

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America

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**October 25, 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 *Nettleton*

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of light and life, we call on your name and we listen for your word.**

**Prepare us to meet you and one another with open hearts and open minds.**

**Grant us your peace, which passes all understanding.**

**Bless this hour, making it a holy time for your presence to take hold in our lives.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN No. 45

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise his name - I'm fixed upon it - name of God's redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.*

*Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!*

*Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we come before you knowing that we have sinned through things that we have done and through things that we have left undone. We have not fully loved you, and we have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves.**

**We ask forgiveness for angry words, hurtful thoughts, and harmful actions.**

**Make us whole through your love, granting us your grace that we may do better in the days to come.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

DUET

*Sheep May Safely Graze*

J.S. Bach

Soloists: Dorien Day and Elizabeth Mahowald

*Like a shepherd God doth guide us  
Into pastures calm and blest;  
Safe we lie by peaceful waters,  
And like sheep securely rest.*

*Though the valley dark is growing,  
Clouds are gathering, winds are blowing,  
Night and death are drawing near.*

*Yet no dangers shall alarm me,  
Death and darkness never can harm me,  
In His arms I feel no fear.*

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Matthew 22:34-46

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*An Upward Spiral*

Rev. Dr. Ian  
Rottenberg

#### \*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. 66

*The God of Abraham Praise*

*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.*

*Jehovah, great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:  
We bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.*

*He by himself hath sworn, we on his oath depend;  
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heaven ascend;  
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.*

*The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "Almighty King!*

*Who was and is the same, and evermore shall be:  
Eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."*

*The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.*

*Hail, Abraham's God and mine! With heaven our songs we  
raise; All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.*

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

Improvisation on *Leoni*

Sean Cotty

# **Announcements**

## **Communion Sunday**

Next Sunday, we will celebrate communion together. 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.

## **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

Babinsky Family

Diane Blagburn

Christina & Sadie Boll

Elizabeth Bossis

Susan Brooks

Carolyn Brunjes

Lillian Calfa

David Cerqueira

Gracinda Cerqueira

Jose Cerqueira

Marie Collins

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

Frocione Family

Gessner Family

John & Hazel Gittens

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Alex Guzman

Hotchkiss Family

Helen Hunt

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



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

Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

### **Community Nursery School Board**

President: Ginny Chan  
Consistory Rep: Dorien Day

### **Congregational Care**

Co-Chairs: Angela Brunjes

### **Buildings & Grounds**

Chair: Joe Macaluso  
Consistory Rep: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

### **Christian Education & Youth**

Chair: Jeanne Sarran

### **Finance**

Chair: Doris Krsnak  
Consistory Rep: Margret Dougherty

### **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.



*Consistory & Staff*

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**Elders**

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