# **First Reformed Church of Cary**

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017

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

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Prelude "Surely Goodness and Mercy" L. Cornwall, Piano

**Congregational Concerns** 

Votum

Choral Introit "We Have Come Into This House" Chancel Choir

## **The Approach to God**

### \*Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up O ancient doors.

That the King of Glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up O ancient doors.

That the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory.

\*Hymn of Praise #132 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Watchful God, you know our plight. Offended, we have not believed your word. Complaining, we have betrayed your love. We are weak, estranged, wandering and lost. Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall. Strangers to your holiness we wander. Defenseless against evil within and without, we are lost. Shine your light in our darkness and guide us back to our place in you.

Silent Prayer of Confession

**Assurance of Pardon** (unison)

The living God hears our cry and forgives our sin.

The Lord God is a sun and shield, bestowing favor and honoring us through Christ, the bread from heaven, who brings us back to God and feeds us with his strength. We accept the Grace that feeds us. Amen

\*Hymn #104 (third tune) "The Lord's My Shepherd"

**Reception of Gifts & Offerings** 

Ministry of Music "Surely Goodness and Mercy" (Insert)

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

#### The Word of God

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Scripture Psalm 23; Matthew 13:31-35

Sermon "Pursued by Goodness and Mercy"

### **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 #139 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"

\*Benediction "Amen" Chancel Choir

\*Postlude

\*Those that are able please stand