "I'll never fade away."  
I hear the echoes of many voices;  
Sometimes they're distant, sometimes so clear;  
Through all the sounds of life they seem to whisper,  
"Will you remember, will you remember?"*

*The birds fly homeward across my valley  
Toward the mountains all white with snow;*

*The birds are gone now, the mountain snows have melted,  
But still I see their beauty, these scenes of long ago.  
The birds still fly in other valleys;  
The snows have turned to flowing streams;  
All things must pass, but memories are lasting:  
We will remember, we will remember, we will remember.*

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Send your Spirit among us, O God,  
as we meditate on the Word, Jesus Christ.  
Prepare our minds to hear your Word.  
Move our hearts to accept what we hear.  
Purify our will to obey in joy and faith.  
This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 20:1-17

John 2:13-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*The Table in the Temple*

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.**

TRIO                    *I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love*    Mary Mcdonald  
Soloists: Elizabeth, Patrick & Joe Mahowald  
Arrangement by Joe Mahowald

*At this table, come and dine,  
feast on bread, partake the wine.  
Do this in remembrance of Me.*

*This, my body and my blood,  
for the weary soul outpoured.  
Do this in remembrance of Me.*

*I was given for you.  
Come and taste of the Father's love.  
As you drink from the cup,  
remember the blood shed for you.  
I am Light. I am Life. I am Love.*

*Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

## 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

SOLO

The Lord's Prayer

Alfred Hay Malotte

Soloist: Patrick Mahowald

*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 debts,*

*as we forgive our debtors;*

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil.*

*For Thine is the kingdom,*

*and the power, and the glory for ever.*

*Amen.*

## LITURGY FOR GODSPEED

Minister: I thank you, the members and friends of Church on the Hill, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ministry we have shared together. With joy I recall what we accomplished with God's help, and with sadness those dreams not fulfilled.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made and expectations unmet.

As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**Jeanne Sarran, VP of Consistory, on behalf of Church on the Hill:**

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere.**

**We celebrate all that God has accomplished among us.**

**We express our gratitude for your ministry among us.**

**We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes made and for expectations unmet.**

**Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.**

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

I release you from turning to me and depending on me.

I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor.

**Let us pray.**

**Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories.**

**You have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for your church in this place. We commend one another into your care as we move in new directions.**

**Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



\*HYMN No. 618

*Give to the Winds Your Fears*

*Give to the winds your fears,  
in hope be undismayed;  
God hears your sighs and counts your tears,  
God shall lift up your head;  
through waves and clouds and storms  
he gently clears the way;  
wait for his time, so shall the night  
soon end in joyous day.*

*Far, far above your thought  
his counsel shall appear,  
when fully he the work has wrought  
that caused your needless fear.  
Leave to his sovereign will  
to choose and to command:  
with wonder filled you then shall own  
how wise, how strong his hand.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

*God Be With You*

William G. Tomer

Soloists: Emerson Chen & Maureen Saepia-Chen

*God be with you till we meet again,  
by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again,  
'neath his wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Diademata*

Sean Cotty

## **Announcements**

### **Special Coffee Hour**

There will be a special Zoom coffee hour at 5:30 p.m. today to celebrate Rev. Crawford's ministry at Church on the Hill.

### **Church Office Hours**

While we are in this time of transition, the church office will follow revised hours of operation. The new hours are as follows:

Monday-Tuesday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### **Easter Flower Donations**

We are now collecting donations to the Easter Flower Fund for 2021! Donations can be made online via [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly), by mail or placed in the offering plate on Sunday. Please include a note of how you would like the donation to appear in the Easter Bulletin.

### **Reservation for Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday**

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Services will require reservations to attend in-person. Please fill out the Google forms included in the weekly email or call the church office to reserve a spot for you and your loved ones.

### **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  
Andela Family  
Bermudez Family  
Diane Blagburn  
Matthew Blake  
Elizabeth Bossis  
Susan Brooks  
Carolyn Brunjes  
Lillian Calfa  
David Cerqueira  
Gracinda Cerqueira  
Jose Cerqueira  
Marie Collins  
Dana Chan  
Marilyn Cooney  
Helen Cunningham  
Rosina Cuticone  
Lenny DeSimone  
Henry Detreville  
Family of Angela Edward  
Janet Fiala

The Frocione Family  
Gail George  
John & Hazel Gittens  
Brooke Graffeo  
Rosemarie Graffeo  
Herbert Family  
Hotchkiss Family  
Helen Hunt  
Hank Klushin  
Betty Kwong  
Lynn Lauterbach  
Nancy Lee  
Jorge & Tiffany Martinez  
Gerry & Jean Mender  
Barbara & Neil Meurer  
Gerda Miller  
Moore Family  
Ruben & Eva Munoz  
Murray Family  
Patricia Olney

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Betty Dalton Prager

Racquel Prager

Barbara Rogers

Roppolo Family

Smith Family

Jocelyn Toner

Rosemary Vasquez

Alison Venable

Alex Young

Joan Werbel

Buck

Dilip



### **Community, Mission & Outreach**

Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

### **Community Nursery School Board**

President: Ginny Chan  
Consistory Rep: Dorien Day

### **Congregational Care**

Chair: Angela Brunjes

### **Buildings & Grounds**

Chair: Joe Macaluso  
Consistory Rep: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

### **Christian Education & Youth**

Chair: Jeanne Sarran

### **Finance**

Chair: Doris Krsnak  
Consistory Rep: Margret Dougherty

### **Personnel**

Chair: Dana Chan

### **Worship & Music**

Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

\*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.

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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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