

First Reformed Church of Cary

First Sunday in Lent

March 5th, 2017

Tanner Lowe, Guest Speaker
Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

Prelude *"Near the Cross"* Hand Bell Ensemble

Congregational Concerns

Votum

Choral Introit *"Bless the Lord"* Chancel Choir

The Approach to God

Invitation to Worship (*Selections from Psalm 145*)

I Will extol Thee, my God, O King; And I will bless Thy name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless Thee, And I will praise Thy name forever and ever.

On the glorious splendor of Thy majesty, and on Thy wonderful works, I will meditate.

People shall eagerly utter the memory of Thine abundant goodness, And shall shout joyfully of Thy righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful; Slow to anger and great in loving kindness.

The LORD is good to all, And His mercies are over all His works.

The LORD sustains all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all look to Thee, And Thou does give them their food in due time.
Praise the Lord!**

***Hymn of Praise #33** *"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"*

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn #310** *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

