Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Trinity Sunday
May 30, 2021
11:00 a.m.

PREPERATION FOR WORSHIP

"I felt my lungs inflate with the onrush of scenery—
air, mountains, trees, people.
I thought, "This is what it is to be happy."

Sylvia Plath

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE To a Wild Rose
Edward Mac Dowell

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

Leader: Let us worship the living God,
the Eternal One who creates and sustains us.
People: We will raise our voice in praise!

Leader: Let us worship the risen Christ,
the Incarnate One through whom God was revealed.
People: We will raise our voice in thanks!

Leader: Let us worship the Divine Spirit,
the Holy One who renews and strengthens us.
All: We will worship the Triune God!

***THE OPENING HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
(Please sing, or hum, along silently)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in th ree persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

***THE UNISON PRAYER**

God our Creator, you sent the Word-made-flesh to reveal your love for the world, and your Spirit to breathe us, and lead us, into new life. Through their presence and work among us, we come to know the mystery of your own life, a life lived in and through relationships of mutual love. Open our eyes this day to see your presence in one another, and open our hearts to practice this same love for one another. Through Christ we pray (silent prayer . . .)

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL
All those children and youth who are present are invited to come forward at this time.

A RESTING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES
Genesis 1:1-5

THE SERMON
Out of Chaos

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

I believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.
I believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ.
I believe that in his life, Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice.
I believe that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.
I believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever; life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations.
I believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.
I believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love.
I believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as one who trusts in the reality of the Triune God. Dan Sire (adapted)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***THE CLOSING HYMN** **"**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE Allegro from Voluntary in A Minor
Anonymous (18th Century)

*Please stand as you are able.

CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Joel P. Rogers, Director of Music, Organist
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Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vocalist: Heather Bronson
Elder of the Day: Sandy Brauer
Liturgist: Bob Castellani

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OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO: Bill, and the Mosher family on Kathë's death; Tom Sinks and family, on the death of his mother Alice; Ric Morton and family; Rick Garrison; Chuck Stephenson; Flo Bishop, as she transitions to a new skilled care facility; Jon Hettrick and his family; Jon's mother, Marjorie Hettrick; Mark and Albert Laabs, friends of the Griswolds; Blake Joslin; Vicky Allman, family friend of Sandy Brauer; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison, and Pat Crumpler.

OFFERING We will not receive a formal offering today but offering plates are available as you gather. We will collect the Pentecost Offering throughout the month of May.

GUEST ORGANIST Please welcome Virginia McKnight as our guest organist while Joel is on vacation. Virginia has worked as organist for St, Mary's Episcopal Church, and we are grateful for her gift of music.

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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!