

# First Reformed Church of Cary

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017

Rev. Kendra VanHouten, Guest Minister

Judie Kindig, Guest Musician

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## The Gathering

Prelude

*"Meditation on how Great Thou Art"* - arr. Zabel

J. Kindig, Organist

Congregational Concerns

Votum

Introit

*"Worship Him"*

Chancel Choir

## The Approach to God

**\*Call to Worship**

As we gather this morning

**We gather in search of light in times of darkness**

and consolation in times of struggle,

**as we celebrate in times of joy**

and rejoice in God's presence,

**let us worship**

**the Wonderful Counsellor,**

**the Prince of Wholeness,**

**the Bringer of Peace.**

**Let us worship God.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise #4**

*"Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, you invite us out of darkness into the light of your love. We confess today that sometimes we prefer the darkness. We prefer what we know, we resist the less familiar but still you call us and promise us something different.

God forgive our lack of faith that keeps us from wholeheartedly following you, our lack of vision that keeps us from imagining what you lay before us, our lack of hope that keeps us from expecting greatness. Forgive us, Lord, and open us up to possibility, open us up to trusting and to daring to believe that you have the power still, in the face of all that speaks otherwise, you have the power to make all things new. And God, as you awaken that trust in us, awaken too a boldness to join you in that kingdom work. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

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

## The Word of God

### Prayer for Illumination

Scripture                                      Isaiah 9:1-7

\*Hymn    "Shine, Jesus Shine"                                      Insert

Scripture                                      John 8:12

Sermon                                         *"Walking in Hope"*

## Our Response to God

### Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Ministry of Music                          *"A Quiet Hymn of Thanksgiving"* - arr. Scott

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

### \*Offertory Prayer

### Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn #368                        *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

\*Benediction                                 *"Trumpet Voluntary"*                                      Young  
J. Kindig, Organist

### \*Postlude

\*Those that are able please stand

We welcome to the pulpit this morning our Classis Supervisor, Rev. Kendra VanHouten. We are blessed to have her leading us in worship on this special day.

We welcome back Judie Kindig who will be sharing her gift of music with us. It is always good to have Judie with us.