**Church on the Hill**

A Congregation of the

Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

**May 10, 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 *Largo* from Flute Sonata in E minor G. F. Handel

Simon Walsh - Flute

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mighty God,  
in whom we know the power of redemption,  
you stand among us in the shadows of our time.  
As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,  
uphold us with knowledge of the final morning  
when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,  
we will share in his resurrection,  
redeemed and restored to the fullness of life  
and forever freed to be your people. Amen.                   

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 43 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;*

*our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.*

*For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;*

*His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate,*

*on earth is not his equal.*

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;*

*the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.*

*Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;*

*the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;*

*His kingdom is forever.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we are like sheep, and we get lost.

We forget the needs of our neighbors

and do not love you above all else.

We need a Savior, so we long for Jesus.

Come, fill our lives, Jesus.

*(Silent prayers of confession and unburdening)*

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

*(Based on writings from 1 Peter)*

SOLO *Allegro* from Flute Sonata in E minor G. F. Handel

Simon Walsh - Flute

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord God,

help us to know your ways;

teach us your paths.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us,

for you are the God of our salvation;

for you we wait all day long.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *When We Suffer*  Rev. Blaine

Crawford

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The mystery of the faith:

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

HYMN No. 502 *Amazing Grace*

*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.*

*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 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 Improvisation on *Amazing Grace* Sean Cotty

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

*please contact the church office.*

Miram Allen

John Babinsky

Diane Blagburn

Christina & Sadie Boll

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Lillian Calfa

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Gracinda Cerqueira

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Edward Cotty

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

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The Frocione Family

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Rosemarie Graffeo

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Hotchkiss Family

Lynch Family

Mangiarotti Family

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

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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

Consistory Rep: Margret

Dougherty

**Personnel**

Chair: Dana Chan

**Worship & Music**

Chair: Rev. Crawford

Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

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Rev. Blaine Crawford, **President**

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