

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

Improvisation on "St. Anne"

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God,

you spoke your Word

and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.

Fill all creation with that Word again

so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations

and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,

we may become one living body,

your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 362

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,

blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,

like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God,
we repent of all the ways we turn from you.
You call, but we do not listen;
you show us your path, but we prefer our own way.
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

Rêverie
Sean Cotty, Piano

Claude Debussy

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Speak to us your word, O God,
that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Mark 1:14-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Called into the Kingdom of 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.

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. 78

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!*

*Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that end the night,
before the rising sun.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in Eb Major

Bach

*Thank you to Jim and Sue Nicholas for
leading the hymns this morning!*

Announcements

Sanctuary Air Circulation

As the temperatures begin to drop, the ushers will be opening fewer windows during the worship. However, we have installed new air filters for the sanctuary in order to meet current COVID-19 standards. We will continue to take all necessary precautions for your health and safety.

Weekly Calendar

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

Bargain Boutique

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

Prayer Requests

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

Miram Allen

Roslyn Andela

Babinsky Family

Bermudez Family

Diane Blagburn

Christina & Sadie Boll

Elizabeth Bossis

Susan Brooks

Carolyn Brunjes

Lillian Calfa

David Cerqueira

Gracinda Cerqueira

Jose Cerqueira

Marie Collins

Dana Chan

Marilyn Cooney

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

Matt Field

The Frocione Family

John & Hazel Gittens

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Alex Guzman

Hotchkiss Family

Helen Hunt

Betty Kwong

Lynn Lauterbach

Nancy Lee

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Gerry & Jean Mandler

Gerda Miller

Ruben & Eva Munoz

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Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Barbara Rogers

Roppolo Family

Smith Family

Jocelyn Toner

Rosemary Vasquez

Alison Venable

Vera Family

Alex Young

Joan Werbel



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*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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