

First Reformed Church of Cary

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

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

Prelude

Hand Bell Ensemble

Congregational Concerns

Votum

Choral Introit *"Come, Let Us Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"*

The Approach to God

Call to Worship

In a world filled with violence and war

We gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

We gather to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

In a world filled with hunger and greed,

We gather to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

Our hope is in the name of Almighty God,

The Creator, Redeemer, and sustainer of heaven and earth.

*Hymn of Praise #515

"God of Our Fathers"

Unison Prayer

Almighty God, you created us in your own image.

Grant us courage to fearlessly contend against evil,
and to make no peace with oppression.

Inspire us that we may reverently use our freedom,
and help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice,
To the glory of your holy name.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn #510

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Ministry of Music

"America, the Beautiful"

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Sermon

“Reflections on Memorial Day 2017”

Our Response to God

***Confession of Faith: The Apostle’s 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** *“Let There Be Peace on Earth and Let It Begin with Me”*

*“Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, family all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. ** Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every breath I take, let this be my solemn vow.....to take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally! Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.”*

***Benediction**

***Response**

***Postlude**

*Those that are able please stand

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