First Reformed Church of Cary

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost		October 2, 2016		
	Lindsey Gibson, Guest Speaker			
	Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director			
Prelude				
Congregational Concerns				
Votum				
Choral Introit	"I Will Call Upon the Lord"	Chancel Choir		
The Approach to God				
Invitation to Worship				
*Hymn #1	"Praise Ye the Lord Almighty"	Choir & Congregation		

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ your Son.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.8, 10-12

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

*Hymn #368	"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"	Choir & Congregation	
Reception of Gifts & Offerings			
Ministry of Music	"I Will Thank Thee, O Lord"	Chancel Choir	
*Doxology			
*Offertory Prayer			

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination "Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen."

Scripture: Psalm 127:1-2

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Meditation

"Castles upon Sand"

Our Response to God

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

We are and will continue to be a community that loves and worships God in the Reformed tradition for the purpose of being known as a congregation that actively cares for those in need around us.

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #369	"How Firm a Foundation"	(second tune)
*Benediction	"Three Fold Amen"	(canon third verse, men begin)

*Postlude

*Those who are able please stand

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