



Wake Forest Presbyterian Church

Web Worship

May 24, 2020

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Join us in **speaking** or **singing** the bolded parts.

WELCOME AND NEWS

PRELUDE

GATHERING SCRIPTURE AND OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good that we can virtually gather before the Lord.

It's like resting in grassy meadows with a cup of coffee.

The Lord is our guide.

The Lord will guide us in going out and coming back together again.

We will continue to love the Lord, and let us worship the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

OPENING HYMN

“Here in This Place”

*Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness 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, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of your name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

CONFESSING OUR SIN TOGETHER

We are the church together. We are a community of faith. We are not islands unto ourselves at the expense of others. We have some humble confession that needs to be voiced. In the assurance of God's unconditional love for us, let us confess our sin.

Lord, some would argue that our freedom is being taken away from us because we cannot be together in a sanctuary.

We confess that we would like to join the choir of angry voices.

We confess that it's easier to think about our own feelings than it is to be concerned about the health and well-being of others.

We confess that we've had intellectual dialogue regarding "the survival of the fittest," forgetting that God created us to be more than wild animals.

Forgive us, Lord. You created us for relationship with You, who guides us in our relationships with one another. Help us to have the courage to look into a different sort of future, so that we might continue to serve as Your Light in a world that seems very dark, at the moment. We ask this in Jesus' name...

(time of silent confession)

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, in Christ, holds us in His hands where our sins are forgiven; our vision cleared; our creativity reinvigorated; our hope renewed; and grace experienced.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE

I Chronicles 12:32

SERMON

"A Different Normal"

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

“Our Hearts Are Yours, Lord”

*At this time, you can share your tithes and offerings online by going to
<https://wfpc.breezechms.com/give/online>*

*You can also mail your offering, payable to Wake Forest Presbyterian Church, to
12605 Capital Blvd
Wake Forest, NC 27587*

CLOSING HYMN

“When We Face an Unknown Future”

*When we face an unknown future that we can't imagine yet,
when the closeness we have treasured turns from blessing into threat —
As we miss our friends and loved ones, as we crave community,
may we look, God, in this season, for a whole new way to be.*

*Jesus faced the lonely desert as a time to look within.
There he met such trial and conflict; there he knew you were with him.
In this time of separation when we miss the life we've known,
may we hear your voice proclaiming: "I am here! You're not alone."*

*May we cherish those around us as we never have before.
May we think much less of profit; may we learn what matters more.
May we hear our neighbors' suffering; may we see our neighbors' pain.
May we learn new ways of offering life and health and hope again.*

*God, when illness comes to threaten, and when so much here goes wrong,
may we know this thing for certain — that your love is sure and strong.
You're beside us in our suffering — and when times are surely tough,
we may face an unknown future, but it's filled, Lord, with your love.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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