# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the Reformed Church in America 167-07 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

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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 Mendelssohn

Sean Cotty

**VOTUM** 

**SENTENCES** 

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey in our lives.

Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promises, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. Amen.

# CALL TO WORSHIP

SOLO

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Oley Speaks

Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

Let not your heart be troubled,

Ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us!

We are intimidated by our circumstances,
distracted from your purposes,
drowning in doubts and fears.

We are presumptuous about your will,
belittling others and magnifying ourselves.

We envy the blessings of others,
secretly despising their dreams.

We have hardened our hearts
to the suffering of our brothers and sisters.
Lord Jesus, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and love. Amen.

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO Jacob Had a Favorite Child Joseph Mahowald Soloist: Joseph Mahowald

Jacob had a favorite child in Joseph, his young son Made a special coat for him, and not his other sons. Joe's ten brothers hated him, dreaded their father's oath. Plotted to get rid of him and strip him of his cloak.

They saw the dreamer coming nigh, and threw him in the well.

"We will soon be rid of you and none of us will tell."
Just then some merchants came down the road.
They said, "we'll sell our brother there.
Dad's favorite son will soon be gone
then WE'LL be the favorite heirs."

They killed a goat and dripped the blood on Joseph's special robe. Showed their poor old father who then ashed and ripped his own.

Years would pass before the truth would be all fully known. Joseph lived in Egypt's lands until he was fully grown. Jacob had a favorite child in Joseph, his young son.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of our present trouble and promised triumph, open our eyes to see you in the midst of our struggles. Open our hearts to hear your words of invitation and assurance.

Open our minds to recall your wonderful works and miracles.

Open our hearts to glory in your name and seek strength in your Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Genesis 37:1-28

Romans 10:5-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Shattered Dreams

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.

SOLO Any Dream Will Do Andrew Lloyd Webber Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

I closed my eyes, drew back the curtain to see for certain what I thought I knew. Far, far away someone was weeping, but the world was sleeping, any dream will do.

I wore my coat with golden lining, bright colors shining wonderful and new. And in the east the dawn was breaking, and the world was waking, any dream will do.

A crash of drums, a flash of light, my golden coat flew out of sight. The colors faded into darkness, I was left alone.

May I return, to the beginning, the light is dimming and the dream is too, the world and I, we still are waiting, still hesitating, any dream will do.

## 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 Organ Sonata No. 4 - Mvmnt. I Mendelssohn



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

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Chair: Rev. Crawford

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