**Church on the Hill**

A Congregation of the

Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

**May 3, 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 Waly Waly* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you

and worthily magnify your holy name

through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 593 *The Gift of Love*

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,*

*and have the gift to all inspire,*

*and have not love: my words are vain;*

*as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,*

*our spirits long to be made whole.*

*Let inward love guide every deed;*

*by this we worship, and are freed*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and eternal God,

you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,

but we have not loved you.

You constantly call us, but we do not listen.

You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,

we repent in spirit and in truth,

admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness

through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

*(Silent prayers of confession and unburdening)*

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

*(Based on writings from 1 Peter)*

SOLO *Pie Jesu* (from the Requiem) Gabriel Faure

Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

(Sung in Latin)

*Merciful Lord Jesus,*

*grant them rest,*

*eternal rest.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, we do not always find it easy

to recognize your coming to us.

Come, reveal yourself to us.

Set our heavy hearts on fire with love for you,

and send us on our way rejoicing.

For your name’s sake, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *A House for God*  Rev. Blaine

Crawford

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The mystery of the faith:

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

HYMN No. 356 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*All creatures of our God and King,*

*lift up your voice and with us sing*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Thou burning sun with golden beam,*

*thou silver moon with softer gleam,*

*O praise him, O praise him,*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless,*

*and worship him in humbleness,*

*O praise him, Alleluia!*

*Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,*

*and praise the Spirit, Three in One,*

*O praise him, O praise him,*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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 *Old Hundredth* 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 Boll

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Lillian Calfa

David Cerqueira

Gracinda Cerqueira

Jose Cerqueira

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Edward Cotty

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

Herb Durdik

The Frocione Family

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Jayne Halley

Bill Haasters’ Family

Hotchkiss Family

The Lynch Family

Ed Mangiarotti

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Gerry & Jean Mendler

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Patricia Olney

The Smith Family

Joe Thorsen

Christie Tweed

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Sandy Weston



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**School Board**

President: Ginny Chan

Consistory Rep: Dorien Day

**Congregational Care**

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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