

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America

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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 *Aurelia*

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ  
and spread the good news of your love for all people.  
Help us to become all things to all people  
that we might reach many with your good news. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN No. 689

*The Church's One Foundation*

*The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation, by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:*

*yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore,  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you are everlasting,  
the creator of all that is.**

**Your understanding is beyond measure.**

**We confess to you that we have  
sinned against you and our neighbors.**

**In your compassion, forgive us,  
for we place our hope in your steadfast love.**

**Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO            *O Rest in the Lord (from Elijah)*     Felix Mendelssohn

Soloist: Sora Choi

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,  
And He shall give thee thy heart's desires.*

*Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,*

*And fret not thyself because of evil doers.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, speak to us  
what has been told from the beginning,  
your Word that is the foundation of the world. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:21-31

Mark 1:29-39

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Living Undivided*

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. 311

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word, each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.

In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast: God is king, his throne eternal, God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son, brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one; spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born; Light of Light, to earth descending, Christ, as God in human form.

God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to our hearts again;

in the ageless Word expounding God's own message, now as then, through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast: God abides, his Word unchanging, God the first, and God the last.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Ode to Joy*

Sean Cotty

## **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. 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  
Matthew, Cathay &  
Brian Blake  
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 Mandler  
Barbara & Neil Meurer  
Gerda Miller  
Ruben & Eva Munoz  
Murray Family  
Patricia Olney  
Barbara Rogers  
Roppolo Family  
Smith Family  
Jocelyn Toner  
Rosemary Vasquez  
Alison Venable  
Alex Young  
Joan Werbel  
Buck  
Dilip





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

Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

### **Community Nursery School Board**

President: Ginny Chan  
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Consistory Rep: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

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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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- Dorien Day
- Victor Han
- Jeanne Sarran (VP)
- Irma Schubert

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