



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 we'll receive our "Beans! Beans! offering for the New Communion Mobile Pantry. Each week, New Communion visits neighborhoods with little access to food, bringing nutritious offerings with no barriers to service.

Join our Sunday school class "Spanish Class for Thinking Multi-Culturally," taught by Aldo Narvaez and Betty Griffith. This goal of this interactive class is "is to get people used to the idea of thinking multi-culturally, finding ways to express their care and concern for our Latinx friends, and to just have fun together. This class is to celebrate a different culture!" The class meets in Wingate 202 at 10:00 am. And just a little hint: there are prizes!

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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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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2019

Prelude

Sicut Servus

Laura Wind

Welcome and Opening Words

* Hymn

#53 *Morning Has Broken*

#61 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

BUNESSAN

ROYAL OAK

* Call to Worship (bold in unison)

We believe God still creates—

We want to see more clearly.

We believe God still speaks—

We want to listen more carefully.

We believe God still guides—

We want to walk more faithfully.

We believe God still breathes life into the world—

We want to inhale more deeply.

* Opening Prayer

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

St. DENIO

**From Wisdom emerging, we fashion a space
for people converging in safety and grace,
to shelter the freedom of one and of all
in Love without border or boundary or wall.**

Prayer

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

Genesis 2:4b-25

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

At the time when YHWH made the heavens and the earth, there was still no wild bush on the earth nor had any wild plant sprung up, for YHWH had not yet sent rain to the earth, and there was no human being to till the soil. Instead, a flow of water would well up from the ground and irrigate the soil.

So YHWH fashioned an earth creature out of the clay of the earth, and blew into its nostrils the breath of life. And the earth creature became a living being.

YHWH planted a garden to the east, in Eden—"Land of Pleasure"—and placed in it the earth creature that had been made. Then YHWH caused every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, to spring from the soil. In the center of the garden was the Tree of Life, and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

A river flows through Eden to water the garden, after which it branches into four tributaries. The first stream is named Pison, or "Spreaker." It circles through Havilah, a land rich in gold, gold of the highest quality. There are gum resins there, and precious onyx stones. The second stream is named Gihon, or "Gusher," and it flows through the entire land of Cush. The third stream is the Tigris, which borders Assyria on the east. The fourth stream is the Euphrates.

Then YHWH took the earth creature and settled it in the garden of Eden so that it might cultivate and care for the land. YHWH commanded the earth creature,

"You may eat as much as you like from any of the trees of the garden—
except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

You must not eat from that tree, for on that day you eat from that tree,
that is the day you will die—yes, die."

Then YHWH said, "It is not good for the earth creature to be alone. I will make a fitting companion for it." So from the soil YHWH formed all the various wild beasts and all the birds of the air, and brought them to the earth creature to be named. Whatever the earth

creature called each one, that became its name. The earth creature gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals.

But none of them proved to be a fitting companion, so YHWH made the earth creature fall into a deep sleep, and while it slept, God divided the earth creature in two, then closed up the flesh from its side. YHWH then fashioned the two halves into male and female, and presented them to one another.

When the male realized what had happened, he exclaimed, "This time, this is the one! Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh! Now, she will be Woman, and I will be Man, because we are of one flesh!" This is why people leave their parents and become bonded to one another, and the two become one flesh.

Now, the woman and the man were both naked, though they were not ashamed.

Anthem *You Are Holy* Choir

Sermon *Creativity in the Garden* Lia Scholl

* Music #693 *Touch the Earth Lightly* TENDERNESS

Sharing Our Gifts Choir

* Presenting Our Gifts
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Come LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Gratitude and Celebration

Announcements

* Closing Music #335 *Creating God, Your Fingers Chase* TALLIS CANON

* Sending Out

Postlude *NETTLETON* Laura Wind