#### FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF CARY

## TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**OCTOBER 23, 2016** 

Matthew Floding, Guest Speaker Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

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Prelude "Give Me A Clean Heart" L. Cornwall, Piano

**Congregational Concerns** 

Votum

Choral Introit "Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place" Chancel Choir

The Approach to God

**Invitation to Worship** 

\*Hymn of Praise #31 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

**Prayer of Confession** 

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hymn #32 "What Shall I Render to the Lord"

**Reception of Gifts & Offerings** 

Ministry of Music "Hallelujah, Amen" Chancel Choir

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

The Word of God

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Scripture

Psalm 23 - Luke 15:1-7

Meditation

"Lost"

# **Our Response to God**

#### \*Confession of Faith:

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.

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way6 that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** 

\*Closing Hymn #335 "O Grant Us Light"

\*Benediction "Three-Fold Amen"

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able please stand

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<u>Meals on Wheels</u> - This Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, is our regularly scheduled day for delivery of meals. Because the last Friday of the month falls near the holidays in November & December, this will be our last delivery for this year. Any questions, please contact Nancy Dey.