

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

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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 *Nicea* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy, holy, holy God,
we worship and adore you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Today in our worship we long for a glimpse of your glory,
seen perfectly in Christ, our Lord.
As we worship, may we gain new insight
about the mystery and wonder of your love.
And may we sense new ways to mirror that love in our
world,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 2 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and
sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Presence and Life,
God who is Three in One,
we confess that we have turned away from you.
We gaze upon ourselves
as if we are worthy of worship.
We take your creation into our hands,
not to love, but to use and then to discard.
We do not deserve that you would even notice us
but we pray for mercy because you are merciful.
(Silent prayers of confession and unburdening)
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

If My People Will Pray

Jimmy Owens

Soloist: Elizabeth Mahowald

*If My people which are called by My name
shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and
pray, If My people which are called by My name
shall seek My face and turn from their wicked ways;*

Then will I hear from heaven, then will I hear from heaven,

Then will I hear and will forgive, forgive their sin,

If My people which are called by MY name
shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and
pray. I will forgive their sin, I will forgive their sin, I will forgive
their sin and heal their land.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life.
tell us who we are and to whom we belong
so that we may live with gratitude

for all that you have done. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Out of the Chaos

Rev. Blaine
Crawford

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Father, we praise you;
through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things.
You reveal your salvation in all the world
by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Through your Holy Spirit
you give us a share in your life and love.
Fill us with the vision of your glory,
that we may always serve and praise you,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Sections from the Belhar Confession

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and cares for the church through
Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of
the world and will do to the end.**

We believe

- **that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes
to bring about justice and true peace among people;**

- **that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;**
- **that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.**

HYMN (Not Found in Hymnal)

The Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness only light,

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

In giving of ourselves that we receive,

and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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 Let There
Be Peace on Earth*

Sean Cotty

Prayer Requests

*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

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

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