

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2013

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**The Approach to God**

**PRELUDE**

*“Hallelujah, Amen”*

Carol Myers, Pianist

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

**VOTUM**

**INTROIT**

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

(from Romans 10)

No one who believes in God will be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed.**

And how are they to believe in one whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

**How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #496**

*“Jesus Shall Reign”*

**\*SALUTATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(unison)

Almighty God, you have named us salt of the earth and light of the world; we confess that our lives have been more bland than salt, more shadow than light. Forgive us, O Lord, for risks not taken, witness not given, challenges not met, opportunities not seized, and promises not kept. So cleanse and fill us with your Spirit that we may come to have the taste of salt and the glow of light, to the glory of your name, Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Galatians 2:16, 20

**LAW OF GOD**

Galatians 5:13-14

**\*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**

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

**The Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 10:41-45** (Pg 36 New Testament)  
**Ephesians 2:11-22** (Pg 148 New Testament)

**MOMENT FOR CHILDREN**

**\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

**\*HYMN #479**

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

**SERMON**

**"To Serve All People"**

**Our Response to God**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*"Here Am I, Lord"*

Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #473**

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

**\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

*"Here Am I, Lord"*

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The congregation may stand.

## TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: The Thompson Family

Ushers: Bill, Julie Anne, Jason & Marie Thompson

Nursery: Vicki, Renee & Natalie Sherwood

Fellowship: Luncheon

Next week's stewards (**April 28**):

Greeters: Duane & Becky Woodward

Ushers: Aaron & Shawna Guikema, Duane & Becky Woodward

Nursery: Ed & Melissa Matson

Fellowship:

## GUEST PIANIST

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Thanks to Sandi Torrant for being our worship assistant this morning. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for Worship Assistants for the coming several months.

## FINANCIAL PLANNING

Have you ever wondered how you could give a nice gift to the church or college or other non-profit? On **Tuesday April 23, 7:00 p.m.**, we will host a financial planning seminar. This program will not be so much about wills as living trusts, insurance, and other ways of making gifts without emptying your 401 plan. The leader will be Alan Crews from Ameriprise. Pastor Chuck and Eileen have worked with Alan in the past and find him to be honest, caring, and a listener. The presentation will be 35-45 minutes followed by a time of refreshments where you can ask questions individually of Alan.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Just a reminder that this Friday, April 26th is our church's regularly scheduled day for delivery of meals. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Dey.

## CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Please let me know if you are interested in singing in a contemporary music ensemble for the summer. My email contact is [lonieta@aol.com](mailto:lonieta@aol.com). This group is open to all who would enjoy singing.

**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

**To serve all people – to open our hearts and our church to all**  
Through helping to meet the physical, emotional, and Spiritual needs of those in our congregation and those in our community  
Through supporting with our human resources and finances local and world mission

***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 serve others?***

## **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

## FRCC MISSION STATEMENT – April 21

One idea I liked in the section of **To Serve All People** is:

One idea that needs to be clarified in **To Serve All People** section is:

I like the statement as is; or I think we need to add; or I think we should delete

Other Comments: