Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
and College Chapel
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 3, 2021
11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The deepest level of communication, is not communication, but communion. It is wordless. It is beyond words. It is beyond speech."

Thomas Merton

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Rev. Dr. Shannon Spencer**

Leader: Come, travelers, that Christ may meet us on life's road,
and journey with us as we look for home.
People: God is always with us, nearer than our next breath.
We gather to become more aware of that presence.

Leader: Come, seekers, that you may find home here,
a safe place to share your burdens and live your questions.
People: God is present in our struggles and our longings;
We shall give voice to our hopes and dreams.

Leader: Come all who are hungry, that you may be fed,
nourished not just with bread but with love.
People: God has given us the Bread of Life!
We shall eat and be filled!

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 401** "Here in This Place"
Text and Music by Marty Haugen, 1979
GATHER US IN

***UNISON PRAYER** **Dennis Stockdale**

Creator God, we give thanks today for what this day means, so many different things to so many different people. On this Homecoming weekend, we give thanks for this wonderful college, and for this beautiful Chapel, for what they have meant to so many students over the years. And for what they continue to mean to us now. On this World Communion Sunday, we give thanks for the wider Christian community, a family of faith that encompasses so many vibrant traditions around the world. O God of all times and all places and all people, thank you for this day, and for all these celebrations. Amen.

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 8

1 LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.
2 Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.
3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?[c]
5 You have made them[d] a little lower than the angels[e]
and crowned them[f] with glory and honor.
6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their[g] feet:
7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,
8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
9 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS
John 6 (selected verses)

THE SERMON **Rev. Dr. Shannon Spencer**
"At the Table"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our Judge and our Hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.
- The World Council of Churches

THE LORD'S SUPPER

***THE INVITATION** **Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt**

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

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 498** "Loaves Were Broken, Words were Spoken "
Text by Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2005
Music: *The Sacred Harp, 1844*
BEACH SPRING

***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

Liturgist: Dennis Stockdale
Elder of the Day: Sharon Lytle
Vocalist: Heather Bronson

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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.

WELCOME SHANNON The Rev. Dr. Shannon Spencer has served as the Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Life at Warren Wilson College since January 2020. She also serves as a chaplain at the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women. Shannon is the founder and past Executive Director of 12 Baskets Cafe, a program of the Asheville Poverty Initiative. She earned her M.Div. at Duke Divinity School and her D.Min. from the Pacific School of Religion. She is mom to two beautiful daughters, Abby and Bethany.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY/PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING Today is World Communion Sunday. So we will celebrate Communion with Christian communities literally around the world. We will also receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering — a denominational offering that enables the PC(USA) and its individual congregations to address systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Make your checks payable to WWPC and note "Peace and Global Witness Offering" in the memo line. You may also support this offering through the online giving portal on our website: warrenwilsonchurch.org.

CHOIR Adult choir will begin rehearsals on October 6th 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. 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!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RAY STOCK We will gather in the sanctuary on Saturday, October 9th, at 2:00 p.m. for a celebration of Ray's life. Following the service, the Congregational Life Team will be hosting a light reception on the porch of the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to contribute cookies or other food items, bring them by the porch on Friday, October 8 at 3:00 pm.

SVCM WALK FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR Come walk with us on Sunday, October 10. Registration begins at 1:00 pm, the walk begins at 2:00 in front of First Baptist Church Black Mountain. Funds raised this year will be used for rental assistance, utility assistance, food pantry needs, and many other needs our neighbors have. After the walk enjoy music, food, and time spent together.

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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!