

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America

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**June 14, 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 *We Shall Overcome*      Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of wonder,  
You appeared to Abraham as three persons;  
You reveal your fullness in your Son Jesus Christ.  
Your Spirit fills your people with hope  
Through the peacemaking cross of Jesus.  
Gather us as Christ's faithful disciples  
And empower us with his good news,  
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 611

There is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,



## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of redemption,  
Summon us to Sarah's joy and Abraham's wonder,  
Through the word and work of the Good Shepherd,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
In whose name we pray. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 18:1-15

Romans 5:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*The Last Laugh*

Rev. Blaine  
Crawford

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Sections from the Belhar Confession

**We believe that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly.**

### **We believe**

- **that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;**
- **that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged**

**who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.**

HYMN No. 697

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

*In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole  
wide earth.*

*In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion  
find;*

*his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may  
be!*

*Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south  
and north;*

*all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide  
earth.*

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  
*Precious Lord Take My Hand*

Sean Cotty

## *Prayer Requests*

*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office.*

Miram Allen

Andrew Andela

Babinsky Family

Diane Blagburn

Christina & Sadie Boll

Elizabeth Bossis

Lillian Calfa

David Cerqueira

Gracinda Cerqueira

Jose Cerqueira

Marilyn & John Cooney

Edward Cotty

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

Herb Durdik

Fewster & White Families

The Frocione Family

Betty Gessner

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Jayne Halley

Hotchkiss Family

Lynch Family

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Gerry & Jean Mendler

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Patricia Olney

The Smith Family

Joe Thorsen

Christie Tweed

Alison Venable

Joan Werbel

Sandy Weston



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

Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

### **Community Nursery School Board**

President: Ginny Chan  
Consistory Rep: Dorien Day

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Co-Chairs: Angela Brunjes & Pamela Lopez

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Chair: Joe Macaluso  
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### **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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