

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

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10:00 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 *Danny Boy* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, you are love in motion: always breathing us into being, calling us to serve, sustaining us in the wilderness. Come to us as the morning breaks. Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts for we pray in the name of the Son you sent and through the Spirit that gives us life. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 107

Christ Be My Leader

*Christ be my leader by night as by day,
safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is the daylight when Jesus is there.*

*Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness, nor doubting, nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mystery, God of life,
we imagine that we are capable judges
of power and wisdom and goodness.**

**We trust our own standards;
we separate and categorize;
we mark the performance of others.
We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.
We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.**

**Gracious God, hidden and manifest,
transform our withered imaginations
until we yield the judgments we trust
to a love we cannot control. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

Softly and Tenderly

Gilbert Martin

Soloist: Elizabeth Mahowald

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.*

Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home.

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home.

*Pleading for you and for me! Mercies for you and for me!
O, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me;
Tho' we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me!*

Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home.

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought.
Meet us in words written, in words spoken; intercede for us
with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope
that is hidden in our hearts, for we pray in the name of
Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 29:15-28

Romans 8:26-39

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Covenantal Love

Rev. Blaine
Crawford

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.*

Refrain:

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our
land.*

Refrain

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.*

Refrain

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

Improvisation on
They'll Know We Are Christians

Sean Cotty

Prayer Requests

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

Miram Allen

Andela Family

Babinsky Family

Diane Blagburn

Christina & Sadie Boll

Elizabeth Bossis

Lillian Calfa

David Cerqueira

Gracinda Cerqueira

Jose Cerqueira

Marilyn Cooney & Family

The Cotty Family

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

Herb Durdik

The Frocione Family

Betty Gessner

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Jayne Halley

Hotchkiss Family

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Jean Mendler

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Joseph Saepia

Smith Family

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Christie Tweed

Alison Venable

Joan Werbel

Sandy Weston

Stacey



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Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

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