Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the Reformed Church in America 167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358 **August 2, 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 Sean Cotty Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Life-changing God, you have touched us and transformed us to reach out to all who hunger for what only you can give. Keep our feet in your paths and bless us to multiply blessings to others, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 687 Shall We Gather at the River? Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, we have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

DUET

In Remembrance

Buryl Red

Soloists: Dorien Day and Elizabeth Mahowald In remembrance of me, eat this bread, In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time, when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door, and let your brother in.

Take, eat, and be comforted, Drink and remember, too that this is my body and precious blood, Shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart. Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All-knowing God, you have satisfied our hunger at sunset and held us close through nights of wrestling. Now let the day break with your blessing. Awaken and illumine us by your Word that we may behold your likeness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 32:22-31 Romans 9:1-5 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wrestling with God 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 No. 840

God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; if life's perils should confound you, God will put his arms around you; God be with you till we meet again.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Prayer Words of Institution Confession of Faith Great is the mystery of the faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again**

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 Amazing Grace Sean Cotty



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

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