

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America

167-07 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

**June 21, 2020**

**11:00 a.m.**



©Emerson Chen Photography

**Rev. Blaine D. Crawford – Pastor**

**Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director**

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

PRELUDE                      Improvisation on *Abide With Me*                      Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of the covenant,  
your compassion reaches beyond  
the mere making and keeping of promises.  
Teach us to listen to one another  
with your heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 365                      *Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide*

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens: Lord with me abide!  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac,  
God of Hagar and Ishmael,  
send your Holy Spirit to help us confess  
and truly repent of our sins.  
We turn against one another;  
we fail to care for the weak and the poor among us.  
We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless;  
we seek only our own advantage.  
Forgive us, merciful God.  
Wipe sin from our lives  
and let us find ourselves  
wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

Ave Maria

William Gomez

Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

(Sung in Spanish)

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,*

*pray for us sinners,*

*now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God, you have the power  
to make a desert a place of renewal  
and a cross a sign of redemption.  
Send your Holy Spirit

so that we can hear you  
and entrust ourselves completely to you,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 21:8-21

Romans 6:1b-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      *Forsaken Cries from Forsaken Places*      Rev. Blaine  
Crawford

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Sections from the Belhar Confession

**We believe that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly.**

**We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

HYMN No. 21

*How Great Thou Art*

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, O hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art."*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

## 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Improvisation on  
*How Great Thou Art*

Sean Cotty

## *Prayer Requests*

*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office.*

Miram Allen

Andrew Andela

Babinsky Family

Diane Blagburn

Christina & Sadie Boll

Elizabeth Bossis

Lillian Calfa

David Cerqueira

Gracinda Cerqueira

Jose Cerqueira

Marilyn Cooney & Family

Edward Cotty

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

Herb Durdik

Fewster & White Families

The Frocione Family

Betty Gessner

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Jayne Halley

Hotchkiss Family

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Patricia Olney

The Smith Family

Joe Thorsen

Christie Tweed

Alison Venable

Joan Werbel

Sandy Weston



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

Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

### **Community Nursery School Board**

President: Ginny Chan  
Consistory Rep: Dorien Day

### **Congregational Care**

Co-Chairs: Angela Brunjes & Pamela Lopez

### **Buildings & Grounds**

Chair: Joe Macaluso  
Consistory Rep: Maureen Saepia-Chen

### **Christian Education & Youth**

Chair: Jeanne Sarran

### **Finance**

Chair: Doris Krsnak  
Consistory Rep: Margret Dougherty

### **Personnel**

Chair: Dana Chan

### **Worship & Music**

Chair: Rev. Crawford  
Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

\*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.

---

Children are always welcome in worship at Church on the Hill. At the back of the sanctuary, the Family Room is open for young children and their parents. Restrooms are located downstairs in Gessner Hall, where you will find a changing table in one of the bathrooms.

---



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*

Rev. Blaine Crawford, **President**  
Nancy Gessner, **Clerk**

**Elders**

Angela Brunjes  
Dorien Day  
Pam Lopez  
Jeanne Sarran (VP)  
Irma Schubert

**Deacons**

Dana Chan  
Margaret Dougherty  
Yoon Ryo  
Maureen Saepia-Chen  
Patrick Symes

Rev. Blaine Crawford, Minister: [pastor@churchonthehill.org](mailto:pastor@churchonthehill.org)  
Sean Cotty, Music Director: [sean.cotty@churchonthehill.org](mailto:sean.cotty@churchonthehill.org)  
Molly Mahowald, Office Administrator: [office@churchonthehill.org](mailto:office@churchonthehill.org)

**\*Revised** Office Hours: M–F, 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.  
Temporary Phone: (646) 571-8358  
[www.churchonthehill.org](http://www.churchonthehill.org)

