Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021
11:00 a.m.

PREPERATION FOR WORSHIP

"A seed neither fears light nor darkness,
but uses both to grow."

– Matshona Dhliwayo

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE "Dove of Peace"
Arr. By Gilbert M. Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

One voice: In every one of us there is a longing for home,
a longing for safety, a longing for love.
Many voices: O God of love, we find our home in you.

One voice: It's a longing for a place where we are known,
a place where we are accepted for who we are.
Many voices: O God of grace, we center our lives in you.

One voice: It's a longing for a place where we are nurtured,
guided, and challenged to become all that we can be.
Many voices: O God of hope, become for us this place.

All: Let us worship the living, loving God!

***THE OPENING HYMN** **#641**
"When In Our Music God Is Glorified"
(*ENGELBERG*)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Creator God, you have come to us in Christ to reveal to us and to the world the nature of your divine realm, a place where peace prevails and injustice is not known. We are built for such a place, and yet it eludes us. In the hurly burly of this world, our faith gets turned upside down. We believe the Kingdom of God is impossible to achieve, an unrealistic dream. So forgive us when we focus our faith on what we cannot do, and not on what is possible through the power of your Holy Spirit. Through Christ we pray (*silent prayer*…)

***THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (Responsive)
One voice: This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for us all.
Many voices: We are forgiven, we are set free.
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are loved forever.

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 READING FROM THE GOSPELS
Mark 4:26-34

THE SERMON
Just One Question

***THE HYMN OF PROCLAMATION** "All Hail the Power"
(*CORONATION*)

We plant a grain of mustard seed, and in our faith we find
the proof of God is love, indeed, which blossoms from its kind;
the proof of God is love, indeed, which blossoms from its kind.

When stopped to lend a helping hand, we find a touch that heals,
for love invested will expand to bear the fruit love yields;
for love invested will expand to bear the fruit love yields.

Make love our purpose, love our aim, for love endures all things,
and choosing love our lives will claim the peace forgiveness brings;
and choosing love our lives will claim the peace forgiveness brings.

So may our new beginnings prove, like living bread and wine,
that through our common human love we taste what is divine;
that through our common human love we taste what is divine.

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

We believe in God,
who is love and who has given the earth to all people;
in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal us and to free us from oppression and evil;
and in the Spirit,
who works in and through all those who are turned toward the truth.
We believe in the community of faith,
which is called to serve all people, and in God's promise to overcome the power of darkness in us all.

We believe that suffering need not be in vain,
that death is not the end, and that the disfigurement of the world is not what God intended.
Therefore, we dare to believe, always, in spite of everything,
in God's power to transform and renew,
to fulfill the promise of new heaven, and a new earth,
where hate shall be turned into hope, where pain shall be turned into promise,
and where justice and peace shall flourish. Amen.

Adapted from The Confession of 1967

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***THE CLOSING HYMN** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" **#260**
(*HYFRYDOL*)

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE
"ANTIPHONAL Paraphrase on *LOBE DEN HERPEN"*
Arr. By David A. Wehr

*Please stand as you are able.

CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder of the Day: Susan Daugherty
Vocalist: Heather Bronson

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OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO: Lynn Morton and family, on Ric's death; Rick Garrison; Chuck Stephenson; Flo Bishop; Jon Hettrick and his family; Jon's mother, Marjorie Hettrick; Maria Marks, granddaughter of Edythe Wiener as she undergoes treatment for a medical condition; Mark and Albert Laabs, friends of the Griswolds; Blake Joslin; Vicki 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.

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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!