

**First Reformed Church of Cary**

Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

Rev. George Van Arnam, Guest Minister

Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

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**Prelude**

*“Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord”*

L. Cornwall, Piano

**Congregational Concerns**

**Votum**

**Introit**

*“We’ve Come to Worship You”*

Chancel Choir

**The Approach to God**

**Call to Worship (Psalm 127)**

Unless the Lord build the House

**Those who build it labor in vain.**

Unless the Lord watches over the city

**The watchman stays awake in vain**

It is vain that you rise up early and go late to rest.

**For he gives to His beloved in sleep.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #140**     *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*

**Prayer of Confession**

O God, you are our God from all generations, and you will be the God of our children and our children’s children. Forgive us, we pray, when we fail to see with the eyes of faith. Forgive us for our reluctance to step boldly into the future. Forgive us when we are more concerned for our needs than the needs of others. Cast aside the sin that clings so closely to us; remold us into a faithful people; and give us a holy boldness to live into your Kingdom’s future. We ask this for the sake of the One who is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Hymn #435**                     *“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”*

**Reception of Gifts & Offerings**

**\*Congregational Music**

*"I've got peace like a river [3x] in my soul - Repeat  
I've got joy like a fountain I've love like an ocean"*

**\*Doxology**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**The Word of God**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Isaiah 11:1-9; Mark 1:9-15

**Q&A 123**

**Q. What does the second petition mean?**

A. "Your kingdom come" means: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you.

Preserve your church and make it grow.

Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word.

Do this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all.

**Q. What does the third petition mean?**

A. "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" means:

Help us and all people to reject our own wills and to obey your will without any back talk. Your will alone is good.

Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to, as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

**Sermon**

***"Thy Kingdom Come"***

**Our Response to God**

**\*Confession of Faith**

The 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 #496**

*“Jesus Shall Reign”*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response**

*“Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord”*

Chancel Choir

**\*Postlude**

\*Those that are able please stand

We welcome Rev. George Van Arnam this morning as our guest minister.  
He has shared the following information:

Founded and Directed the Samaritan Counseling Center of the Mohawk Valley, NY

Campus Minister at SUNY Binghamton, Syracuse University

Associate Pastor, Saratoga Springs, NY

Ordained United Methodist Minister

Fellow - American Association of Pastoral Counselors

Clinical Member - American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, NY

Married to Peggy Van Arnam - together have 3 sons, residing in Philadelphia, Cary, and Asheville, and 7 grandchildren

Enjoy: photography, photo editing, travel in USA and abroad, reading, swimming, table tennis