

# First Reformed Church of Cary

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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## Prelude

*“Koinonia”*

*“How can I say that I love the Lord, whom I’ve never ever seen before and forget to say that I love the one whom I walk beside each and every day? How can I look upon your face and ignore God’s love? You, I must embrace! You’re my brother, you’re my sister and I love you with the love of my Lord.”*

## Congregational Concerns

### Votum

### Choral Introit

*“I Will Call Upon the Lord”*

Chancel Choir

### The Approach to God

## Invitation to Worship

Let us worship God.

**“He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.”**

Let us confess with our mouths,

**“Jesus is Lord,”**

and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

Let us call upon the one true God,

**believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, and worshiping him in spirit and in truth.**

### \*Hymn of Praise #31

*“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”*

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

## Guide for Grateful Living

What is the great and first commandment?

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

What is the second commandment like it?

**Love your neighbor as yourself.**

What does this mean?

**Love is the fulfilling of the law.**

To what does this call us?

**To a life of faith working through love.**

—based on Matthew 22:37-40

**\*Song**    *\*Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self Control.....such are the fruit of the Spirit\** [against these there is no law!!!]

## **Reception of Gifts & Offerings**

**Ministry of Music**

*“The Gift of Love”*

Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

### **The Word of God**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**        **John 10:22-30 and selected verses from Romans 8**

**Sermon**

*“Everyday Comfort”*

### **Our Response to God**

**\*Confession of Faith: the Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1**

**Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?**

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Installation and Ordination of Elder and Deacon

***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 #380**

*“Saviour, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us”*

**\*Benediction**

*"Koinonia"*

Chancel Choir

**\*Postlude**

\*Those that are able please stand

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