

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2013

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Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

VOTUM

INTROIT

"Worship Him"

Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 145)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #141**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Gracious Savior, at times this week we have forgotten that we live in you. We confess that sometimes we live totally within this world and within its priorities. At other times we have forgotten that you live in us, and that the transforming power of the resurrection is available to us. Help us, Lord, to live our lives knowing you fully in all your wonder and power, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9

LAW OF GOD

Ephesians 4:32-5:2

RESPONSIVE READING #35 Psalm 150

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***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Here Am I"

Chancel Choir

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 71:14-24 (Pg 535 Old Testament)
Ephesians 3:1-13 (Pg 149 New Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #504**

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

SERMON

"To Make Christ Known"

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"We Will Glorify"

Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #383**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

"Three Fold Amen"

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: John & Sandi Torrant

Ushers: Pete & Barbara Nickel, Warren & Audrey Schmidt

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship:

Next week's stewards (**April 21**):

Greeters: The Thompson Family

Ushers: Bill, Julie Anne, Jason & Marie Thompson

Nursery: Vicki, Renee & Natalie Sherwood

Fellowship: Luncheon

GUEST PIANIST

We extend our thanks to Carol Myers for providing the music for our Worship Service today.

FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given in honor of Walt Paradies who is celebrating his birthday today.

OPEN ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for our free Open Art Workshop which meets every Friday from 1 – 3. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and it is open to anyone, both inside and outside the church. Participants should bring any creative project in any medium and all their own supplies. Donations are optional.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Next Sunday is our Monthly Luncheon; please bring a dish to share. Also, consider bringing an item for the food pantry.

Needed items are: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

THE FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF CARY IS A FRIENDLY AND LOVING COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD TO KNOW CHRIST, TO MAKE HIM KNOWN, AND TO SERVE ALL PEOPLE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

To know Christ – to live in a relationship with Christ
Through the work of the Holy Spirit
Through participating in worship and sacraments
Through studying the Bible
Through a living and growing prayer life

To make Christ known – to help others come to live in a relationship with Jesus Christ
Through Sharing God's love
Through sharing our hope
Through sharing our understanding of Christ's teaching
Through living our lives as an example of Christian living

The Mission Statement is not just for the Church, but each member needs to be part of living out this statement. What do you do, and what can you do to make Christ known?

God's Vision for all churches and all Christians

Love God; Love Others; and Make disciples.

This is the root of who we are.

Key Beliefs (these are things that we know are true for us, but can't be proved)

God put us here as a congregation

God is at work in us

Everything comes from God

Christ is our Savior

We are saved through grace

God blessed us

Doctrinal ideas like the Trinity

Key Values (these are things that are important to us)

Importance of church as a family

Importance of the worship experience, especially music

Fellowship

The feeling of being reformed

Traditional worship with a balanced liturgy

Education (This is both who we are as people and something we value doing as a congregation)

We seek to be an open and balanced congregation

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