

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

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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

**Welcome to worship at Church on the Hill!
We're so glad you have joined us this morning. Please
read the following for more details about the worship
service.**

The sanctuary and pews have been thoroughly cleaned in preparation for our return to worship today. During the worship service, we ask that you continue to **wear your masks**. The congregation is invited to join in responses and the hymn singing—we ask that you **speak and sing at a conversational volume**. We have opened as many windows as possible in the sanctuary to increase ventilation. Please **do not attempt to open the windows that are closed**. Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary; **on your way out of the sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plates**. At the conclusion of the service, **please wait to be dismissed** by the ushers, allowing us to clear any video equipment in the aisle. We ask that you take your bulletin with you and do not leave it in the sanctuary. Bathrooms are available for use in Gessner Hall. There will be no coffee hour after the service.

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

PRELUDE

Organ Sonata No 4 Felix Mendelssohn
Andante Religioso

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 634

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty -
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:*

*Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God,
you have lived for us—we have not lived for you.
You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others.
You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor
others.**

**Take pity on us and forgive us, God.
Help us to forgive, to live for you, and to love
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

Bless This House

May H. Brahe

Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

*Bless this house, O Lord we pray,
Make it safe by night and day;
Bless these walls, so firm and stout,
Keeping want and trouble out;*

*Bless the roof and chimneys tall,
Let Thy peace lie over all;
Bless this door, that it may prove*

Ever open to joy and love.

*Bless these windows shining bright,
Letting in God's heavenly light;
Bless the hearth ablazing there,
With smoke ascending like a prayer;*

*Bless the folk who dwell within,
Keep them pure and free from sin;
Bless us all that we may be
Fit, O Lord, to dwell with Thee.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 14:19-31

Romans 14:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wait Upon the Lord

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. 16

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

*Give to our God immortal praise;
mercy and truth are all his ways:
wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.*

*He built the earth, he spread the sky,
and fixed the starry lights on high:
wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.*

*He fills the sun with morning light;
he bids the moon direct the night:
his mercies every shall endure,
when suns and moons shall shine no more.*

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.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prince of Denmark's March

Jeremiah
Clarke

Announcements

Elder Ordination and Installation

On September 27 during worship, Victor Han will be ordained and installed as an elder at Church on the Hill. Many thanks to Pamela Lopez for her faithful service as elder over the last four years.

Men's Communion Breakfast—Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, we will not be holding our annual Men's Communion Breakfast in October this year.

Bargain Boutique

The Bargain Boutique will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Please hold all donations until we re-open.

Weekly Calendar

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings and ministries of Church on the Hill!

Prayer Requests

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

Miram Allen

Babinsky Family

Diane Blagburn

Christina & Sadie Boll

Elizabeth Bossis

Jack Brennan

Lillian Calfa

David Cerqueira

Gracinda Cerqueira

Jose Cerqueira

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

Herb Durdik

The Frocione Family

Betty Gessner

Brooke Graffeo



Prayer Requests

Rosemarie Graffeo

Alex Guzman

Jayne Halley

Hotchkiss Family

Tweed & Mahowald Family

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Jean Mendler

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Joseph Saepia

Smith Family

Alison Venable

Joan Werbel

Mike

Stacey



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*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



The sanctuary is looped for the hard of hearing. In order to connect to the system, please sit in the north set of pews (on your right when you enter the sanctuary) and set your hearing device to the "T" setting.



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