Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021
11:00 a.m.

PREPERATION FOR WORSHIP

"Let your life reflect the faith you have in God. Fear nothing and pray about everything. Be strong, trust God's word, and trust the process."

Germany Kent

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

Leader: Draw near to God, who is present here.
Come into the safety of this place,
to worship and be filled.
People: We have received manna in the wilderness.
We have been offered the bread of life.

Leader: Open yourselves to God's steadfast love,
and to the truth that sets us free.
People: We will trust and will not be afraid.

Leader: The Divine Spirit has come to restore your joy.
Accept now the gift of abundant life.
All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 320** "The Church of Christ in Every Age"
Text by Fred Pratt Green, 1969
Music by William Knapp, 1738
WAREHAM

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Eternal God, in a world of abundance some are hungry. In a world of plenty some live with less than enough. Forgive our lackluster response to the cries of our neighbors down the street, our neighbors across the border, our neighbors across the ocean. With a few loaves and a couple of fish you fed a multitude. We have more food than that in our pantry. Break open our hearts and our doors to the world. Multiply not our goods but our faith, that we might live sacramental, overflowing lives—a means of grace to a world hungry for love and food and peace. 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 HEBREW SCRIPTURES
Deuteronomy 8:1-3

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS
John 6:1-21

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt
World of Wonders

***HYMN** "Feeding the Five Thousand"
Lyrics by Julia H. Johnston, 1899
Music from *Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Hofkapelle,* Wurtemberg, 1784
ELLACOMBE

Beyond Bethsaida's borders,
The weary Savior went,
To rest with His disciples,
Before the day was spent;
But eager people hastened,
The Son of Man to seek;
The poor and heavy laden
Desired to hear Him speak.

With patient love He taught them,
Till shadows fell apace,
But all the people hungered
In that far desert place.
His heart with pity melted;
How many loaves have ye?
He said to the disciples,
And bade them go and see.

A little lad among them,
His loaves and fishes spared;
But Jesus blessed and brake them,
And all the bounty shared.
With only this provision,
Which Jesus blessed and brake,
They fed the hungry thousands,
That day, beside the lake.

Then bring your all to Jesus,
However poor and small;
Come, hasten now to bring it,
The little lads and all.
'Tis not the gifts we offer,
That help the world today,
But Jesus' blessing on them,
That sends them on their way.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

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

***HYMN 299** "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"
Text by Charles Wesley, 1744
Music by Anonymous, 1708
HANOVER

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt, Minister
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Donna Eagle Joslin, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar, Brent Roberts, Treasurers
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder of the Day: Susan Daugherty
Liturgist: ?
Vocalist: Heather Bronson

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OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO: Molly and the Hamilton family, on William's death; Bill and the Mosher family, on Käthe's death; The Craven family, on John's death; 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM HOMEWARD BOUND
Due to the many changes happening right now with the Red Roof Inn and Homeward Bound, we are suspending all food and sandwich deliveries until further notice. We will let you know when further help is needed. If you have questions, contact Vicki via email, vcollins@warren-wilson.edu.

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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!