

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

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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
Now Thank We All Our God

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rock of Israel and cornerstone of our common life,
you are not bound by our visions, our structures, or our
ideas.

We cannot predict your coming or going,
yet you have given us your story, your family,
and your work to do.

Meet us today and make us aware of your presence.
Shape us for service in your world,
for we carry the name of Jesus,
and live by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 815

Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee;
he never will suffer the righteous to fall:
he is at thy right hand.

Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens:
let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans—
but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise.
We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:
we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy.
It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.**

**Life-giving God, wash us clean.
Restore our imaginations and our hearts.
Let your courage and compassion flow
through our veins
until we love with abandon
and our hands reach out in blessing,
for the creation waits with eager longing,
for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

TRIO

Lift Thine Eyes

Felix Mendelssohn

(from the Oratorio "Elijah")

Soloists: Dorien Day, Maureen Saepia-Chen &
Elizabeth Mahowald

Lift thine eyes to the mountains,
whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said, Thy foot shall not be moved:
Thy keeper will never slumber.
Lift thine eyes to the mountains,
whence cometh help.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy One, you love with a father's tenderness, a mother's zeal. Move now in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear until we discover our purpose in your liberating love, for we long to join creation's praise and to shine with the mercy of Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 28:10-19a

Romans 8:12-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Gates of Heaven

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. 374

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

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 a
theme by Mendelssohn

Sean Cotty

Prayer Requests

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

Miram Allen

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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

The Frocione Family

Betty Gessner

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Jayne Halley

Hotchkiss Family

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Jean Mendler

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Joseph Saepia

Smith Family

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Christie Tweed

Alison Venable

Joan Werbel

Sandy Weston

Stacey



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