AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT: KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

PRELUDE Immortal, Invisible arr. Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 119:1-5
Leader: Blessed are those who keep God's testimonies, who seek God with their whole heart,
People: who also do no wrong, but walk in God's ways!
Leader: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
People: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

HYMN 73 O Worship the King Grant

OPENING PRAYER

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

EPISODE LESSON Romans 12:14, 16-18
Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

ANTHEM How Shall I Come Before the Lord Carter Chancel Choir; Ted Wagner, violin

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:43-48
"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect:"

A RESPONSE (to be sung by all) Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

SERMON Do No Harm

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN 500 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Croly

A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA (No. 883)
We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN 428 For the Healing of the Nations Kaan

DOXOLOGY Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SENDING FORTH

HYMN 428 For the Healing of the Nations Kaan

CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE Here I Am, Lord arr. McDonald

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY This We Pray Althouse

THE DOXOLOGY

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE GLORIA P ATRI

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.

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

To honor our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, please remain standing for all the chimes of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

POSTLUDE

Please stand as you are able

All hymns may be found in The United Methodist Hymnal unless noted as TFWS (which represents The Faith We Sing) or WS (which represents Worship and Song).
WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CARY

We welcome you to First United Methodist Church–Cary, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that our time of worship will draw you closer to God and invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings. Our regular schedule includes Sanctuary services at 8:25, 9:45, and 11:05, 1st on Chatham at The Cary at 9:45, and our Celebration service in the Fellowship Hall at 11:11.

We invite you to stop by our information table in the large narthex if you have any questions about our church. Also, our website, firstcary.com, may provide the information you need.

We invite you to join us for coffee on Sunday mornings at “First Cup” after each service in the back of the fellowship hall!

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS MORNING:

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. H. William Green, Executive Pastor of Congregational Care

Liturgist: The Reverend Heather Herrin Wong, Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry

Choir Director/Organist: Christy Farrior, Associate Director of Music Ministry

Pianist: David Griffin

Acolytes:
8:25 Katherine Stinneford
9:45 Lily Rowe
11:05 Thomas Field

Lay Readers: Stephen Ministers:
8:25 Chris Dresp  Susan Presser
9:45 Karen Dear  Carolyn Corn
11:05 Douglas Richmond  Buddy West

A Stephen Minister is available in the large narthex after each church service to meet and pray with anyone who would like to.

Listening devices are available at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Kids and Youth
Children are always welcome! Bulletins and crayon packs are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary. Nursery and Sunday school classes are available for infants through fifth grade. Youth (grades 6-12) gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30. Our ushers are happy to escort you and your child or youth to the Children’s or Youth Ministry area.

Cell Phones and Text Messaging interfere with other people’s worship. As an act of worship and as a courtesy to others, please turn off these electronic devices.

Prayer Concerns
You may view the list of prayer concerns at firstcary.com/prayerlist
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