

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church  
and  
College Chapel  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
February 9, 2020  
11:00 a.m.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*“Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone’s life.  
Be the light that helps others see;  
it is what gives life its deepest significance.”* Roy T. Bennett

**The Gathering of the People**

**THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

Leader: We are called to embody a new understanding of God:  
that God so loves the world.

People: **We are the salt of the earth.**

Leader: We are called to radiate a bright new hope:  
that God makes all things new.

People: **We are the light of the world.**

Leader: Come, let us be the salt of the earth and the light  
of the world. Come, let us love others, even as  
God first loved us.

People: **We will love others and let our light shine for the  
world to see.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

**HYMN #12**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (ST. DENIO)

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Carolyn Cole**

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Eternal God, in the beginning you commanded light to shine out of  
darkness, and it was so. And you have sent your son, Jesus Christ,  
to be the light of the world. And yet we confess that our vision is  
sometimes impaired. Your presence is often lost to us in the  
shadows of our world and the darkness of the times in which we  
live. Restore our sight, we pray, in the name of the Christ whose  
vision of your kingdom is the hope of the world. Amen.  
(Silent prayer....)

**\*THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One voice: This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for us all.  
Many voices: **By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are loved forever.**

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.  
People: **And also with you.**

**\*THE GLORIA**

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!  
¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, en las al - tu - ras a Dios!

And on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.  
Y en la tie - rra, paz a la gen - te que a - ma el Se - ñor.

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL**

*All those children and youth who are present are invited to come  
forward at this time. Afterward, younger children may go to the  
nursery. Children's worship bags are available for children in the  
Narthex of the Church to use during the service.*

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Carolyn Cole**

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS**

Psalm 112:1-9

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 5:13-18

**THE MESSAGE**

**Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

*Rags to Riches, Darkness to Light*

**The Response to the Word**

**\*THE HYMN OF PROCLAMATION**

**HYMN #377**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (HOUSTON)

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

**Carolyn Cole**

We believe in a bright and amazing God,  
who is both far and near,  
everywhere and here.

Who created everything that is,  
packed atoms with power  
and loaves and fishes with wonder,  
filling everything that is with the stuff of miracles.

We believe in Christ  
whose life blazed with the light of God,  
and who calls us to follow him  
into the dark places  
and to be the light of the world.  
We believe in the Living Spirit  
who hovered over the waters at creation,  
who makes everything holy,  
who lives in and through us.

We believe in the power of love to heal,  
in the power of truth to set us free,  
and in the power of faith and hope  
to usher in the Realm of God.

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE GIFTS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY** (Sung to the tune PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**The Sending**

**\*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

**HYMN #700**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (I'M GONNA LIVE)

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand as you are able

### CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister  
Rev. Grace Boyer, Associate in Ministry  
Joel P. Rogers, Music Director, Organist  
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator  
Jack Ballard, Leslie Sayyar, Treasurers  
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper  
Tess Newman, Sound Tech

Liturgist: **Carolyn Cole**

Ushers: **John Bishop, Fran & Burnace Roberts**

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Elder of the Week: **Carolyn Cole**

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### The Announcements

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are pleased to have you with us this morning. We invite you to join us for a cup of coffee after the service, and to stop by our Visitors Information Station in the Narthex of the Chapel. There you will find copies of recent newsletters and sermons, and a welcome packet that will tell you more about who we are, what we believe, and what we do. Thanks for joining us for worship today, and we hope to see you again soon!

#### **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR**

**PRAYERS:** Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison, who is in the hospital; Pat Crumpler and Mary Moorrees.

**NURSERY** The nursery is available from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Christian Education Wing beyond the Fellowship Hall.

#### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 9:45 AM** Jan 19-Feb 16

*"What We Can Learn From..."* Dr. Marc Mullinax, Professor of Religion at Mars Hill University, explores what we can learn about Christian faith by studying Shamanism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Islam.

**CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** We meet in the youth room below the nursery. Music Time: 9:45-10:00 am. Lesson: 10:00-10:45 am.

**A SOUPER THANKS** On behalf of our Children/Youth Sunday School, thanks to all who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring last Sunday. It is believed that it will be our most successful Souper Bowl in several years of both food and monetary donations. If you were absent last week, note that a "Souper" bowl will be available in the narthex if you would like to support this youth program. Final results of this effort will be available next week.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH** In celebration of African American History Month we are singing at least one spiritual song from the African American tradition every Sunday in February.

**A SPECIAL INVITATION** Alma Shippy's brother, Perry, has invited members of the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church to attend worship at Alma's former church, New Salem Baptist, next Sunday February 16. There will be a special program in celebration of African American History month, including Alma's notable role in that history. (Alma Shippy, thought to be the first African American to desegregate an undergraduate institution in the South, enrolled at Warren Wilson College in 1952) Lunch will follow. All are welcome.

**PANCAKE SUPPER FEB 25 AT 5:30 PM** (Also known as Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras). Come for food, fellowship, and fun in the Fellowship Hall!

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** On Wednesday, February 26 we will hold our Ash Wednesday service in the Chancel area of the Chapel beginning at 6:00 pm. As we begin our Lenten journey, this is a very meaningful service that ends with the imposition of ashes before leaving the Chapel in silence.

**ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY RETREAT** March 13-14 at Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock. The Presbytery has invited Carl McColman back again to lead *"Celtic Spirituality II"*. Those who attended last year will find more time devoted to spiritual practices. But there is NO need to have attended last year! Cost includes three meals, program materials, and room: Double Room \$75 or Private Room \$95. Informational flyers and registration forms are in the narthex, and deadline to register is Feb 21. Let Grace Boyer know if you decide to attend.

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*At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, we are mothers and fathers, single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white, prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole — and everything in between. Together we are the many faces of humanity, yet as a joyful, caring and loving community of faith, we are one in Christ!*