

**First Reformed Church of Cary**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Rev. George Van Arnam, Minister**  
**Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director**

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October 15, 2017

**The Gathering**

**Prelude**

Hand Bell Ensemble

**Congregational Concerns**

**Votum**

**Introit**

*“Rejoice in the Lord always, and again, I say rejoice!” [repeat]*

*Rejoice, Rejoice and again I say rejoice!” [repeat]*

**The Approach to God**

**\*Invitation to Worship**

Rejoice in God always! Again I say rejoice!

**Rejoice in God’s steadfast love.**

Rejoice in Christ’s enduring grace.

**Rejoice in God’s saving word.**

Rejoice in the Spirit’s gentle guidance.

**Rejoice in God’s healing presence.**

**Rejoice in God always. Again I say rejoice.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Holy God, we come into your midst with praise on our lips and songs of joy in our hearts. Keep our hearts focused on things that are worthy of praise and bless us with your peace. Keep our minds grounded in Christ Jesus that we may stay in the way of your justice and righteousness. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #41**

*“When Morning Guilds the Skies”*

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, following you is seldom easy. When we become afraid we allow our worries and doubts to cloud our vision and obscure our faith. When you seem far away we replace you with playthings and pursuits that leave us hollow and empty. Forgive us! Focus our hearts and minds on things that are excellent and worthy of praise.**

**Shine the light of your love in our lives that we may see the things that are just, righteous and true. Amen**

**Silent Confession**

**Unison Words of Assurance**

The peace and acceptance of God which surpasses all understanding is ours through Christ Jesus. In him we rejoice and rest secure. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri #546

*“Glory Be to the Father”*

**The Word of God**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Exodus 32:1-6

\*Hymn #304

*“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

Scripture

Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon

***“When Religion Hides God”***

**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

Hand Bell Ensemble

\*Doxology #544

*“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

\*Offertory Prayer

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn #79

*“Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”*

\*Benediction

*“Rejoice in the Lord Always”* - Reprise

\*Postlude

\*Those that are able please stand

This morning we wish a fond farewell to Jenn Legg as she begins the next step in her journey. Please plan to stay after worship, enjoy some cake and let her know how much we will miss her and will continue to pray for her. She has played a vital role in helping us move forward as a church and now it is time for her to move forward to follow God's calling.