

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

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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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God,
we thank you for being ever present with us.
We know that we are never alone.
Your mercies have been faithful and rich.
Pour out your Spirit upon us,
that we might do the work of your will.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 382

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*Come, ye thankful people come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.
All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield,*

*wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrows grown.
First the blade, then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear,
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin.
We have complained in the face of your mercy.
We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your
sacrifice.
We have not done your will.
Teach us humility.
Teach us gratitude.
Infuse your spirit into our beings
so that we might be reconciled to you.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

Be Still and Know
Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

Martin Broones

*You do not mind the winter day,
You know that spring is on its way,
You know that mountain streams will flow,
Be still and know.*

*The cloud will form, the rain will fall,
The stars will rise on great and small,
You plant a seed, the seed will grow,
Be still and know.*

*You trust in what you have not seen,
The frozen field that will be green,
The ocean tide that comes each night,
The western wind, the morning light.*

*If you have faith in all these ways,
Then leave with God your future days;
Your cup of life will overflow
Be still and know. be still and know.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God, fill us with your Spirit
and humble our hearts
so that we can hear your Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 17:1-7

Matthew 21:23-32

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Elusive Presence of God

Rev. Blaine
Crawford

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF ELDER

Victor Han

*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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ,
do you receive in the name of the Lord,
this elder as a duly elected and ordained servant of
Christ?

We do.

Do you promise to respect him
for the sake of the office

for which he has been chosen and ordained?

We do.

Do you promise to encourage and pray for him,
to labor together in obedience to the gospel
for the unity, purity, and peace of the church,
the welfare of the whole world, and
the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ?

We do.

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.**

*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!

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to be thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*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!*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale from Symphony No. 6

Widor

Announcements

World Communion Sunday

Next week during worship, we will join with Christians around the world to celebrate communion for World Communion Sunday. For those worshipping in-person, individually wrapped communion elements will be available. For those worshipping at home, please prepare your elements prior to the worship service.

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

The Durdik Family

The Frocione Family

Betty Gessner

John & Hazel Gittens

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

Smith Family

Jocelyn Toner

Alison Venable

Joan Werbel

Mike

Stacey



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Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo &
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Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



The sanctuary is looped for the hard of hearing. In order to connect to the system, please sit in the north set of pews (on your right when you enter the sanctuary) and set your hearing device to the "T" setting.



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