

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 an American Folk Song

Sean
Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
your blessings know no boundaries
that faith cannot cross.
Strengthen us to trust in your mercy,
reach out for your healing,
and receive your reconciliation. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 60

Great is thy Faithfulness

*Great is thy faithfulness, O god my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,*

blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.

**We cannot take back what we have said
or undo what we have done
or atone for the agony we have caused.**

**We are haunted by the past,
plagued by the present,
and fearful of the future.**

**Yet the faith you have planted in us
reaches out for your favor,
returns to your presence,
and hungers for your mercy.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO *The Prayer* David Foster/Carole Sager

Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

*I pray you'll be our eyes
and watch us where we go
and help us to be wise
in times when we don't know
Let this be our prayer
when we lose our way*

*Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace*

To a place where we'll be safe

*I pray we'll find your light
and hold it in our hearts
when stars go out each night
Let this be our prayer
when shadows fill our day*

*Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe*

*We ask that life be kind
and watch us from above
we hope each soul will find
another soul to love
Let this be our prayer
just like every child*

*Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Merciful Savior, your suffering has saved our lives,
secured our future, and restored us to relationship with
you.

By the power of your Spirit,
open our eyes and hearts
to your Word of love, mercy, healing, and blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 45:1-15

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Way Through is Forgiveness

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.

SOLO

Evening Prayer Engelbert Humperdink

Soloist - Maureen Saepia-Chen

*When I rest my weary head angels gather 'round my bed;
Keeping me from harm's way, guiding me through night
and day.*

Some stay by my right side, others by my left side.

Ever may your watch be. Always you will guide me.

*Angels ever with your might please bless and guard my
soul tonight.*

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

Fugue in Eb Major

J.S. Bach

Prayer Requests

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

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Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

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