

First Reformed Church of Cary
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2017
Allison Wattenbarger, Guest Speaker
Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Gathering

Prelude

Congregational Concerns

Votum

Introit

"Praise You"

Chancel Choir

The Approach to God

***Invitation to Worship**

Psalm 99

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

Praise the Lord!

***Opening Prayer**

Lord our God, we come before you this morning longing to see your hand in our lives, to see that you know each one of us by name, and to see your glory. Quiet our hearts and minds as we enter with praise, that we might give ourselves fully this day to worship and serve you. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise #4**

"Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord our God, you are holy and good, and your loving-kindness is everlasting. Yet we have turned from you; doubting your goodness and seeking idols for ourselves, and not loving each other with your love. Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we might be restored to you and find favor in your sight.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Beloved, it is true: as we are known, so also we are forgiven by Christ our God. May the Father fill you with his Spirit to enable you to seek and do his will. Amen.

***Gloria Patri #546**

"Glory Be to the Father"

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

***Hymn #113**

"My Soul with Expectation"

Scripture

Exodus 33:12-23

Sermon

"Seeing 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

"I Will Bless Thee, O Lord"

Chancel Choir

***Doxology #544**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Offertory Prayer**

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn #485**

"Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"

***Benediction**

"Three-Fold Amen"

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

*Those that are able please stand

This morning we are pleased to welcome to the pulpit Allison Wattenbarger. Allison is a third-year M.Div. student at Duke Divinity School. She grew up in Philadelphia and studied English at the University of Pennsylvania, and worked in Vancouver, B.C. before beginning at Duke. Allison has spent time in missions work in Tunisia, Italy, and Palestine, and is currently under care with the City Classis of the RCA.