Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the Reformed Church in America 167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358 **February 14, 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

Fantasia in F#-minor Simon Walsh, Flute

Telemann

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and listen for the word of the Lord, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 263

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne: Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"

Alleluia! heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay:

Alleluia! hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,

where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you to hide our faces, to hide our sin yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

Sonata for flute and piano (I. allegro malinconico) Simon Walsh, Flute Poulenc

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Kings 2:1-12 Mark 9:2-9 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Sacred Ordinary

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. 62 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;

in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish - but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light and hideth thee.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G-Major

Bach

Announcements

Ash Wednesday Service

Worship on Ash Wednesday, February 17, will be at 7:30 p.m. The service will only be available via our YouTube channel. There will be no in-person worship for Ash Wednesday.

Goodbye & Good Luck Drive/Walk-By

Join us on February 28th for a farewell to Rev. Blaine, Brittnee and Avery Crawford!

We will meet at Bowne Park and line up our cars on 159th street facing 32nd Avenue. We will drive to 35th Avenue and then turn left on 168th Street to drive passed the Parsonage. If you would like to walk by, please wait in front of the church on 35th Ave. *Rain/Snow date: March 6 or 7.

Special Coffee Hour

There will be a special virtual coffee hour on March 7th following Rev. Crawford's final service at Church on the Hill. Zoom information will be included in the weekly Monday email.

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.



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

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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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