**Church on the Hill**

A Congregation of the

Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

**May 17, 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 *O Filii et Filiae* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God,

by your power may we, with all the saints,

comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

so that we may be filled with your fullness. 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! 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

O God of shalom,

we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies,

but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love.

Break down those walls.

O God of shalom,

we have also not loved our neighbors as ourselves,

especially when they thwart, frustrate, or annoy us.

Help us to see that the way to your heart

is through the healing of our own hearts.

*(Silent prayers of confession and unburdening)*

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

*(Based on writings from 1 Peter)*

SOLO *Marvelous Mystery (He Died for Me)* Joy Sandford

Soloist: Dorien Day

*Marvelous Mystery!  
Christ was perfect in His Deity,  
Yet, He came to earth that I might see,  
He died for me.  
Worthy I’ll never be, still He took my sins to Calvary,  
They were nailed with Him upon the tree to set me free.  
He was the Son of God!  
He didn’t have to stay.  
He could have turned His back on me and walked away;  
But lovingly, willingly, He took the road to Calvary,  
Saving me for all eternity.  
He died for me.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, you have spoken to us through your Son.

Let your written Word now be spoken and heard by each of us.

Give us ears to hear and hearts to understand,

that we may not refuse your calling or ignore your voice.

May we all be taught by you through your powerful Word.

Bring our every thought captive to obeying Christ,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:8-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *A Clear Conscience*  Rev. Blaine

Crawford

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The mystery of the faith:

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

HYMN No. 349 *I Love You Lord, My Strength, My Rock*

*I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, and my aid. My refuge and salvation's hope, to you I long have prayed. Though cords and snares encompassed me, confronting me with death, in my distress I called to you, my life and source of breath.*

*For who is God except the Lord, my rock, my strength, my stay. Salvation's shield you give to me, you widen victory's way. Blest be your name, O Living God, the victory you have won. Your name I will proclaim to all, O saving Sovereign One.*

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 *Forest Green* 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

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Christina & Sadie Boll

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Lillian Calfa

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Gracinda Cerqueira

Jose Cerqueira

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Edward Cotty

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

Herb Durdik

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The Frocione Family

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Rosemarie Graffeo

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Hotchkiss Family

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Sandy Weston



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Consistory Rep: Dorien Day

**Congregational Care**

Co-Chairs: Angela Brunjes & Pamela Lopez

**\***Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.

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**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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Rev. Blaine Crawford, **President**

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