

# First Reformed Church of Cary

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 2016

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Prelude

Congregational Concerns

Votum            *"Our Help is in the name of the Lord who made the heaven and the earth."*

Choral Introit

## The Approach to God

Invitation to Worship

One: We gather in awe

**All: standing in the presence of the One  
who crafted the stars, the mountains, the seas.**

One: We gather in faith,

**All: trusting that the One who has held little children  
holds our lives in the heart of God.**

One: We gather in need,

**All: seeking the One who longs for justice  
to grace each and every person in creation.**

\*Hymn of Praise

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of Life, we come acknowledging that we have turned away from the lives of others to our own selfish gain. We have abandoned a future together for quick individual successes here and now. We have become shortsighted, looking to our own desires and ignoring the needs of others. Call us away from the temptation of the world and bring us back to a fulfilling life, a life in which we live for others, for You, and live out Your call on our lives. In the name of Jesus, the Life who is the Light of all people. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint. We are all God's children, and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be.

**Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we are made one; longing to serve, we are sent forth. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

Hymn

Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Ministry of Music

**\*Doxology**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**The Word of God**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

**Luke 19:1-10**

**Meditation**

*"Radical Hospitality"*

**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**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*Those who are able please stand

WELCOME: Alan Bancroft is a Teaching Elder in the PCUSA and previously served as an Associate Pastor and a Campus Minister in Nashville, TN. His interests include reading, running, golf, being outdoors, and engaging folks in meaningful conversation.

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