

Wake Forest Presbyterian Church

Rooted in Christ | Growing together in faith | Reaching out to others

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "Come to me, all who are weary."

We are weary of hardship and uncertainty.

Jesus said, "I will give you rest."

We are tired of fighting battles that never seem to be won.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

We trust the Lord to show us the way.

*OPENING HYMN #298

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Lord, you give the great commission:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."

*Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,*

*help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:*

*with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.*

Lord, you call us to your service:

"In my name baptize and teach."

*That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,*

give us all new fervor,

draw us closer in community:

*with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.*

Lord, you make the common holy:

"This, my body; this, my blood."

*Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,*

*asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty:*

*with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.*

*OPENING HYMN #298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Lord, you show us love’s true measure:

“Father, what they do, forgive.”

*Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.*

*May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society:*

*with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.*

Lord, you bless with words assuring:

“I am with you to the end.”

*Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,*

*and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity:*

*with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on Luke 15

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you came to seek and save the lost. Like a good shepherd tending your flock, you search the wilderness for one lost sheep; yet we seek safety and strength in numbers, abandoning the most vulnerable in their need. Like a wise woman managing her house, you sweep the floors for one lost coin, yet we calculate our gains and cut our losses, squandering your good and precious gifts. Forgive us, gracious God. Call us back with the voice of your Word. Lead us home by the light of your Spirit. Raise us up in righteousness, so that we may show your glory, do your will, and sing your praises.

(time of silence)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer, Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

CHILDREN’S TIME

SUNG RESPONSE #188 v1

“Jesus Loves Me!”

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSIC OFFERING

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

DOXOLOGY #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I Corinthians 14:33-40

SERMON

“Indecent and Out of Order”

HYMN OF PREPARATION #500 “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

*Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.*

*Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING AND PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

UNISON PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Gracious God, we offer our thanks for the whole communion of believers who share this feast with us, from around the world. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be assured of your constant presence. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world, as servants of your peace. We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There’s a kindness in God’s justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth’s failings
have such kindly judgement given.*

*For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.*

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #543 V2

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

*Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

POSTLUDE