

# First Reformed Church of Cary

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2017

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

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**Prelude** *“Am I A Soldier of the Cross?”*

**Congregational Concerns**

**Votum**

**Choral Introit** *“Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, ‘Rejoice’”*

**Invitation to Worship**

In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
And give thanks to God’s holy name.**

I will extol you my God and king,

And bless your name forever and ever.

**Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised  
And God’s greatness is unsearchable.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #407** *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*

**Opening Prayer**

**Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.**

**Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Hymn #284** *“Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ”*

**Reception of Gifts & Offerings**

**Ministry of Music** *“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 who 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 with the love of my Lord!”*

**\*Doxology**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**The Word of God**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:** Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11: 25-30

**Sermon:** *“The Good that I Would...”*

**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 #310** *“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”*

**\*Benediction**

*“Koinonia”* - Reprise

**\*Postlude**

\*Those that are able please stand

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