

First Reformed Church of Cary

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 5, 2017

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

The Gathering

Prelude L. Cornwall
Congregational Concerns
Votum
Introit *"Praise You"* Chancel Choir

The Approach to God

***Invitation to Worship**

Come into the presence of God who provides everything we need.

God's faithful love lasts forever.

Let us praise the Lord,

Who makes a way where there is no way.

Let us follow the shepherd,

Who leads us into life and community.

Come and worship our loving, resourceful God,

Who calls us to live in his glory and whose love lasts forever.

***Opening Prayer**

Loving God, when we forget you and become distracted by the noise in our own lives, you call us to return, to meet and worship you again. Here in this hour we bring our full attention to your presence and your ways, and we rejoice and sing praises to you. Amen

***Hymn of Praise #1** *"Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you promise that nothing can come between us and your saving love in Jesus Christ. We wish to believe your promise, but we hesitate. Help us to let go of our doubts. We want to believe that nothing present and nothing to come can separate us from the security of love, help us when our belief falters. When we forget who and what you are to us, forgive us and renew our trust, that we may feel the touch of your forgiving hand. Amen

Silent Confession

Unison Words of Assurance

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.
God's faithful love lasts forever.

***Gloria Patri #546** *"Glory Be to the Father"*

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Acts 17: 16-28

***Hymn #27** *"Ye servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"*

Scripture Philippians 1:12-26

Sermon *"In the Footsteps of St Paul"* with Becky Shafer

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.

Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Ministry of Music *"Hallelujah, Amen"*

***Doxology #544** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*Offertory Prayer

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn #301** *"A Charge to Keep I Have"*

***Benediction** *"Hallelujah, Amen" - Reprise*

*Postlude

*Those that are able please stand

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