



WAKE FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To follow Christ by welcoming all as we seek to listen, understand, and learn how to serve our church and community with love and hope.

10:00 am Service October 1, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 16:5-8

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

*OPENING HYMN #203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

*Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away.*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

*These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

*Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you.*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha. We get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to take the time to stop and breathe, to look up and notice the creation you have given and the way it speaks of your love and passion for your people. We do not take time to listen for your words while reading the Bible, listening to music, or talking to friends, and we become worried and upset about many things. Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary. We devote our time to looking up, thinking that everything we are commanded to do is to love God, and we forget to serve our neighbor, and to commit our time to the concrete work of the church, forgetting to get our hands dirty. God of balance, help us: forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers. In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments, so that we can, indeed, keep the best part. In the name of our loving Savior.

(time of silence)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer, Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

SUNG RESPONSE #853 V1

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

we are marching in the light of God.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

*DOXOLOGY #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

Luke 10:38-42

"What We're Doing"

*When at this table I receive a blessing,
the broken bread, the wine of life for me,
then let me share the peace with you, my neighbor,
and let the Spirit set our spirits free.*

*If at this table I have need of healing,
unbidden grief, relationship gone wrong,
then let me know the hands of God enfolding,
and let lament become believing song.*

*If at this table I forget the hungry,
the dispossessed and warfare's spreading stain,
then let this bread become the bread of judgment,
this wine the sharp awareness of that pain.*

*If at this table I make dedication
to give my life in serving what is good,
then let my center be where God invites me,
and show the words of Jesus understood.*

*What faith I have, I bring to join this table,
what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;
with brothers, sisters, I will share the blessing,
the feast where God is making all things new.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

UNISON PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord, we have received your word and tasted your truth. You put your life into our hands and now we put our lives into your hands. Take us today and re-make us. What we shall be through you still awaits us. May we be your living presence in the world as it is your will, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

“You Are My All in All”

*You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all.*

*Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord to give up I'd be a fool,
You are my all in all.*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.*

*Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again – I bless your name,
You are my all in all.*

*When I fall down you pick me up,
When I am dry you fill my cup.
You are my all in all.*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.
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(Praise Team only)

*Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.*

*BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you...

...and also with you.

POSTLUDE