

# First Reformed Church of Cary

First Sunday in Lent

March 5th, 2017

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

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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"

## Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Congregational Song                      *"West Indian Lord's Prayer"*                      [Insert]

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

### The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-13; Psalm 145

Sermon    *"Hallowed be Thy Name"*

### Our Response to God

*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.*

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

A. "Hallowed be your name" means: Help us to truly know you, to honor, glorify, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth.

And it means, help us to direct all our living—what we think, say, and do—so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.

## Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn #411                      *"Take the Name of Jesus with You"*

\*Benediction    *"Amen"*    Chancel Choir

\*Postlude

\*Those that are able please stand

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