

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America

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**September 6, 2020**

**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  
*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, whose ways are far beyond our understanding,  
help us to trust your judgments,  
so that we may do your will  
by loving you and one another.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 776

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

*Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.*

*[Refrain]*

*When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God,**

**while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation.**

**Yet we still worship the false gods of the world.**

**Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh.**

**Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us.**

**Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

*Pie Jesu*

Andrew Lloyd Weber

Soloist : Maureen Saepia-Chen

*(Sung in Latin)*

*Pious Jesus,*

*Who takes away the sins of the world,*

*Give them rest.*

*Lamb of God,*

*Who takes away the sins of the world,*

*Give them rest,*

*Everlasting*

*Rest.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit,

as your Word is read and preached,

pass among your people,

opening minds to increase understanding,

opening hearts to bind us together in your love. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 12:1-14

Romans 13:8-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Liberating Meal of 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.**

## 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**

SOLO

*God Bless America*

Irving Berlin

Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

While the storm clouds gather

far across the sea,

let us swear allegiance

to a land that's free.

Let us all be grateful

for a land so fair,

as we raise our voices

in a solemn prayer.

God bless America,

Land that I love.

Stand beside her,

and guide her,

through the night with

a light from above.

From the mountains,

to the prairies,

to the oceans white with foam,

God bless America

My home, sweet home,

God bless America

My home, sweet home.

## 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

Fugue in G Minor "The Great"

J.S. Bach

## *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

Rosemarie Graffeo

Alex Guzman

Jayne Halley

Hotchkiss Family

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Jean Mendler

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Joseph Saepia

Smith Family

Christie Tweed

Alison Venable

Joan Werbel

Mike

Stacey



### **Community, Mission & Outreach**

Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

### **Community Nursery School Board**

President: Ginny Chan  
Consistory Rep: Dorien Day

### **Congregational Care**

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### **Christian Education & Youth**

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Consistory Rep: Margret Dougherty

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Chair: Dana Chan

### **Worship & Music**

Chair: Rev. Crawford  
Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

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