## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2013

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director Nola Boezeman, Guest Minister

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# The Approach to God

PRELUDE "I Will Make You Fishers of Men" L. Cornwall, Piano

**VOTUM** 

INTROIT "I Will Bless Thee, O Lord" Chancel Choir

#### **INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

(from Psalm 145)

I will extol you my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Your works shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #399

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#### \*SALUTATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Gracious Lord, you have loved us with an everlasting love. You gave us life and you have given us life eternal. Forgive us, Lord, for our wavering love. Forgive us for those times when we love others or other things more than we love you. Help us, Gracious Father, to cling to your loving hand each day this week. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

John 3:16-17

LAW OF GOD

John 13:34-35

RESPONSIVE READING #27 Psalm 116

Page 498 Hymnal

\*GLORIA PATRI Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. world without end. Amen. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Go" Chancel Choir

## The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **John 21: 1-19** (Page 182 New Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

\*HYMN #397 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

SERMON "New Beginnings"

# Our Response to God

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Mandy Shafer, Piano

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN #310 "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE "Amen"

\*POSTLUDE

\*The congregation may stand.

### **TODAY'S STEWARDS**

**Greeters**: Walt & Lucy Paradies

Ushers: Pete & Barbara Nickel, Walt & Lucy Paradies

Nursery: Andy & Katharine Hoyt

Fellowship: Aaron & Shawna Guikema

Next week's stewards (May 12):

Greeters: Warren & Audrey Schmidt

Ushers: Carole Angrilla, Barbara Araromi, Zandt Johnson, Heidi Wilson

Nursery:

Fellowship: Annette DeVries & Jackie Tomasouw

### SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT

Come and join us at 6:30 as we gather in a circle in the sanctuary for our monthly Sunday Evening Prayer Service, which will include the Celebration of Holy Communion.

#### **EMPTY NESTERS**

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this Tuesday, May 7th, 6:30 p.m. at Bonefish Grill in Cary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

### YOU ARE INVITED

The congregation received in the mail this week an invitation to Nola Boezeman's graduation. It will be this Friday, May 10. The time is 7 p.m. and the place is Turner Auditorium, Buies Creek.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Reformed Church, Pastor Chuck is having a gathering on Tuesday, May 14 at 6 p.m.. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions and to learn more about the church. The Consistory will meet with us at the end of the time to fulfill their part of the process. If you think you might be coming, let Pastor Chuck know, or if you are interested and can't make it, let him know as well. Consistory starts at 7:30 so you should be on your way by then.

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