

# First Reformed Church of Cary

**Pentecost Sunday**

**June 4, 2017**

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The Reverend Robin Arcus, Guest Minister  
Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

**Prelude**

**Congregational Concerns**

**Votum** Our Help is in the name of the Lord who made the heaven and the earth. Amen.

**Choral Introit**

*"Anointing Fall on Me"*

Chancel Choir

## **The Approach to God**

**Invitation to Worship**

*The Holy Spirit descends like a dove bringing peace to unite the world in a faithful and caring community. The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing new life to renew the people of God. The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God. Come, Holy Spirit of the living God. Come, be in our worship. Transform our lives by the power of your holy, grace-filled love. Encourage us to persevere in serving you by serving others. And make our worship filled with joy. For this we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**\*Hymn of Praise #237**

*"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire"*

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL:** Gracious God, we confess the broken pieces within us that never seem to mend, the empty places within us that always seem to ache, buds within us that never seem to flower. O God, of love and grace, help us to accept ourselves; lead us to do what is good and true. Mend us; fill us; make us bloom, that we may give you glory and praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

*People of God in Christ, hear the good news. Your sins are forgiven. God applies healing balm and makes you whole. God in Christ is your redeemer, the one true healer of your heart. Blessed be God's name. Amen.*

**Hymn #239**

*"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"*

**Reception of Gifts & Offerings**

*Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice for the world.*

**Ministry of Music**

*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

*Bless, O Lord, these gifts and multiply them for your use. Bless those who receive them that they may be comforted by you. Bless those who have given, that their sacrifice may be acceptable to you. In Christ we pray. Amen.*

**The Word of God**

**Prayer for Illumination**

*Lord, open the holy word to us, that we might hear what you have to say to us this day. Amen.*

**Scripture**

**Acts 2:1-21**

**Meditation**

***“Do You Hear What I Hear?”***

**Our Response to God**

**\*Confession of Faith**

The 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 #91**

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

**\*Benediction**

*“Amen”*

Chancel Choir

**\*Postlude**

\*Those that are able please stand

The Reverend Robin (Townsend) Arcus returns to lead worship for us today. Robin led worship services for our church in the early 2000s and continues to provide supply and interim leadership for churches in the Triangle. Robin recently completed a documentary film, Sacred Sound, which follows 50 girls for one summer week as they learn to sing great sacred music. Filmed on the campus of Saint Mary's School in Raleigh and at Duke Chapel, the movie shows the spiritual formation that happens when children experience being part of a choir. [www.sacredsoundmovie.com](http://www.sacredsoundmovie.com) Robin is pleased to be with us today to share our journey of faith.