

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 *O Waly Waly* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ever-present God,
who is at the side of every creature in creation,
renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will,
what is good and acceptable and perfect.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

DUET *Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God* Handel

Soloists: Dorien Day and Elizabeth Mahowald

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come.

Holy Son of God, Thy truth unseal, Thy love reveal.

Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee,

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come.

Holy Son of God, come in Thy might, send forth Thy light.

Lord, hear Thou in mercy, our prayer to Thee.

Come, Jesus, Holy Song of God.

For Thee we long. Hear Thou our prayer.

To Thee be glory now and evermore.

Lord, hear Thou in mercy, our prayer to Thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God,

we confess that we are conformed to this world.

**We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.**

**We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.**

**We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.**

**We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.**

Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

DUET

Everywhere I Go

Natalie Sleeth

Soloists - Dorien Day and Elizabeth Mahowald

Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me.

If I call upon him, he will hear me.

Never will I fear, for the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

*In the dark of night should things alarm me,
ever in his sight no ill may harm me.*

I will be of cheer, for the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

*He is with me day by day, he will be my strength and stay.
From his path I will not stray but follow in his way.*

*In the coming days of joy or sadness,
I will praise his name with songs of gladness.*

For to me it's clear that the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of revelation,
mere flesh and blood cannot reveal divine truth;
only your Spirit can give that gift.
Be in my breath and voice, be in our ears and
understanding,
that through these words your Word
may be known. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Romans 12:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Against All Odds

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.**

DUET *Day by Day* St. Richard of Chichester

Soloists: Dorien Day and Elizabeth Mahowald
*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, Day by day.*

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

Trumpet Tune

Purcell

Prayer Requests

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

Miram Allen

Babinsky Family

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Herb Durdik

The Frocione Family

Betty Gessner

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Alex Guzman

Jayne Halley

Hotchkiss Family

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Jean Mendler

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Christie Tweed

Alison Venable

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Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.

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