

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America

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**January 31, 2021**

**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 *Londonderry Air*    Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, Light from Light,  
who commands the universe and all that is made,  
your Word is the power that makes whole what is broken,  
the force of good, and the food of peace.  
Teach us now as you taught in the synagogue.  
Heal us now so that in all that we say and do,  
the freedom we have in you may be for others too.  
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN No. 530

*Be Still My Soul*

*Be still, my soul! The Lord is on your side:  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul! Your best, your heavenly Friend  
thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul! Your God will undertake  
to guide the future as he has the past;  
your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;*

*all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

*Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and all-powerful God,  
who commands all spirits,  
comforts those in distress,  
and casts out destructive forces,  
we confess that we are unable to do your will.  
We protect what is familiar  
and reject what is unknown.  
We admire those with courage  
but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth.  
We forget that you are always with us,  
and that with you all things are possible.  
Forgive us, lead us, make us new.  
Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

*Lord, Keep Us Closer to You*  
Soloist: Elizabeth Mahowald

Don Besig

*In the quiet of this moment,  
here in this holy place,  
help us feel your presence, Lord;*

help us know Your grace.  
Renew each spirit,  
heal every soul.  
Come and touch us with Your love  
and make us whole.

In this fellowship together,  
friendship and love have grown.  
Keep us ever faithful, Lord;  
claim us as Your own.  
Grant us Your mercy,  
calm every fear.  
There is peace within our hearts  
when You are near.

Lord as we turn to You,  
humbly we pray.  
Help us to trust in You;  
show us Your way.  
O, Lord, in all we say and do,  
keep us, our whole life through,  
Lord, closer to You,  
keep us closer to You.

In the troubled world around us,  
help us to share Your light.  
Walk along beside us, Lord;  
keep us in your sight.  
Guide every footstep;  
help us be true.  
Draw us closer every day.  
Give us strength to live in faith  
and follow You.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, your people call out for understanding.  
Bring to our yearning hearts and minds  
the truth of your Word; in Jesus' name. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 111

Mark 1:21-28

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Power to Change*

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. 328

*God's Holy Ways Are Just and True*

*God's holy ways are just and true,  
his promises are ever new,  
O praise him, alleluia!*

*Let every heart with praises sing  
and make this house with voices ring;*

*O praise him, O praise him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Bring back to mind his grace and love,  
our needs provided from above;*

*O praise him, alleluia!*

*He kept his word and Jesus came  
to make a people for his name;*

*O praise him, O praise him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Tell once again his deeds of old,*

*the story of our mighty God,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
For all his glorious works and ways  
we shall rejoice through endless days;  
O praise him, O praise him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Sonata No. 1 – Finale Alexandre Guilmant  
(fragment)*



## **Announcements**

### **Souper Bowl Sunday**

Each year, on Super Bowl Sunday, Church on the Hill takes a special collection as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring which seeks to raise awareness and funding to tackle hunger. Super Bowl Sunday is February 7. This year, we will not be collecting canned goods but we will be taking a special offering to be given to Greenpoint Reformed Church's Hunger Program which has continued to operate throughout the pandemic. Please designate your checks in the memo line or select Souper Bowl Sunday through Tithe.ly. Thank you!

### **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  
Hotchkiss Family  
Helen Hunt  
Betty Kwong  
Lynn Lauterbach  
Nancy Lee  
Jorge & Tiffany Martinez  
Gerry & Jean Mender  
Barbara & Neil Meurer  
Gerda Miller  
Ruben & Eva Munoz  
Murray Family  
Patricia Olney  
Barbara Rogers  
Roppolo Family  
Smith Family  
Jocelyn Toner  
Rosemary Vasquez  
Alison Venable  
Vera Family  
Alex Young  
Joan Werbel



### **Community, Mission & Outreach**

Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

### **Community Nursery School Board**

President: Ginny Chan  
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### **Personnel**

Chair: Dana Chan

### **Worship & Music**

Chair: Rev. Crawford  
Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

\*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.

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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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