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* by 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.

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2, 2020

Prelude

*Maybe*

Laura Wind

a poem by Mary Oliver

Alexx Andersen

Welcome and Opening Words

*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

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?
Sons 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

* Passing the Peace

* Anthem

* Sermon

Why Are You Afraid?

* Communion

The Storm is Strong

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 your 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

Praise, 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)

All the Colors of the Rainbow

Benediction

Postlude
Hymn  

All the Colors of the Rainbow

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

1. All the colors of the rainbow live unseen in daily light,
2. All the body's parts are wanted, nor can one despise the rest;
3. Every language gains more music when the words for peace appear;
4. Teach us, God, our need of others; through them help us fall live.

but their splendor finds expression when released to human sight;
head and hand must work to get there; as must the sun and chest;
Pax, Sa-ham, Eri-ni, Hei-wa, Pa-ce, San-ti, Frie-den, Mit.
Wear us from our selfish habits; let us listen, learn, forgive.

so the church reveals most beauty where diversity is real;
so the church needs all its members for a range of ministries;
May we see your longing for image in each human heart and face.
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broad of race and class and gender, room for doubt and space to heal.
longing for the end of conflict and a new life in God's Sha-lom.
and be held by those a round us can be channels of your grace.
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