



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 March 26, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Isaiah 49

To all who are imprisoned,

God says, "Come out!"

To all who are living in darkness,

God says, "Show yourselves."

To all who hunger and thirst,

God gives food and springs of water.

To all who are far away,

God makes smooth the way home. God will not forget us; we are inscribed on the palms of God's hands.

*OPENING HYMN #805

"Come Sing to God"

Come sing to God, O living saints;

sing praises to God's name.

God's anger is not permanent;

God's love will never wane.

Though tears may tarry for the night

with sighs of deepest pain,

yet joy comes with the morning sun,

a peace that is not vain.

In my success I felt secure;

how good you've been to me.

I said that this is my own work,

ascribing all to me.

But when you turned aside your face,

my life was filled with fears.

I begged for help; to you I cried

with loud and bitter tears.

What good is gained by my disgrace,

what profit in defeat?

My grace cannot confess your name,

nor praise for you repeat.

**Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry;
be merciful to me.**

**Accept my longing heart's request
and from death set me free.**

**You change my grief to joy-filled dance;
my sorrows you destroy.**

**In faithfulness you hear my cry
and fill my life with joy.**

**And so to you my heart shall sing;
my voice your goodness praise.**

You are my God, forevermore.

My life shall sing your praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you. Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin.

(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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Finlandia”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 130

John 11: 1-44

SERMON

“Unbind”

*RESPONSIVE SONG

“Martha, Mary, Waiting, Weeping”

Martha, Mary, waiting, weeping

Bowed beneath the weight of gloom,

Kept their watch where Laz'rus sleeping,

Lay with-in a rock sealed tomb.

*Jesus, late in coming, met them,
Shed with them compassion's tear.
Martha, sore with sorrow charged him,
"He'd have lived had you been here!"*

*Jesus spoke to Martha's grieving,
"Resurrection, Life, am I!"
All who hear my Word, believing
Live with me, although they die."
Then to Laz'rus' tomb he led them,
Called their brother forth by name.
Living, loving, hope exceeding,
Freed from death, to Christ he came.*

*Jesus, resurrected, giving
Life to all you name your own:
Help us know in hours of grieving ,
We have not been left alone.
Come, when doubt and fear assail us;
Join our journey t'ward the grave.
There your mercy will not fail us;
There you speak with pow'r to save.*

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

*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

*CLOSING SONG

"A Lenten Medley"

"Jesus"

(Praise Team)

*There is truth older than the ages.
There is a promise of things yet to come.
There is One born for our salvation. Jesus.
There is a light that overwhelms the darkness.
There is a kingdom that forever reigns.
There is freedom from the chains that bind us. Jesus, Jesus*

(Congregation)

***Who walks on the waters, who speaks to the sea,
who stands in the fire beside me.
He roars like a lion, He bled as a Lamb.
He carries my healing in His hand. Jesus.***

(Praise Team)

*There is a name I call in times of trouble.
There is a song that comforts in the night.
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages. Jesus, Jesus.*

(Congregation)

***Who walks on the waters, who speaks to the sea,
who stands in the fire beside me.
He roars like a lion, He bled like a Lamb.
He carries my healing in His hand. Jesus.***

(Praise Team)

*Messiah, my Savior. There is a power in Your name.
You're my rock and my Redeemer.
There is power in Your name, in Your name.*

(Congregation)

***You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea,
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb.
You carried my healing in Your hands.
God You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea.
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb.
You carried my healing in Your hands.
Jesus. There is no one like You.
Jesus. There is no one like You.***

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

*POSTLUDE

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