

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF CARY

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY after Pentecost

October 16, 2016

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Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Praise You"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we gather around God's table from near and far.

We are the people of God!

Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

For there is one Lord, one Faith, and one baptism.

We are one in God's Spirit!

We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus

For we are the people of redemption!

He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

Come, let us worship the God of our salvation!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #21

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

*SALUTATION

Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and mercy: We are your wounded and wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world seeking your healing and transforming grace; it is easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness; so we lift into your presence today, not only the victims of conflicts, but also those who we have called enemies. Break down the walls of hatred, distrust, and bitterness. Open a way for each of us to reach one another in truth and love. Enable us to build a society where all can belong; to share our gifts in mutual respect and to seek for the new future which you offer us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and one another.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

"Awesome God"

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"The Family of God"

Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God Speaks to Us through Word and Sacrament

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:26-29

SERMON

"May We All Be One"

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(p. 12 hymnal)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning

Hymn

"Lead Me, Meet Me, Feed Me"

(Insert)

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Communion

(Please retain the elements until all have been served.
Cups on the outside ring contain wine)

Communion Anthem

"We Remember"

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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***CLOSING HYMN #379**

"Come Thou Fount"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

Guest Pianist

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

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