Gathering

Call to Worship
Demi McCoy (MDiv '17)

* Song: “Come and Journey With a Savior” [vss. 1-4] MUO #68

Centering

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11
Jana Dye (MDiv ‘19)
Gretchen Gabrielson (MDiv ‘19)
Dana Phillips (MDiv ‘18)

Stepping into the Wilderness

Embracing Wilderness
Jungwoo Park (MDiv ‘19)

Leader: Welcome to the wilderness! While in the desert remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return

All: We are the sand between our toes

Leader: Let the Spirit take you wherever you need to go

All: We are the particles in the wind

Leader: For forty days you shall travel

All: We are the water molecules in the clouds

Leader: For forty nights as well

All: We are the stardust that adorns the night sky

Leader: Until you can no more and your stomach rumbles for sustenance

All: We are the crumbs of the bread

Leader: Until you fall and God catches you in Her arms

All: We are the stones against our feet

Leader: Until you want to go to the refreshing mountain

All: We are the dirt damp with new waters of rain

Leader: So go because I AM WHO I AM will breath new life in you.

Proclaiming

Sermon
Athena Bless (MDiv ‘17)

* Please stand in body and/or spirit.
Responding
Communion
Communion Song: “Come Share the Lord”
Shonda Jones
MUO #80

Sending
*Benediction
Athena Bless

Come and journey, journey outward, where that cross calls us to care, where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share.
The Great Thanksgiving for Early in Lent

The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... **celebrant continues.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... **celebrant continues.**

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (**God**), now and for ever.

**Amen.**
About the Worship Leader
Athena Bless is a third-year student who is in the ordination process in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). She works for Augsburg Lutheran Church in downtown Winston as their Seminary Intern. After graduation, Athena plans to marry her fiancée Sam and move to Berkeley, CA for her Lutheran Year of Seminary. Athena loves nature and connecting her faith with her love of nature. She is thankful for the community at Wake Div and all who have nurtured her throughout her journey so far.

Worship
Today’s worship service was planned by Athena Bless (MDiv ’17), Andrea Marulanda Gutiérrez (MDiv ’19), Demi McCoy (MDiv ’17), and Benjamin Smith (MDiv ’19).

The altar design was created by Brian Hollingsworth (MDiv ’17).

The bulletin cover is “Desert Dawning” by Ted Remington.

MUO = Make Us One Songbook

Communion
Communion today is celebrated by intinction. You will be given a piece of bread that you are invited to dip into the wine or grape juice. The bread is gluten free and baked by Marisa Fraley (MDiv ’17). Wine and grape juice are present in both chalices. Wine is in the lesser-filled side of the chalice and inscribed with a “W.” Grape juice is in the greater-filled side of the chalice and is inscribed with a “J.”

Special Words of Welcome
The Office of Admissions and Student Services welcomes our guests who are joining us for the Wake Divinity Scholars Visit. Today’s worship is enriched by your presence.

Worship Team Members
For feedback, suggestions, or offers to participate in worship, please contact a member of the worship team:

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