

First Reformed Church of Cary

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2017

Rev. George Van Arnam, Contract Minister
Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

Prelude

Judie Kindig, Organist

Congregational Concerns

Votum

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

Praise the name of the Lord.

Give praise, O servants of the Lord.

You that stand in the house of the Lord,

In the courts of the house of our God.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Sing to his name for He is gracious.

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your Kingdom. We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly. We exalt possessions and power when you alone are to be exalted. We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony. Have mercy upon us we pray. Forgive and transform us that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent prayer of Confession

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn #464 *"Morning Has Broken"*

Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Ministry of Music

Judie Kindig, Organist

***Doxology**

***Offertory Prayer**

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture **Psalm 135: 5-7, 13-18; Matthew 6: 25-34**

Sermon ***“Keeping Things in Perspective”***

Our Response to God

***Confession of Faith** 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 actively caring for those in need around us.

Congregational Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn #26** *“O Worship the King All Glorious Above”*

***Benediction** *“Three-Fold Amen”*

***Postlude**

*Those that are able please stand

This morning we extend a warm welcome to Judie Kindig. She will be sharing her gift of music with us. Judie moved to the area in 2015 from Endwell, NY. She has served a number of churches and loves to see a congregation touched and uplifted by music.

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