



Thank you for joining us for worship today. Wake Forest Baptist Church is an open and affirming congregation, welcoming all people, no matter their race, economic status, gender expression, or sexual orientation into full membership and leadership. Visitors, please take a moment to sign our guest book.

Thank you for your food offering. Each month we gather large sized food items, coffee, green beans, tomatoes, etc. to give to the Samaritan Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen serves lunch to 300-400 guests every day and is open to men, women and children who want a hot meal, with no questions asked.

Following worship, please join us for a reception in Room 105, next to the Rotunda. Thanks to Lydia and Tricia for sharing your abundance!

Are you coming to Sunday school? You have options:

- **A book discussion** of *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World* Jonathan Walton, the new Wake Div Dean. The class is led by Steve Andrews.
- **Young adults can attend Encounter!** Rayce Lamb is leading this new class meeting in the Faculty Lounge. This is the perfect class to invite your friends to join!

Text to Give! If you'd like to make your offering with a text message, just text **WFBC Offering** to **73256**. Standard text message rates apply. More options for online giving are coming soon!

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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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Our Vision

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.



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 2020

Prelude

Maybe
a poem by Mary Oliver

Laura Wind

Welcome and Opening Words

Alexx Andersen

* Call to Worship (bold in unison)

In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

What have we to fear?

In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

Of whom shall we be afraid?

* Hymn *My Life Flows On* HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
**My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.**

**[Refrain:]
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]**

**What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]**

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]**

* Opening Prayer Sara Sinal

* Passing the Peace *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

Lesson from Our Sacred Text Mark 4:1-9; 35-41
On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Anthem

Sermon *Why Are You Afraid?* Lia Scholl

Communion

* Hymn *The Storm is Strong* O WALY WALY
**The storm is strong; we face the wind.
The water rises; waves crash in.
Where are we now? Where will we be?
There is no mercy on this sea.

By you, Christ, you are with us here.
We turn to you in all our fear.
The single word you say is "peace,"
and wind and waves and storms all cease.

Who can you be? What power you say
that even winds and sea obey?
Remove our fear of death and harm.
Give us your faith and still our storm.**

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 (see insert) ABBOT'S LEIGH
All the Colors of the Rainbow

Benediction

Postlude

Hymn

All the Colors of the Rainbow

ABBOT'S LEIGH



1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear;
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.



but their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
 head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;
 Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie den, Mir.
 Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.



so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
 so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:
 Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:
 May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,



breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.
 var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."
 long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.
 and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.



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