

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF CARY**

Rev. Nola Boezeman, Guest Minister

Dr. Lonietta Cornwall, Music Director

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2016

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**The Approach to God**

**PRELUDE**

*"Creation Medley"*

L. Cornwall, Piano

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

**VOTUM**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Isaiah 40:21-31

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

**All: God created all things and summons everyone by name.**

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

**All: No one – nothing – can compare to God's glory.**

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

**All: The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the creator of the ends of the earth,  
and never grows tired or weary.**

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

**All: Those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength forever and ever.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #21**

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

**\*SALUTATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, You said that You are the Light of the World, yet we still refuse to let You into the darkest places of our lives. You said that You are the Good Shepherd, but we fail to follow where You lead. We are sheep that have gone astray. You said that You are the bread of life, but we seek out other things to satisfy us. You said that You are the Way, but we often make our own paths. You said that You are the Truth, but we find ways to deceive ourselves and others. You said that You are Life. Forgive us and help us to embrace the mercy, forgiveness, and grace that You offer us so that we can have an abundant life with You. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE**

*"I love You, I love You, I love You, Lord, today because You care for me in such a special way.*

*\*And yes I praise You, I lift You up, and I magnify Your name. That's why my heart is filled with praise.*

*My heart, my mind, my soul belongs to You. You paid the price for me way back on Calvary\*\*"*

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*“He’s got the whole world in His Hands…… Sun and the moon…… Wind and the rain……  
Little, bitty baby…… Everybody here……”*

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**The Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Isaiah 40:21-31**

**\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

**\*HYMN #101**

*“This is My Father’s World”*

**SERMON**

**“Haven’t You Heard?”**

**Our Response to God**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed

(p. 12 hymnal)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #78**

*“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

*“Seven-fold Amen”*

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The congregation may stand.

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