Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Music, at its essence, is what gives us memories. And the longer a song has existed in our lives, the more memories we have of it.

Stevie Wonder

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP **Beth Meriwether**

THE PRELUDE

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

One voice: We are God's work of art--each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.

Many voices: **We are God's handiwork--woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.**

One voice: We are the church of Jesus Christ--diverse in human qualities, united in our call to love God with our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

Many voices: **We are the Body of Christ—committed to embodying Christ's way of love and peace.**

One voice: We are here to be reminded once more of who we are, and whose we are.

Many voices: **We are here to be lifted, renewed, and strengthened to live out our calling by the power of God working among us.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

by David Inglis (adapted)

***HYMN 641** "When in Our music God Is Glorified"
Text by Fred Pratt Green, 1972
Music by Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904
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***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess to you, O God, that our lives our sometimes more cluttered than they are committed, sometimes busier than they are faithful. We set our eyes, our minds and our hearts on things that cause us fear and not on things that build our faith. So forgive us when we falter, when we lose the song in our hearts. Open us up to the simple things, the lasting things, the wonderful things, the things that are not things — love and grace, freedom and service, truth and beauty. 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.

THE PSALM SUNG (Psalm 98) "Sing a New Song unto the Lord"
Text and Music by Daniel L. Schutte, 1972
SING A NEW SONG
(This is a new hymn for us and we would like to have the congregation turn to HYMN 276 and sing with the choir from verse two until the end! Lift up your voice!)

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS
Matthew 26:26-30

THE SERMON

Together We Sing

***HYMN 821** "My Life flows On"
Text and Music by Robert Lowrey, 1869
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We believe:
That in our music God is glorified.
And adoration leaves no room for pride.

We believe:
In joy to the world, for the Lord has come;
That God rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove,
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.

We believe:
That Christ is alive! So Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Love drowned in death shall never die.
We believe:
That all God's works shall praise his name,
in earth and sky and sea.
That the holy One is merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
We believe:
That in Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love,
Throughout the whole wide earth.
We believe:
That when we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we'd first begun.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 645** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
Text by Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675
Music: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566
MIT FREUDEN ZART

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

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Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle

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PRAYERS GO OUT TO: Erika Lytle; Jackie Ligon Cole; Rick Garrison; Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs; Blake Joslin; Flo Bishop; Jon Hettrick and his family; Jon's mother, Marjorie Hettrick; Mark Laabs, friend of the Griswolds; 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.

COVER ART The cover art for this bulletin was designed by a member of our congregation, Martha Dugger, and is one of several new icons developed by our Communications Team to highlight various aspects of our church life. You can view them on our website, www.warrenwilsonchurch.org . (Scroll down the homepage and click on the panel that says Ways to Connect and you'll see them there.)

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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!