



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.

Today is the first Sunday of the month, and we will receive our Hunger Offering and celebrate Communion. Pastor Lia is back from her vacation and will be preaching on flying a kite! Alexx Andersen, who has completed an internship with the New Communion Mobile Pantry, will give us a report this morning on their work.

Next Sunday we'll receive our Beans! Beans! Offering.

Please be sure to join our church family on August 17, at 10 am in Davis Chapel to affirm the ministry of **Rayce Lamb** at his ordination council. Keep an eye out for an email that will contain a paper he has written about his calling. At the council, you'll be invited to ask questions about Rayce's journey, theology, and plans, and then vote whether he should be ordained. If all goes as planned, Rayce will be ordained on Sunday, August 25, during our regular worship service. We'll share that service with our guests from Green Street UMC.

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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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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2019

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
Zach Zache

Laura Wind

Welcome and Opening Words

Lia Scholl

* Hymn #53
Hymn #546

Morning Has Broken
Amazing Grace!

BUNNESAN
NEW BRITAIN

* Call to Worship (bold in unison)

Alexx Andersen

**Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.
Let there be truth heard in the words we speak and the songs we sing.
Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair.
Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.**

Let there be joy in our coming together.
Let us be nurtured in the presence of God.

* Opening Prayer

* 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.**

Missions Update

New Communion

Prayers of the People

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.

Lesson from Our Sacred Text

John 3:1-16

Sermon

Go Fly a Kite

* Statement of Faith

**We believe in God, maker and re-maker of everything that is,
in whom there is always more, and more to come;
and by whose wonder, work, and will, even the dead find life.
We believe in God.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, maker and re-maker of tables and tales,
in whom the welcome is wide, the feasting free;
and by whose weeping, words, and wounds, even the lost are found.
We believe in Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, maker and re-maker of imagination,
whose eyes see over the horizon, beyond the end;
and by whose urgency and fire, even the truth gets told.
We believe in the Holy Spirit.**

**Therefore, we also believe that everything that lives can be reborn,
all hidden things can come to light, all broken things can be remade,
the empty larder can be filled, and promises gone stale and hard
can taste like bread again.**

**And we believe the old, old story can be told again to thrill sad hearts
like rediscovered love; that even lost and frightened lambs like us
can be retrieved, restored to courage, and declare the Truth
that makes the tyrants tumble and the captives free.**

* Communion

* Music #638

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity;
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Sharing Our Gifts

*Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
Zach Unke*

* 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

* Sending Out #67

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

Postlude

*For the Beauty of the Earth
Tom Howard*

Laura Wind