Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 2021
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us" – Augustine

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

One voice: We bid you welcome, everyone;
to those who are new to faith.
Many voices: We come to probe and to explore;
we come to learn and to grow.

One voice: We bid you welcome, everyone;
to those who have practiced faith for years.
Many voices: We come to worship One who is infinite;
we come because there is always more to learn.

One voice: We bid you welcome, everyone;
to those who come in search of hope.
Many voices: We gather in joyful anticipation;
we come to worship and to be inspired!

One voice: We bid you welcome, everyone.
All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 756** "O God of Every Nation"
Text by William W. Reid Jr., 1958
Music: Welsh Folk Melody; Llwybrau Moliant, 1872
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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)** **Donna Eagle Joslin**

O God we confess that we sometimes don't know who you are. We confess that we sometimes don't know who we are. When faced with mystery – the mystery of your presence, the mystery of our lives – grant us courage to live the questions, and to practice our faith even when we don't have answers, especially when we don't have answers. Enable us to trade the need for certainty for the gift of wonder, the need to know for the gift of trust, the need to be right for the gift of loving and being loved in return. Through Christ we pray (*silent prayer . . .*)

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE
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 PSALMS
Psalm 20:1-8

1May the LORD answer you when you are in distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.
2 May he send you help from the sanctuary
and grant you support from Zion.
3 May he remember all your sacrifices
and accept your burnt offerings.
4 May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed. May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests.
6 Now this I know:
The LORD gives victory to his anointed.
He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary
with the victorious power of his right hand.
7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
8 They are brought to their knees and fall,
but we rise up and stand firm.

A READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES
Ephesians 6:10-20

THE SERMON
Suit up!

***HYMN 846** "Fight the Good Fight"
Text by John Samuel Bewley Monsell, 1863
Music: Attr. John Hatton, 1793
DUKE STREET

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We are a community of faith.
We share a vision of God,
whose spirit is love,
who is accessible to all yet beyond our knowing,
We search for answers to who God is calling us to be,
and what God is calling us to do,
in sacred stories that have been passed down to us through time.
We tell them again and again:
We affirm our belief in the triune God:
The Creator, who brought forth everything that is,
The Christ, who revealed to us the way to abundant life
The Spirit, who lives in us and through us.
We journey together on the way Jesus taught us:
The way of love and peace.
We break bread together,
we pray together,
we rejoice and we grieve together.
This is our community.
This is our faith.
This we believe.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 744** "Arise, Your Light Is Come"
Text by Ruth Duck, 1974
Music by William H. Walter, 1894
FESTAL SONG

***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:
Liturgist: Donna Eagle Joslin
Vocalist: Heather Bronson

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OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO: Doug Bradley, on the death of his brother Clifton; Jackie Cole; Rick Garrison; Flo Bishop; Jon Hettrick and his family; Jon's mother, Marjorie Hettrick; Mark Laabs, friend of the Griswolds; Blake Joslin; 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.

LIVESTREAM CELEBRATION OF LIFE For those of you who remember Ted Pratt, there will be a celebration of life service for him on August 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fort Collins, Colorado. On the day of the service, go to www.vesseyfuneralservice.com to view the livestream celebration.

CHOIR Adult choir will begin rehearsals on September 8th at 7:30 PM. We will continue observing whatever COVID protocols are necessary, and if we need to sing masked and socially distanced, we can do that too. We will be as flexible as we need to be to meet the demands of this pandemic. But, we will plan to lift our voices together beginning in September. If you would like to sing and would be interested in joining, just contact me joelprogers1967@gmail.com or pop up to the balcony any Sunday after church!

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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!