



#### The Vision of Wake Forest Baptist Church

We will **continue to celebrate God's image in all people** by learning about and honoring other people's cultures and identities. We commit to making sure that all who visit, attend, and join Wake Forest Baptist Church feel seen and heard.

We will **care for one another in all stages of life**, from children to our seniors, from birth to death, through all of life's transitions, and we commit to accessibility for all people.

We **continue to value our relationships with Wake Forest University and its students'** contributions. We will work to provide spiritual succor and resources for them.

We will **seek justice in our communities** (congregation, neighborhood, city, state, nation and world), and let our voices be heard.

We continue to **recognize the important role of worship in our life together**. One way we do that is through musical diversity, which reflects the diversity of our interests and our commitment to the arts.

**Welcome to Wake Forest Baptist Church.** If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign our guest book.

Every Sunday the basket is available you to place your **Beans! Beans! Offering** of dried beans for the **New Communion Mobile Pantry**.

Following worship, please **join us for a Mardi Gras themed potluck in the lower auditorium**. All are welcome!

Are you coming to **Sunday school?** There are options!

A book discussion of **A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World** written by Jonathan Walton, the new Wake Div Dean. The class is led by Steve Andrews.

Young adults are invited to attend **Encounter!** The class meets in the Faculty Lounge and is led by Rayce Lamb.

**Text to Give!** If you'd like to give online **text WFBC Offering to 73256**.

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## Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2020

Prelude

Laura Wind

Welcome and Opening Words

Tricia Dudley

\* Call to Worship (bold in unison)

By your mercy, O God,  
give us hands that are clean.

**Give us hearts that are pure,  
tongues that are true,  
and souls that worship you alone.**

Help our lives glorify you!

**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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\* Hymn *Out of Need and Out of Custom* NETTLETON

***Out of need and out of custom, we have gathered here again;  
to the gathering we are bringing love and laughter, grief and pain.  
Some believing, some rejoicing, some afraid, and some in doubt,  
come we now our questions voicing, we would search these matters out.***

***Come we now our masks displaying, fearing that we shall be known,  
foolish games forever playing, feeling meanwhile so alone.  
Let pretension's power be broken, to be human let us dare;  
let the truth in love be spoken, let us now the questing share.***

***We have heard the glowing stories of the things that God has done,  
of the power and the glory, of God's love in Christ the Son.  
God of human transformation, for your presence now we pray,  
lead us ever on the journey as we gather here today.***

\* Opening Prayer

\* Passing the Peace (see insert) *The Lord Is My Light*  
***The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light and my salvation,  
the Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?  
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life; whom shall I fear?***

Prayers of the People Lia Scholl

Lesson from Our Sacred Text Mark 7:1-23

So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Anthem *Special Music*

Sermon *Washed Hands, Unwashed Heart* Lia Scholl

\* Hymn *Help Us Accept Each Other* AURELIA

***Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.***

***Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them or as they may become.***

***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.***

***Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!***

Sharing Our Gifts

\* Presenting Our Gifts *Praise God the Source of Life* OLD HUNDRETH  
***Praise God, the source of life and breath; praise Christ, now born to conquer death.  
Praise Holy Spirit's mystery: One God, pure grace, who sets us free.***

\* Prayer of Gratitude and Celebration

\* Sending Music *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

***Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.***

Benediction

Postlude