

First Reformed Church of Cary

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2016

Guest Speaker (Libby Boehne)
Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

Prelude

Congregational Concerns

Votum One: Our Help is in the name of the Lord who made the heaven and the earth.

All: Amen

Introit *"This is the day..... that the Lord has made.....I will rejoice.....and be glad in it....."*

The Approach to God

Call to Worship

One: Once, we were dead, living in the sin and brokenness of this world.

All: But God made us alive, together with Christ

One: Once, we were disobedient, following the ruler of the power of the air

All: Now, by the grace of God, we follow Christ.

All: Let us worship God!

Adapted from Ephesians 2:1-10

***Hymn of Praise #131**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, And what our hearts can no longer bear.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;

grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Adapted from PCUSA Book of Common Worship

Assurance of Pardon

One: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

Hymn #141

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Ministry of Music

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, yes He is good! [Repeat]

For He is worthy, worthy, for He is good, yes He is good." [Repeat]

***Doxology**

***Offertory Prayer**

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, Prepare our hearts to accept your Word.

**Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon

“Title”

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 #557**

“Father, Give Thy Benediction”

***Benediction**

“Three-Fold Amen”

***Postlude**

*Those who are able please stand

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