



Welcome to worship at Wake Forest Baptist Church, where all are welcome, no exceptions. Bienvenidos a Iglesia Bautista Wake Forest donde todos y todas son bienvenidos sin excepciones. We are a welcoming and affirming congregation, welcoming all people, no matter their race, economic status, gender expression, or sexual orientation into full membership and leadership. If you are a visitor, please take a moment to sign our guest book.

This month we will receive a love offering to show our support for our church family: twin babies London and Lincoln and their mothers, Jennifer and Laura. Please write "twins" in the memo line of your check or consider a gift card to Amazon.

We are also receiving a love offering for Erica, who will be moving to Oberlin, Ohio to pastor Peace Community Church. Please write "Erica" in the memo line of your check or give your gift to Erica directly.

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Wake Forest Baptist Church is a progressive, welcoming and affirming Christian community committed to Jesus Christ. We value prophetic worship, thoughtful religious education, social justice, and peacemaking.

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First Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2019

Prelude

Sircuit Servus
JASON SHELTON

Laura Wind

Welcome and Opening Words

Jerry Gay

* Hymn Sing

All Things Bright and Beautiful #61

This Is My Father's World #59

The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore #3

ROYAL OAK

TERRA EAATA

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

* Call to Worship (bold in unison)

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

For once we were lost and felt so far away, now we have been found and welcomed home.

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

* Opening Prayer

Erica Saunders

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

LANCASHIRE

**Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.**

Prayer

Lia Scholl

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Special Music

John Kernodle

Lesson from the Gospel

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

Sermon

Forgiveness Is Complex and Complicated

* Music #487

Help Us Accept Each Other

ACCEPTANCE

* Litany of Forgiving

We have stood at this junction before. We will stand at this junction again. And if we pause, we can ask which way to turn.

**We can turn away from our own sadness,
and run the race named revenge.
If we do, we'll run that tired track again and again.
Or we can admit our own pain, and walk the path that ends.**

In this direction lies freedom.

**We can see where hope and wholeness make their homes,
but we can't push past our anguish on our way there.
To find the path to peace, we will have to meet our pain,
and speak its name**

adapted from *The Book of Forgiving*
Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu

Sharing Our Gifts

Reflections in the River

Thomas Keesecker

* Presenting Our Gifts

My Tribute

MY TRIBUTE

**To God be the glory, to God be the Glory, to God be the Glory,
great things you have done!**

* Prayer of Gratitude and Celebration

* Closing Music

O God Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Godspeed Prayer

* Sending Out

Postlude

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Thomas Keesecker