**Church on the Hill**

A Congregation of the

Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

**April 26, 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

**ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

PRELUDE *Improvisation on Patriotic Themes* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Glorious Lord of life,

by the mighty resurrection of your Son

you overcame the old order of sin and death

to make all things new in him.

Grant that we who celebrate with joy

Christ’s rising from the dead

may be raised from the death of sin

to the life of righteousness,

through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 495 *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place*

*My faith has found a resting place,*

*not in device nor creed;*

*I trust the everliving One,*

*his wounds for me shall plead.*

*I need no other argument,*

*I need no other plea,*

*it is enough that Jesus died,*

*and that he died for me.*

*My great physician heals the sick,*

*the lost he came to save;*

*for me his precious blood he shed,*

*for me his life he gave.*

*I need no other argument,*

*I need no other plea,*

*it is enough that Jesus died,*

*and that he died for me.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, who loves us as a father, who cares for us as a mother,

who came to share our life as a brother,

we confess before you our failure to live as your children,

brothers and sisters bound together in love.

You accept us, but we do not accept others;

you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;

you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

Have mercy upon us.

*(Silent prayers of confession and unburdening)*

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

*(Based on writings from 1 Peter)*

SOLO *The New 23rd* Ralph Carmichael

Soloist: Dorien Day

*Because the Lord is my shepherd,*

*I have everything that I need.*

*He lets me rest in meadows green*

*And leads me beside the quiet stream:*

*He keeps on giving life to me*

*And helps me to do what honors Him the most.*

*Even when walking through the dark valley of death,*

*I will never be afraid,*

*for he is close beside me,*

*Guarding, guiding all the way,*

*He spreads a feast before me*

*In the presence of my enemies*

*He welcomes me as His special guest*

*with blessing overflowing.*

*His goodness and unfailing kindness*

*shall be with me all of my life,*

*and afterwards I will live with Him,*

*Forever and ever, in His home.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God,

by your Word and Spirit,

that in your light we may see light,

in your truth find freedom,

and in your will discover your peace,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 1:13-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Holiness: Given or Learned?*  Rev. Blaine

Crawford

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

HYMN No. 661 *Be Strong In the Lord*

*Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;*

*your mighty defender is always the same.*

*Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending;*

*victory is sure when you call on his name.*

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,*

*and be of good courage for he is your guide.*

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,*

*and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

*Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;*

*your mighty commander will vanquish the foe.*

*Fear not the battle for the victory is always his;*

*he will protect you wherever you go.*

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,*

*and be of good courage for he is your guide.*

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,*

*and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed by 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Etude in F Major*  Chopin

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*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,*

*please contact the church office.*

Miram Allen

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Jose Cerqueira

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Marilyn Cooney

Edward Cotty

The Cotty & McGowan Families

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

Herb Durdik

The Frocione Family

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Jayne Halley

Bill Haasters’ Family

Hotchkiss Family

Jane Lynch

 Ed Mangiarotti

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Gerry & Jean Mendler

Ruben & Eva Munoz

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Co-Chairs: Angela Brunjes & Pamela Lopez

**\***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.

**Finance**

Chair: Doris Krsnak

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**Personnel**

Chair: Dana Chan

**Worship & Music**

Chair: Rev. Crawford

Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

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