First Reformed Church of Cary

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jon DePue, M.Div., Guest Speaker Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

PRELUDE

"Praises"

L. Cornwall, Piano

September 4, 2016

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

VOTUM

One: Our Help is in the name of the Lord who made the heaven and the earth. All: Amen

CHORAL INTROIT

"Praise You"

Chancel Choir

The Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of our failures— All: we stand in God's grace.

One: In the midst of our struggles— All: we boast in our hope through Christ.

One: In the midst of suffering— All: we claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.

One: In every part of our lives— All: the love of God has been poured into our hearts.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #36**

"Praise Ye the Lord"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord, you tell us to love one another— All: and we end up quarreling.

One: Lord, you ask us to trust you— All: and we decide we know best.

One: Lord, you show us new ways— All: and we stick with what is familiar.

One: Lord, you hear our words— All: and you know the depths of our hearts. Have mercy on us, forgive us, and give us what we need to follow you more fully. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The good news is that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. And it is because of this unconditional love that we can be assured that we are forgiven. All: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven!

We are and will continue to be a community that loves and worships God in the Reformed tradition for the purpose of being known as a congregation that actively cares for those in need around us

HYMN	"This is the Day the Lord Hath Made"	Congregation
RECEPTION OF GIFTS &	OFFERINGS	
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	"Amazing Grace"	Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATIO	N <u>The Word of God</u>	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINAT	TION	
SCRIPTURE READING		John 2:13-16; Romans 7:13-25
MEDITATION	Our Response to God	"A Household of Grace"
*CONFESSION OF FAITH:	The Apostles' Creed	(Page 12 Hymnal)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPL	E AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	
*CLOSING HYMN #275	"Amazing Grace"	Congregation
*BENEDICTION	"Three-Fold Amen"	
*POSTLUDE	*Those who are able please stand	

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ABOUT THE GUEST PREACHER:

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