

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America

167-07 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

**June 28, 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 themes by Mozart      Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who gives us birth by water and Holy Spirit,  
teach us how to live always  
in integrity of body, mind, and spirit,  
in obedience to your love,  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 638

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, on lonely Mount Moriah,  
you put your servant Abraham to the test.  
We confess that we have failed  
much lesser tests of our faith.  
We have allowed sin to run our lives,  
to shape how we act toward others,  
and to kill our relationship with you.  
In your great mercy, forgive us.  
Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

DUET

*The Gift of Love*

Hal H. Hopson

Soloists: Elizabeth Mahowald & Dorien Day

*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.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*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. Amen.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Life-giving and sanctifying Word,  
come to us as ones who crave water in the desert.  
Grant that we may hear and respond to you,

yes, in fear and trembling,  
and also in rejoicing,  
through the Lamb that was slaughtered, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 22:1-14

Romans 6:12-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"The Limits of God's Faithfulness"*

Rev. Blaine  
Crawford

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Sections from the Belhar Confession

**We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

HYMN No. 242

*In the Garden*

*I come to the garden alone,  
while the dew is still on the roses;  
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
the Son of God discloses.*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
and he tells me I am his own,  
and the joy we share, as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet  
the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me  
within my heart is ringing.*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
and he tells me I am his own,  
and the joy we share, as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### **Lord's Prayer**

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

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

## **Announcement**

Beginning next Sunday, Worship livestreams will begin at **10 a.m.**

## *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 Cooney & Family

Edward Cotty

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

Herb Durdik

Frocione Family

Betty Gessner

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Jayne Halley

Hotchkiss Family

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Smith Family

Joe Thorsen

Christie Tweed

Alison Venable

Joan Werbel

Sandy Weston



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