

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

October 11, 2020

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
Softly and Tenderly

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ever-present God, you never leave us. Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee, and keep us seeking after that which is true, that all may know that you are the Lord, our God, a tenacious presence in whatever our reality. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 610

Through the Love of God Our Saviour

Through the love of God our Saviour, all will be well;

free and changeless is his favor, all, all is well;

precious is the blood that healed us,

perfect is the grace that sealed us,

strong the hand stretched out to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well;

ours is such a full salvation, all, all is well;

happy, still in God confiding,

fruitful, if in Christ abiding,

holy through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

*We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well;
faith can sing through days of sorrow, all, all is well;
on our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying
or in living or in dying, all must be well.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you are the Lord our God,
who brought us out of the house of slavery:
And yet our trust in you is fragile,
easily crushed by our bent toward indifference—
the dismissal of your faithfulness
as a result of our forgetfulness.
Our trust is fragile,
easily broken by the slightest pause—
an answer to prayer not instantly given,
a request for peace not immediately felt.
Our trust is fragile,
easily displaced by gods of our own making—
the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost,
the god of illusion, pursued in any form.
Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

DUET

Softly and Tenderly

Will L. Thompson

Arr. Wallingford Riegger

Soloists: Dorien Day and Elizabeth Mahowald

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me,
see at the portal He's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.*

*Come home, come home,
ye who are weary come home.
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading?
Pleading for you and for me.
Why shall we linger in heed not His mercies?
Mercies for you and for me.*

*Think of the wonderful love He has promised,
promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.*

*Come home, come home,
ye who are weary come home.
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit of God,
shine your light upon this Word
and into our hearts
that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 32:1-14

Matthew 22:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*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. 502

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear

the hour I first believed!

*The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

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

*Mendelssohn Organ Sonata
No. 4 (Mvmnt I)*

Mendelssohn

Announcements

Church Office

The Church office will be closed tomorrow, October 12th and Tuesday, October 13th.

Weekly Calendar

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

Harvest Festival

Unfortunately, the Church on the Hill annual Harvest Festival has been postponed. We are looking at possible options for Spring 2021 but this will be dependent on the state of global and community health.

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

Babinsky Family

The Cipriani 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 Frocione Family

Betty Gessner

John & Hazel Gittens

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Alex Guzman

Hotchkiss Family

Lynn Lauterbach

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Jean Mendler

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Roppolo Family

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Joseph Saepia

Joan Werbel

Smith Family

Mike

Jocelyn Toner

Stacey

Alison Venable



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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.



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.



Consistory & Staff

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