

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America

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**10:00 a.m.**



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**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  
Themes by Beethoven

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 720

*Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle  
Thou, who still a sword delivers rather than a placid peace:  
with thy sharpened Word disturb us, from complacency  
release! Save us from satisfaction when we privately are  
free, yet are undisturbed in spirit by our neighbor's misery.*

*Thou, who in thy holy Gospel wills that we should truly live:  
make us sense our share of failure, our tranquility forgive.  
Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife;  
lift the smallness of our vision by thine own abundant life.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,  
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.  
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.  
We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
or walked humbly with you, our God.  
In your loving-kindness, O God, have mercy upon us.  
Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO                      *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*                      Charles H. Gabriel  
Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows  
come?*

*Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and  
home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:*

*His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*Let not your heart be troubled, His tender word I hear,  
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears.  
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see:*

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise.  
When song gives place to sighing, when hope within me  
dies. I draw closer to Him, from care He sets me free:*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Author of life, illumine the steps before us  
and write your word on our hearts,  
for we carry the name of Jesus  
and would walk in the light of his love.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 25:19-34

Romans 8:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Bargaining with God's Blessing*

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.**

HYMN No. 532

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure 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

*Fantasia in G Major (fragment)*

J.S. Bach

## *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

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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

The Frocione Family

Betty Gessner

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Jayne Halley

Hotchkiss Family

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

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