Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION 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** **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

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!

***HYMN 301** "Let Us Build a House"
Text and Music by Marty Haugen, 1994
TWO OAKS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Carla Greenfield**

You have created us, O God, for goodness and to live in peace with one another and with you. You have bestowed on us blessings beyond number. Forgive us when our vision, and our gratitude, fail us and we see only the challenges before us. Strengthen, this day, the ties that bind us to you, to one another, to our shared purposes and our common calling. Renew us by your Spirit and guide our feet in the way of love, through Christ we pray. Amen

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 34:1-10

1 I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
2 I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
3 Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
5 Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
6 This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
8 Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
9 Fear the LORD, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES
James 1:17-27

THE SERMON
A Bag of Rocks

***HYMN** "God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger"
Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (with permission)
Music: Dutch Melody; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
IN BABILONE

God, we've known such grief and anger
As we've heard your people cry.
We have asked you, "How much longer?"
We have sadly wondered, "Why?"
In this world of so much suffering,
May we hear your word anew:
"I will never leave you orphaned;
I will not abandon you."

By your grace comes resurrection;
By your love, you cast out fear.
You give strength and sure direction
As we seek to serve you here.
You give comfort to the grieving,
And you bless the ones who mourn.
May we trust in you, believing
Out of chaos, hope is born.

Hope is ours for, God, you love us!
You have claimed us by your grace.
And through Jesus, you have called us
To bring hope to every place.
In each rescue worker's caring,
In each faithful volunteer,
In each Christian's love and sharing,
God, we glimpse your kingdom here.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We believe in God around us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us,
Healer and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our world.

We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God's promised reign,
Where all things are made whole,
and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God around, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever,
the three in one, the one in three,

We believe in God.

adapted from *Journey into Wholeness* by Christine Sine

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 32** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
Text by Isaac Watts, 1715
Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl*, 1784
ELLACOMBE

***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: Susan Daugherty
Liturgist: Carla Greenfield
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.

DISASTER RESPONSE—Multiple disasters have been unfolding around the globe this past week: an earthquake in Haiti, a humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and deadly flooding right here in Western North Carolina. Session will be considering how we might make a more formal response to these situations as a congregation, but if you would like to respond personally, you may make a check out to WWPC and note PDA in the memo line. We will pass 100% of your gift on to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the relief arm of our denomination.

ANNUAL OUTDOOR PAVILION SERVICE Please join us next Sunday, September 5 of Labor Day weekend as we worship outside in the campus Pavilion. The service will begin at 11:00 am

CHOIR Adult choir will begin rehearsals on October 6th at 7:30 PM. (Note date change) 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 October. If you would like to sing and would be interested in joining, just contact me at joelprogers1967@gmail.com or pop up to the balcony any Sunday after church!

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www.warrenwilsonchurch.org

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!