

First Reformed Church of Cary

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2016

Alan Bancroft, Guest Speaker
Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

Prelude *"Keyboard Praises"* L. Cornwall

Congregational Concerns

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

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

The Approach to God

Invitation to Worship

God of Creation, You raised the sun up this morning,

Just as You raised Your Son from death to life!

Even if dark clouds and rain darken the view,

You are the Light of the World, and You have called us to be Light.

In the darkest of the night, we know that daybreak is coming

The Hope of the World is in You.

Join our hearts together in worship,

So we might experience Your Light more fully. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise #100** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

Prayer of Confession

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.

Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever

Assurance of Pardon

It is time to lighten up!

It is written for our encouragement and peace: "The love of God is shown to us, in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." My friends, believe this remarkable Gospel and live with the redemption and liberty of Christ.

Amen!

Hymn #407 *"Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart"*

Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Ministry of Music *"Awesome God"* Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

***Offertory Prayer**

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Meditation

“Prophetic Action”

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 #319**

“O For a Closer Walk with God”

(Second Tune)

***Benediction**

“Three-Fold Amen”

Choir

***Postlude**

*Those who are able please stand

WELCOME

We welcome Alan Bancroft as our Guest Speaker this morning. Alan 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.

DORCAS FOOD PANTRY

The Dorcas Food Pantry needs your help! The pantry is running critically low on many food items, including: pasta, pasta sauce, mixed vegetables, hearty soups, rice, dry beans, peaches, pears, mixed fruit, baking mix, cleaning supplies and toilet paper. If you can help, please drop off donations to 187 High House Road, Cary. Please call Jill if you have questions: 984-333-0058.

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