

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

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11:00 a.m.



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Rev. Blaine D. Crawford – Pastor

Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

**Welcome to worship at Church on the Hill!
We're so glad you have joined us this morning. Please
read the following for more details about the worship
service.**

****Please silence your cell phones prior to the service****

The sanctuary and pews have been thoroughly cleaned in preparation for worship today. During the worship service, we ask that you continue to **wear your masks for the duration of the service**. The congregation is invited to join in responses and the hymn singing—we ask that you **speak and sing at a conversational volume**. We have opened as many windows as possible in the sanctuary to increase ventilation. Please **do not attempt to open the windows that are closed**. Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary; **on your way out of the sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plates**. At the conclusion of the service, **please wait to be dismissed** by the ushers, allowing us to clear any video equipment in the aisle. We ask that you take your bulletin with you and do not leave it in the sanctuary. Bathrooms are available for use in Gessner Hall. There will be no coffee hour after the service.

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE

Nimrod
(from The Enigma Variations)

Edward Elgar

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, who knows our every need before we can even ask, you provide all our needs and some of our wants. You bless us all. Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others from the gifts you have given us, for the glory of your name. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule by day;
the moon shines full at his command
and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;*

*he formed the creatures with his word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread
or gaze upon the sky!*

*There's not a plant or flower below
but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be,
you, God, are present there.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
we have sought after things,
but we have not sought after you.
We have expected generosity,
but we have not shown generosity.
We have not been gracious or grateful.
We have failed to remember all that you have done.
Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Gypsy Smith,

Soloist: Dorien Day

Arr. Donald Hustad

*My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine,
For Thee all the pleasures of sin I resign;*

*My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, 'tis now.*

*I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow,
If ever I loved Thee, 'tis now.*

*In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee and dwell in Thy sight;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
"If ever I loved Thee, 'tis now."*

*I will love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
"If ever I loved Thee, 'tis now."*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Let the wisdom of your Word
rain down on us like manna and feed us,
that we may be strengthened to do the work
to which we are called,
for the glory and honor of your name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 16:2-15

Matthew 20:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Grumbling People, Faithful God

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. 29

O Worship the King

*O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*

*Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;*

*it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

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.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Little Fugue in G-Minor

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Elder Ordination and Installation

On September 27 during worship, Victor Han will be ordained and installed as an elder at Church on the Hill. Many thanks to Pamela Lopez for her faithful service as elder over the last four years.

Men's Communion Breakfast—Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, we will not be holding our annual Men's Communion Breakfast in October this year.

Bargain Boutique

The Bargain Boutique will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Please hold all donations until we re-open.

Weekly Calendar

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings and ministries of Church on the Hill!

Prayer Requests

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

Miram Allen

Babinsky Family

Diane Blagburn

Christina & Sadie Boll

Elizabeth Bossis

Jack Brennan

Susan Brooks

Lillian Calfa

David Cerqueira

Gracinda Cerqueira

Jose Cerqueira

Marie Collins

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

Michael Doliner

Herb Durdik

The Frocione Family

Betty Gessner

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Alex Guzman

Jayne Halley

Hotchkiss Family

Lynn Lauterbach

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Jean Mendler

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Roppolo Family

Joseph Saepia



Prayer Requests

Smith Family

Jocelyn Toner

Alison Venable

Joan Werbel

Mike

Stacey



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Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

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Personnel

Chair: Dana Chan

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Chair: Rev. Crawford
Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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Consistory & Staff

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