



**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 the guest book with your contact information.

**Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Please join us at Sunday school for Wilderness Wanderings** with Dr. Moyer, who has taught Hebrew language and Hebrew Bible/Old Testament at the WFU Divinity School for the past decade. We'll be in room 202 of the Divinity School. All are welcome, no exceptions.

**To order an Easter lily for the Easter worship service:** please place your order form from the bulletin and your check made payable to "WFBC" with memo "Easter Lily" in the offering plate.

**During the Benediction, you're invited to pray the body prayer of Julian Norwich.** Julian wrote, "The fruit and the purpose of prayer is to be **one** with and like God in all things."

**AWAIT** (hands at waist, cupped up to receive): Await God's presence, not as you expect, hope, or imagine, but just as it is in this moment.

**ALLOW** (reach up, hands open): Allow a sense of God's presence (or not) to come and be what it is, without meeting your expectations.

**ACCEPT** (hands at heart, cupped towards body): Accept as a gift whatever comes or does not come. Accept that you are not in charge. Accept the infinity of God's presence, present whether or not you are aware.

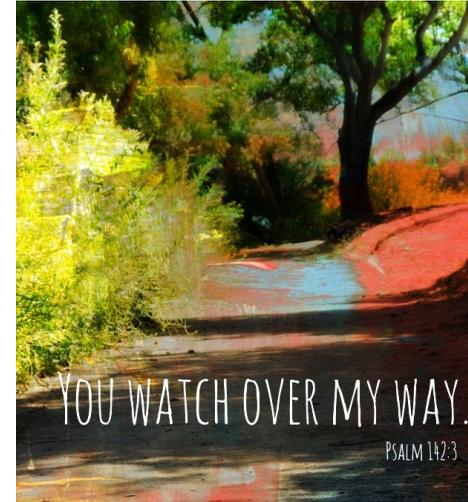
**ATTEND** (hands outstretched, ready to be responsive): Attend to what you are called to, actions that God invites you to from this stance of openness.

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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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# Wake Forest Baptist Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 31, 2018

Prelude *You Are Mine* Laura Winick  
Anna Organ

Greeting and Opening Words Eve Andrew

\* Responsive Reading from the Psalms from Psalm 142

I cry aloud to the Lord;  
I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy.  
**I pour out before him my complaint;  
before him I tell my trouble.**  
When my spirit grows faint within me,  
it is you, God, who watches over my way.

**Look and see, there is no one at my right hand;  
no one is concerned for me.**  
I have no refuge;  
no one cares for my life.  
**I cry to you, Lord; I say, "You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living."**

\* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance Erica Saunderson

\* Hymn of Rejoicing #560 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER  
**What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

\* Passing the Peace *Gather Us In* GATHER US IN  
**Here in this place, the new light is streaming,  
shadows of doubt are vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in; our spirits inflame.  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

Prayers of the People Lia Scholl  
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.

Offering Hymn #111 *Santo, Santo, Santo* NICAEA

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

\* Offering Response OLD HUNDREDTH  
**Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is forever sure,  
whose truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.**

\* Offertory Prayer

Lessons from Our Sacred Scripture Psalm 142, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-3

Anthem *Just as I Am* Cho  
Sally Ann Morris

Sermon *When My Spirit Grows Faint*

\* Response Hymn #658 *Restless Weaver* BEACH SPRING  
**Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom;  
dreaming patterns of creation where all creatures find a home;  
gathering up life's varied fibers, every texture, every hue;  
grant us your creative vision. With us weave your world anew.**

**Where earth's fragile web is raveling, help us mend each broken strand  
Bless our urgent, bold endeavors cleaning water, air and land.  
Through the Spirit's inspiration, offering health where once was pain  
strengthen us to be the stewards of your world knit whole again.**

**When our violent lust for power ends in lives abused and torn,  
from compassion's sturdy fabric fashion hope and trust reborn.  
Where injustice rules as tyrant, give us courage, God to dare  
live our dreams of transformation. Make our lives incarnate prayer.**

**Restless Weaver, still conceiving new life—now and yet to be—  
binding all of your vast creation into one living tapestry,  
you have called us to be weavers. Let your love guide all we do.  
With your Reign of Peace our pattern, we will weave your world anew.**

Announcements

\* Choral Benediction #520 *Yo Quiero Ser (I Want to Be)* VASO NUEVO

\* Benediction The Body Prayer  
Julian Norwich