



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.

This month we are receiving a love offering to show our support for our church family: twin babies London and Lincoln and their mothers, Jennifer and Laura. Please write "twins" in the memo line of your check or consider a gift card to Amazon.

We are also receiving a love offering for Erica, who will be moving to Oberlin, Ohio to pastor Peace Community Church. Please write "Erica" in the memo line of your check or give your gift to Erica directly.

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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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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2019

Prelude

Two Old Tunes
Thomas Keesecker

Laura Wind

Welcome and Opening Words

Eve Andrews

* Hymn Sing

Come Thou Fount #16

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #66

To God Be the Glory #72

NETTLETON

ST. DENIO

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

* Call to Worship (bold in unison)

God of holy wisdom,

we are seekers on the way to a deeper wisdom and a wider vision.

Our lives are full of information and opinions,

but in the midst of it all, we long to hear the voice of wisdom—

Your wisdom, God—

cutting through the noise and teaching us how to live.

* Opening Prayer

Erica Saunders

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

LANCASHIRE

**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.**

Prayer

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.

Lesson from Our Sacred Text

2 Timothy 2

Sermon

Dear Erica

* Music #686 *Of Women, and of Women's Hopes We Sing*

SURSUM CORDA

* Litany of Understanding

Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices: left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no? Some choices are simple, and some are very complex, but one choice informs all the others: Who will be our God? Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

Who has been with us from before the beginning, bringing us into existence? Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us and led us on our way? Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth and gently curving? Who has kept with us through hairpin turns and construction zones and potholes and detours? Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course and seek the comfort of eternity?

We choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful to us. We choose this day to commit our talents and our resources to the One who first endowed them. We choose this day to love the One who loved us first! We choose this day to overcome the things which divide us, to love and care for one another, to serve our community, and to walk with those in need.

adapted from a *Covenant Renew Liturgy* by Christine Sobania Johnson

Sharing Our Gifts

Improvisation on NETTLETON

arranged by Laura Wind

* Presenting Our Gifts

My Tribute

MY TRIBUTE

**To God be the glory,
to God be the Glory,
to God be the Glory,
great things you have done!**

* Prayer of Gratitude and Celebration

* Closing Music #485 *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*

TALLIS CANON

**Diverse in culture, nation, race,
we come together by your grace.
God let be a meeting ground
where hope and healing love are found.**

**God, let us be a bridge of care
connecting people ev'rywhere.
Help us confront all fear and hate
and lust for pow'r that separate.**

**When chasms widen, storms arise,
O Holy Spirit, make us wise.
Let our resolve, like steel, be strong
to stand with those who suffer wrong.**

**God, let us be a table spread
with gifts of love and broken bread,
where all find welcome, grace attends
and enemies arise as friends.**

* Sending Out

Postlude

Joy

Thomas Keesecker