

# First Reformed Church of Cary

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## The Gathering

Prelude "Your Grace and Mercy"

Congregational Concerns

Votum

Choral Introit "Jesus, Make Me Yours"

## The Approach to God

### **\*Invitation to Worship**

Welcome to this hour and this household, the household of God

**Here we listen to words that revive. Here we experience Grace that makes our hearts glad.**

God offers light to our eyes.

**Christ brings wisdom to our heart and minds.**

God's teachings are sweeter than honey-

**Even honey dripping off the honeycomb.**

They are more precious than gold-

**Even than many tons of pure gold!**

### **\*Opening Prayer**

Teacher, Savior, and Righteous One, we come into Your presence with awe.

Your wisdom revives and enlightens us. Your power releases slaves from captivity.

Your words bring rejoicing and music into the hearts of your people. May our words and our meditations in this hour be pleasing to you, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise #140** "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Redeemer God forgive our failings and our sins that we have committed both knowingly and unknowingly. May we not be ruled by sin, and may it have no power over us. Raise us from wrongdoing. That we may share in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. In whose name we pray. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Unison Words of Assurance

In the name of our redeemer we claim the righteousness of Jesus Christ as our own. For in Christ, we are forgiven and enabled to live lives of love and service. Amen.

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

### The Word of God

#### Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

\*Hymn #269 "Jesus Calls Us"

Scripture Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon "From Law to Grace and Back Again"

### 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*

*"Your grace and mercy brought me through. I'm living this moment because of You, I want to thank You and praise You too. Your grace and mercy brought me through"*

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

#### \*Offertory Prayer

#### Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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

\*Benediction/Response "Jesus, Make Me Yours"

#### \*Postlude

\*Those that are able please stand