First Reformed Church of Cary

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017

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

Prelude "Blessed Assurance" Lau

Judie Kindig, Organist

Congregational Concerns

Votum

Choral Introit "Praise You" Chancel Choir

The Approach to God

*Call to Worship

Sing to God for mercy and grace.

Sing praises to God for laughter and joy.

For our God is mighty and strong, protecting the lowly from the oppressor.

Our God is righteous and just, saving the weak from the cruelty of the powerful. Sing to God for mercy and grace.

Sing praises to God for laughter and joy.

*Hymn of Praise #41 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, when we have inflicted injuries on others, forgive us; when we have laughed and sung as our enemies faced calamity, pardon us; when we have belittled the convictions of others through word or deed, restore us in your mercy.

Reclaim us, Mighty One, that amidst the trials of life, we might walk on the dry land of your powerful hope and loving grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent prayer of Confession

Unison Words of Assurance

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, the forces of death would have claimed us; if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, we would have fallen; dance and sing because the Lord is on our side. Amen

*Hymn "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand" Insert

Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Ministry of Music "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" Peterson

Judie Kindig, Organist

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Selections from Revelation

Sermon "He's Got the Whole World In His Hand"

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.

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn #374 "Be Still, My Soul"

*Benediction "Three-Fold Amen"

*Postlude "Fanfare" Mouret

Judie Kindig, Organist

*Those that are able please stand

This morning we welcome back Judie Kindig. She will be sharing her gift of music with us. Judie moved to the area in 2015 from Endwell, NY. She has served a number of churches and loves to see a congregation touched and uplifted by music.

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