

First Reformed Church of Cary

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

Peace Lee, Guest Speaker
Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

Prelude "God Has Forgiven" L. Cornwall, Piano

Congregational Concerns

Votum

Choral Introit "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" Chancel Choir

The Approach to God

Invitation to Worship

L: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

P: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

L: God makes us new in God's Spirit!

P: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

L: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

P: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. AMEN.

*Hymn of Praise #15 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come before You in humility,

For we do not live as we ought.

We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We do not love our neighbor as ourselves.

So we pray, in all humility,

That You will change our hearts and minds,

That You will show us again how to love others the way You love us,

That You will put power and courage in our hearts to do your will.

This we pray in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn #274 "Because I Knew Not When My Life Was Good"

Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Ministry of Music "God Has Forgiven Us" Chancel Choir

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 6:12 & Luke 23:34

Meditation

“You Are Forgiven”

Our Response to God

*Confession of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

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

Congregational Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn #402

“I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew”

*Benediction

“God Has Forgiven Us” – Reprise

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

*Those that are able please stand

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