

First Reformed Church of Cary

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017

Rev. George Van Arnam, Contract Minister

Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

Prelude

"Lord, I want to be A Christian"

Congregational Concerns

Votum

Choral Introit

The Approach to God

***Call to Worship**

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,

The night expounds God's knowledge without a word,
and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

**Let us join our voice with the voice of creation in
Declaring God's glory!!**

***Hymn of Praise #15**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Opening Prayer

As you cause the sun to rise, O God, bring the light Of Christ to dawn in our souls and dispel all darkness. Give us grace to reflect Christ's glory; and let His love show in our deeds, His peace shine in our words, and His healing in our touch, that all may give Him praise, Now and forever. Amen.

Silent prayer of Confession

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk In your ways, to the glory of your Holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #310**

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Ministry of Music

*"Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for You."*

***Doxology**

***Offertory Prayer**

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 119: 1-8, Matthew 5: 10-20

Sermon

“Unless Your Righteousness Exceeds...”

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 #317**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

***Benediction**

*“Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for You.”*

***Postlude**

*Those that are able please stand

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