Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 2021
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"We should be astonished at the goodness of God, stunned that He should bother to call us by name, our mouths wide open at His love, bewildered that at this very moment we are standing on holy ground."

Brennan Manning

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Rev. Dr. Beverly Thompson**

One voice: Like empty jars, we have come as seekers.
Many voices: **Our hearts are filled with questions,**
Doubts and, perhaps, with fears.

One voice: But still we come---seeking the One who Holds us close;
Many voices: **One who nourishes our hearts and minds,**
Who loves us into life.

One voice: Come, let us worship God together this day.
All: **Let us worship.**

***HYMN 509** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
Text by Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1990
Music from William Moore's *Columbian Harmony, 1825*
HOLY MANNA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **Beth Meriwether**

One Voice: We often set out on our journeys without Christ but then search for him in rough crossings. Let us confess our sins together:

Many Voices: God, we make life a hard rowing, we strain in our own familiar ways, certain that we can plan and control the future. But, soon we find ourselves storm-tossed by worry, grief and doubt. And, yet we fear you more than familiar turbulence. Oh God, how we try to pull you into our boats-tame you to our expectations, claim you for our own desires. Calm us, still us, and bring us to the shore of your will. Amen.

Silent prayers of personal confession…

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One voice: Christ crosses our paths with peace and forgiveness.
Many voices: This is our confidence—we never journey alone.
Thanks be to God!

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

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS
John 6:24-35

THE SERMON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND UNITY** (Unison)

Eternal God, we affirm a faith that believes in miracles.
Miracles that stop the flow of tears,
of anger,
of blame.

We affirm our faith in the power of prayer.
Prayer that restores our bodies,
our souls,
our spirits,
our relationships.

We affirm our faith in the power of grace.
Grace that enables us to love,
to forgive,
to heal,
to live.

We affirm our faith in a God who is with us.
With us to comfort,
to inspire,
to challenge,
to restore.

Thanks be to God!

THE LORD'S SUPPER

***THE INVITATION**

***HYMN 516** "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"
Text by Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924
Music by V. Earle Copes, 1959
KINGDOM

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise…

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

***HYMN 529** "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"
Text by Percy Dearmer, 1931
Music by Harold Friedell, 1957
UNION SEMINARY

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
Joel P. Rogers, Director of Music, Organist
Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder of the Day: Tacci Presnell-Smith
Liturgist: Beth Meriwether
Vocalist: Heather Bronson

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OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO: The Stephenson family, on Chuck's death; The Craven family, on John's death; Molly and the Hamilton family, on William's death; The Nelson family, on Margaret's death; Lynn Morton and family, on Ric's death; Rick Garrison; Flo Bishop; Jon Hettrick and his family; Jon's mother, Marjorie Hettrick; Doug Bradley's brother Clifton, as he battles Covid 19; 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.

WELCOME BEVERLY & GEORGE THOMPSON Rev. Dr. Beverly Thompson, and husband Rev. Dr. George Thompson are semi-retired Ministers of Word and Sacrament who moved to Black Mountain from Holden Beach. Beverly holds degrees in Nursing and Gerontology, as well as a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry in Spirituality. Her husband George is also an ordained minister, seminary professor, and author of nine books for congregations and pastors and his first novel. George and Beverly serve together as coaches for pastors and churches and truly enjoy living in Black Mountain.

OFFERING We will not receive a formal offering today but offering plates are available as you gather in the Narthex. Please notice the red baskets on the table to collect our monthly Nickel a Meal offering.

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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!